



**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
JANUARY 8, 2007**

SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED JUNE 2007 SERVICE CHANGES

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

BACKGROUND

The Metro bus system implements major service changes twice each year, in December and June. For the June 2007 service changes, the focus will be the continued implementation of the Metro Connections program and a service reduction of about 88,000 annual in-service bus hours or about 1.4% of the annual system total of 6,216,000 in-service bus hours. These service reductions are designed to begin the process of dealing with the agencies structural deficit as described by Terry Matsumoto, Chief of Metro Financial Services, at the November 2006 San Gabriel Valley Sector Council meeting.

For the Metro San Gabriel Valley this will be a service reduction of about 16,000 annual in-service hours or about 45 bus hours per day. Attachment A is the public hearing notice for all Sectors. The public hearing for the Metro San Gabriel Valley Sector will be held on Monday, February 12, at 6 PM, following the regular Governance Council meeting.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

The estimated annual cost savings from the reduction of 16,000 in-service hours is about \$1.4 million.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed service modifications are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Long Range Plan and Metro Connections Program. Overall, they provide for improvements in public access to transit as well as improvements in operating efficiency.

For the San Gabriel Valley, staff is proposing major service changes to eight of our bus lines.

- **Line 170** is proposed to be cancelled, with service replaced by an extension of **Line 287** from El Monte Station to Montebello Town Center.
- **Line 176** is proposed to have its route shortened by establishing the western terminal at the Highland Park Gold Line Station. This change is being made because the

small buses needed to operate on the narrow streets, on the cancelled route segment will be retired.

- **Line 260/361** is proposed to be shortened by establishing the southern terminal at Atlantic Av. & Alondra Bl. where passengers can transfer to Long Beach Transit bus service.
- **Line 684** is proposed to be cancelled due to low ridership.
- **Line 686 and Line 687** routes of these lines are proposed to be combined.
- **Line 751** Line is proposed to be shortened by establishing its southern terminal at Long Beach Bl. & Palm Pl., just south of Florence Av. due to the beginning of the Long Beach – LA Rapid Bus Line 760.

PUBLIC HEARING TIMELINE

Outlined below is the public hearing timeline and associated events leading to the successful implementation of approved service changes later this year. Key dates are highlighted for the reader.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan. 7	Initial legal notice published in major metropolitan newspaper
Jan. 8-Jan. 26	Formal notification to cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders
Jan. 22	Special Rider Alert and notices describing proposals placed on buses
Feb. 12	San Gabriel Valley Council conducts public hearing
Feb. 13- March 2	Preparation of final staff report detailing findings and recommendations
March 12	Council acts on staff recommendations
March 19	MTA news release announcing approved service modifications
May 14	Council receives staff update on December Shakeup Program
Nov 21	Cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders receive final written notice of approved changes
June 4	Rider Alert and notices placed on all buses describing approved changes
June 24	Implement approved service changes.

NEXT STEPS

Staff proposes to publish the public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times and 13 other newspapers beginning Sunday, January 7, 2006. Publication of the legal notice will officially begin the public hearing process. Additional notification of the public hearing will follow later in the month in other local and foreign language newspapers, and to specific stakeholders as shown in the timeline above.

ATTACHMENT

A. Notice of Public Hearing

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ATTACHMENT A

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold five public hearings in February 2007 to receive community input on proposed modifications to Metro’s bus services. Approved changes will become effective June 24, 2007 or later. Details of the hearing dates, times, and locations are listed at the end of this notice.

The upcoming public hearings are being held in conformance with federal public hearing requirements outlined in Section 5307 (d) 1 of Title 49 U.S.C., and public hearing guidelines adopted by the MTA’s Board of Directors in 1993, as amended.

Listed below are the service proposals to be considered at the hearings, and the respective service sectors that will host the public hearings. In general, the proposed modifications will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the public transportation system through a better use of resources. The public can attend any of these hearings and comment on proposals of interest to them.

METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SERVICE SECTOR

LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
4-304	Santa Monica Blvd.	Replace Line 304 service with new Rapid Line 704. Discontinue Line 304.
10-11-48	Melrose Ave.- Virgil Ave. - Vermont Ave. - Temple St. -San Pedro St.	Consolidate Lines 10 and 11 to simplify service. Discontinue Line 11.
16-316	W. 3rd St.	Extend Line 16 limited stop service area to La Brea Ave. Shorten route of Lines 16 & 316 in downtown L.A. at 6th St. and Maple Ave.
20-21	Wilshire Blvd. - UCLA - Santa Monica	Shorten Line 20 service at Wilshire Blvd. and Veteran Ave. Discontinue Line 21.
New 704	Santa Monica Blvd. Metro Rapid	Implement new Rapid service on Santa Monica Blvd.
720	Wilshire - Whittier	Implement short turns in Westwood and Downtown Los Angeles. Implement New Rapid Express service between Santa Monica and Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red Line Station.

