

# METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL December 12, 2007

SUBJECT: JUNE 2008 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED JUNE 2008 SERVICE

CHANGES AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Schedule Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 5:00pm as the hearing date and time to receive public comment on the proposed service changes to be implemented in June 2008.

B. Authorize publication of the Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A).

#### **BACKGROUND**

In compliance with federal public hearing requirements and adopted MTA policy, the Governance Council is required to conduct a public hearing and consider public testimony before approving significant modifications to the bus system. As part of this process, the Governance Council is also required to consider potential impacts these changes may have on the community.

The changes are proposed to improve the efficiency of bus operations within the sector, and to ensure a balanced budget for next fiscal year. In an effort to move forward with projects that will improve service quality and increase operating efficiencies, staff proposes to initiate the service changes contained in the public hearing program in late June of 2008. The proposed Westside/Central changes are consistent with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Metro Connections Program and the Consent Decree's New Service Plan. The changes proposed are part of a system-wide service improvement program designed to complete implementation of the Board approved Metro Rapid Expansion Program, and elimination of low performing service to offset this implementation. Additionally, all services will be reviewed to identify opportunities to improve capacity utilization.

The Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) gives the time, date, and location of the public hearing and a brief summary of the changes under consideration.

#### **SUMMARY OF STAFF PROPOSALS**

The proposed Westside/Central service plan includes modifications to four routes, elimination of two routes and implementation of one new Rapid service. Following is a brief description of the individual proposals.

Line 10 (Downtown LA - West Hollywood via Melrose Av): Cancel late night and owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00pm.

Line 14 (Downtown LA – Beverly Hills via Beverly Bl): Cancel late night and owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00pm.

Line 37 (Downtown LA - Fairfax/Washington via Adams Bl): Cancel late night and owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00pm.

Line 38 (Downtown LA - Fairfax/Washington via Jefferson Bl): Cancel late night and owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00pm.

Line 220 (West Hollywood - Culver City via Robertson Bl): Cancel service or possible transfer service to Culver City Bus

Line 330 (Pico/Rimpau – Monterey Park via Pico Bl & East 1<sup>st</sup> St): Replace service on Line 330 with new Rapid Line 730.

Line 730 (Downtown LA - Pico/Rimpau via West Pico Bl): Implement Metro Rapid on Pico Bl from Vignes/Cesar Chavez to Pico/Rimpau.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Following the public hearing, staff will return to the Governance Council with a report summarizing all public comments received along with specific staff recommendations.

Attachment A: Notice of Public Hearing Attachment B: Metro Westside/Central Maps

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold five public hearings in February 2008 to receive community input on proposed modifications to Metro's bus services. Approved changes will become effective June 2008 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
		Cancel late night and owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00pm.
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	Downtown LA - Fairfax/Washington Via Jefferson Bl	Cancel late night and owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00pm.
	West Hollywood - Culver City Via Robertson Bl	Cancel service due to low ridership.
	Pico/Rimpau - Monterey Park Via Pico Bl & East 1st St	Replace service on Line 330 with new Metro Rapid Line 730.
	Downtown LA - Pico/Rimpau Via Pico Bl	Implement new Pico Rapid from Downtown LA to Pico/Rimpau

#### WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SECTOR

February 13, 2008, 5:00PM La Cienega Tennis Center 325 S. La Cienega Bl. Beverly Hills

#### Metro Public Hearing Notice (Continued)

Additional details about these proposals will be available for public review after January 14, 2008. 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

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 15, 2008. All written testimony should be addressed to:

Metro Customer Relations One Gateway Plaza, 99PL4 Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932 Attn: Service Changes June 2008

Comments can also be sent via e-mail with Service Changes June 2008 as the subject to:

<u>customerrelations@mta.net</u>

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.

#### ATTACHMENT B - MAPS OF BUS LINES

#### **BUS LINES**

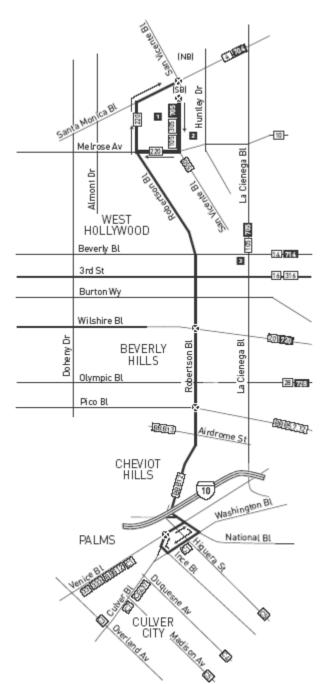
Line 220 (West Hollywood - Culver City Via Robertson Bl)

Line 330 (Pico/Rimpau - Monterey Park Via Pico Bl & East 1st St)

Line 730 (Downtown LA - Pico/Rimpau via Pico Bl)

## **Metro Connections Line 220**

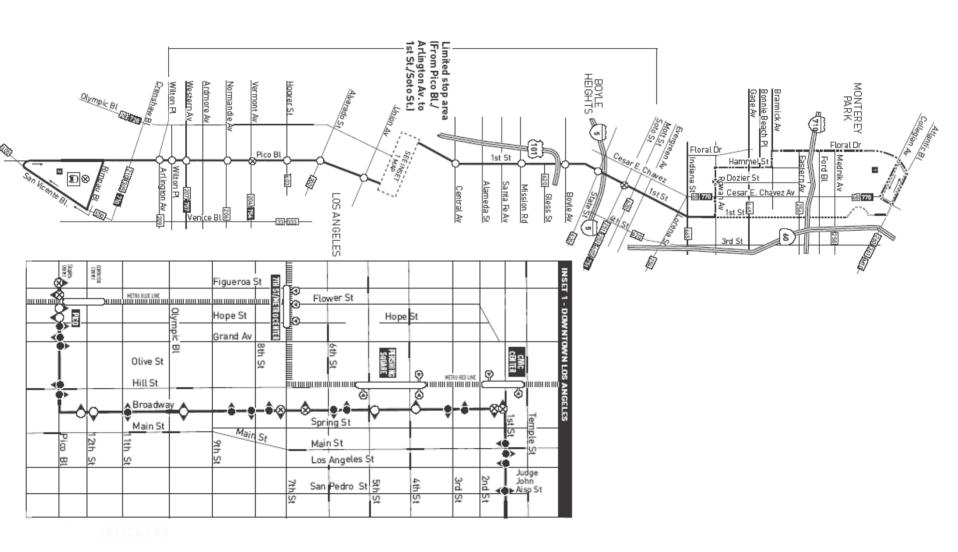
Proposed
Cancel Service
due to Low
ridership





## **Metro Connections Line 330**

### Replace service on Line 330 with new Metro Rapid 730



## **Metro Connections Line 730**

## Implement new Rapid service from Pico/Rimpau to Vignes/Cesar Chavez

