

# Metro Connections Update

Metro Service Planning Department  
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# Background

- **Restructuring of the Metro Bus System.**
- **Goals are to increase ridership and operating efficiency.**
- **Key themes are faster service, increased use of capacity, and better service to major activity centers.**
- **Majority of the changes phased in between June 2007 and June 2009.**



# Service Change Themes

<b>June 2007</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduce Duplicative/Unproductive Service</li><li>• New Rapid/Rapid Express Service</li><li>• Articulated Bus Deployment</li></ul>
<b>December 2007</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rapid/Rapid Express</li><li>• Bus Stop Consolidation</li><li>• Complete Articulated Bus Deployment</li></ul>
<b>June 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete Rapid Expansion</li><li>• Downtown Restructuring</li><li>• Schedule Efficiencies</li></ul>
<b>December 2008</b>	<p>New Point-to-Point Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement New Metro Liner Service</li></ul>
<b>June 2009</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minor Restructuring</li><li>• Fine Tuning</li></ul>

# Current Status

- December 2007 program approved.
- Initial planning for the June 2008 program underway.

# December 2007 Proposals

- Implementing Metro Rapid service on Olympic Blvd. and along Garvey Ave & Cesar Chavez Ave.
- Reducing, restructuring or canceling service due to low ridership and/or service duplication on 8 routes (200: Alvarado St, 70: Downtown LA-El Monte, 83: Downtown LA-Glassell Park, 84: Downtown LA-Eagle Rock, 260: Altadena-N. Long Beach; 370:Downtown LA-El Monte, 38/71: WLA Transit Terminal-CSULA, 68/368: WLA Transit Terminal-Montebello)

# December 2007 Proposals (Cont'd)

- Two new local service Lines 262: ELA-N. Long Beach, and Line 35/335: Downtown LA-WLA Transit Terminal (new service to take over segment of Line 68/368).
- Deploying 95 articulated buses (704: Santa Monica Metro Rapid, 728: Olympic Metro Rapid, and 760: Long Beach Metro Rapid)

# June 2008 Program Objectives

- Restructure downtown bus service
- Improve schedule efficiency
- Meet New Service Plan Requirements
  - Rapid implementation
  - Peak seat increase
- Improve poorly performing bus routes
- Achieve 215,000 annual hours of efficiencies (net savings).

# Key Strategies

- Scheduling efficiencies
- Cancellation of service on 25 worst performing lines.
- Service restructuring



# Scheduling Efficiencies

- Using APC data to identify opportunities to address over crowded and under utilized trips, and to adjust running time.
- Focus will be on high frequency lines, so that changes do not significantly impact passenger wait times.
- Will also use APC data to better align running time and scheduled time.

# Metro Rapids and Exceptions

- 5 Metro Rapids (715, 753, 762, 724, and 794) and 3 Muni Rapids ( Torrance, S. Sepulveda and Pico) in June 2008.
- Using all 5 of the allowed exceptions to the span and frequency requirements ( Lincoln Rapid, 704, 705, 714, 770)
  - 3 of the 5 Metro Rapids proposed for June 2008 do not meet the span and frequency requirements, nor do any of the remaining Muni Rapids.

# Proposed Rapids June 2008

Route	Local Route	DX Peak	DX Off-Peak	SA	SU
715-Manchester	115	15			
724-San Fernando-Lankershim	224	10	20		
753-Central	53	8-9			
762 – Atlantic	260	15			
794-San Fernando (South)	94	9-10	20		

# Next Steps

- **Governance Councils and Metro Board reviewed and approved the proposed service changes for December 2007.**
- **Finalizing targets for the June 2008 Service Change and approach to scheduling efficiencies.**
- **Begin developing route specific recommendations for the poor performing bus routes and service restructuring.**
- **Publish public hearing notice for the June 2008 shake-up in December.**