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METRO SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR

LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
115	Manchester – Firestone	Cancel service west of Sepulveda Bl. and replace with extended Line 625 (Green Line Shuttle World Way West)
119/126	108 th St. – Manhattan Beach Bl.	Cancel service. Alternatives include Line 117 (Century Bl) and Line 120 (Imperial Hwy)
120/121	Imperial Highway	Make permanent current demonstration project to restructure service as two separate routes
124	El Segundo Bl.	Cancel service. Alternatives include Line 125 (Rosecrans Av) and the Metro Green Line
202	Willowbrook - Compton– Wilmington	Cancel service. Alternatives include the Metro Blue Line, the Hahn Trolley, Compton Renaissance, and Line 205 (Wilmington Av)
214	Artesia Transit Center-Harbor Green Line via Broadway/Main St	Cancel service on Broadway. Continue service on Main St and extend to Western Av and Imperial Hwy via El Segundo Bl.
305	Crosstown Bus	Cancel service north of Pico Bl. Alternatives include Line 550 (W. Hollywood-San Pedro) and Line 2/302 (Sunset Bl)
442	Hawthorne – Inglewood – Los Angeles Express	Cancel service. Alternatives include Line 315 (Manchester Limited), Line 740 (Hawthorne Metro Rapid) and the Harbor Transitway
445	Los Angeles - San Pedro Express	Consider converting some peak hour trips to faster service via Line 455X
455X	7 th /Metro – Harbor Beacon Park- Ride Super Express	Consider new peak hour service with one stop at Harbor Metro Green Line Station
622	Late Night Service	Cancel service
625	Green Line Shuttle World Way West	Extend to Playa del Rey to replace Line 115 west of Sepulveda Bl.
710	Crenshaw – Vine Metro Rapid	Cancel service north of Wilshire Bl. on Rossmore Av. and Vine St. and reroute to new northern terminal at Wilshire-Western Metro Red Line Station. Alternative service to Hollywood via Line 210 (Vine-Crenshaw Local) or Line 757 (Western Metro Rapid)

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LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
90/91	LA-Sylmar via Foothill Bl	Shorten northern terminal at Foothill and Fenwick in Sunland; Remainder of route proposed to be served by new Line 290.
92	L.A. - Burbank via Glenoaks Bl	Shorten northern terminal at Downtown Burbank Station; Remainder of route proposed to be served by new Line 292.
154	Burbank Bl-Oxnard St	Cancel midday and Saturday service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major corridors.
155	Universal City Station-Downtown Burbank Station via Alameda Av	Cancel late night and weekend service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major streets
168	Lassen St-Paxton St	Cancel service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major corridors.
183	Magnolia Bl.-Kenneth Rd.-Chevy Chase Dr.	Shorten eastbound terminal at Alameda Avenue and San Fernando Road in Glendale and reroute service via San Fernando Rd and Verdugo Avenue to Downtown Burbank or Downtown Burbank Station.
239	White Oak Av-Zelzah Av-Rinaldi St	Cancel midday and weekend service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major corridors.
New Line 290	Sylmar-Sunland via Foothill Bl.	Proposed new line operating between Olive View Medical Center and Mt. Gleason loop in Sunland, replacing the northern segment of former Lines 90/91.
New Line 292	Sylmar-Burbank via Glenoaks Bl.	Proposed new line operating between Olive View Medical Center and Downtown Burbank Station, replacing segment of Line 92 operating north of Downtown Burbank.
656	Panorama City-Downtown LA Owl	Shorten owl at Santa Monica and Highland Av.
Study Express Line	Tri-City Transit Link Express	Proposed new express line to operating between North Hollywood Red/Orange Line Station and Pasadena Gold Line with two in-route stops, one in Burbank (Media District) and the other in Glendale (off of -134- freeway)

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LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
170	El Monte-Montebello via Rush St & Walnut Grove Av	Cancel line and replace with modification to Line 287
176	El Monte-Glassell Park via Mission	Discontinue service between Highland Park Station and Glassell Park. Establish western terminal near the Highland Park Gold Line Station. Remove Line 176 service from Av. 50, El Paso Dr. & Division St.
260/361	Altadena-North Long Beach via Fair Oaks Av & Atlantic Bl	Discontinue Line 260/361 service between Atlantic Av and Alondra Bl. Consider establishing southern terminal at Atlantic Ave and Alondra Bl.
287	El Monte-Sierra Madre Villa Station	Extend to Montebello Towne Ctr via Ramona, Tyler, Rush, Rosemead, Garvey, Walnut Grove, Rush, San Gabriel to Montebello Towne Ctr.
684	Pomona-Brea via Holt Bl & Diamond Bar Bl	Cancel line due to low ridership.
686	Arroyo Parkway-North Allen Av	Consider combining with Line 687. Line numbers to remain the same. Service proposed to operate via Los Robles, Colorado, Fair Oaks, Glenarm, Raymond, Colorado, and Allen.
687	Altadena-Pasadena via Los Robles Av & Fair Oaks Av	See Line 686 for details
751	Cypress Park-Lynwood via Soto St & Long Beach Bl	Establish southern terminal at Palm Pl in South Gate. Service south of South Gate to Lynwood replaced by new Rapid Line 760. Improve peak service to every 10 minutes.

METRO GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR

LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
60/360	Long Beach-downtown Los Angeles-via Long Beach Bl & Santa Fe Av	Restructure line due to start-up of new Rapid Bus Line 760. Line 60 to operate between Artesia Blue Line Station and downtown Los Angeles. Service south of Artesia Bl proposed to be replaced by Long Beach Transit Line 51. Owl service continued to Long Beach Mall by MTA or Long Beach Transit. Limited- stop Line 360 discontinued.
65	Los Angeles-City Terrace via Washington Bl-Indiana St & Gage Av	Cancel line due to excessive duplication. Eastern segment replaced by extending Line 254 over affected segment to CSLA; western segment proposed to be replaced by Montebello Line 50.

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254	Watts-Boyle Heights via Maie Av, Boyle Av & Lorena St	Modify northern route to take over segment of Line 65 from 1st St to Cal State LA. Consider adding Sunday service. Alternative service on Lorena St provided by Line 605; Line 68 on Ceasar Chavez Av.
265	Lakewood-Montebello via Paramount Bl	Discontinue route between Montebello Mall and Pico Rivera due to low productivity. Northern route to end in Pico Rivera at Washington Bl and Durfee Rd. Increase peak hour headways on weekdays to every 30 minutes.
275	Cerritos-Whittier via Artesia Bl-Valley View Av & Carmenita Rd	Discontinue route due to low productivity.
577X	Long Beach-El Monte-Norwalk Express	Extend route to serve the Long Beach Transit Mall. Service proposed to operate in limited-stop mode via 7th St, Atlantic Ave and 1st St. Eliminate night service after 8 pm; consider midday reductions due to low ridership.
760	Downtown Los Angeles-Long Beach Bl Rapid Bus	Operate new rapid bus line over route of local Line 60 seven days a week. South terminal to be established at the Artesia Blue Line Station.

LOCATIONS AND DATES OF SECTOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SECTOR

February 7, 2007, 6:30 PM
 Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center
 6262 Van Nuys Bl.
 Van Nuys

GATEWAY CITIES SECTOR

February 8, 2007, 5 PM
 The Gas Company
 9240 Firestone Bl.
 Downey

SOUTH BAY SECTOR

February 9, 2007, 9:30 AM
 Carson Community Center
 801 Carson St
 Carson

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SECTOR

February 12, 2007, 6 PM
 SGV Sector Office
 3369 Santa Anita Av
 El Monte

WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SECTOR

February 14, 2007, 5 PM
 La Cienega Tennis Center
 325 So. La Cienega Bl.
 Beverly Hills

Additional details about these proposals will be available for public review after January 23, 2007. To obtain this information contact the address listed below, or visit your nearest Metro customer relations center. Information can also be accessed at: www.metro.net

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These proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearings. Approved changes may also include other alternatives derived from public comment. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming hearings and provide testimony on any service change proposal (public comments will not be restricted to just the bus routes operating in one geographical area). All public comment received will be forwarded to the responsible Sector Governance Council to be considered prior to taking action on the service change proposals. Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through February 14, 2007. All written testimony should be addressed to:

**Metro Customer Relations
One Gateway Plaza, 99PL4
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932
Attn: Service Changes June 2007**

Comments can also be sent via e-mail with Service Changes June 2007 as the subject to:

customerrelations@mta.net

Facsimile at: 213-922-6988

Upon request, foreign language translation, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats and other accommodations are available to the public for MTA-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please telephone (213) 922-4600 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.