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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 16, 2008**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUS SERVICE**

**ACTION: APPROVE PROPOSED CHANGES TO TIER 1 BUS SERVICE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve service changes to Tier 1 bus lines 33/333-(Downtown LA-Santa Monica via Venice Blvd.) scheduled to be implemented in December 2008 as described in the Discussion section below.

**ISSUE**

The existing Service Sector Governance Council Policy states that service changes to Tier 1 bus lines must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation. The Sector Governance Councils have reviewed and approved proposed service changes for December 2008, and staff is seeking Board approval so the changes may be implemented as scheduled.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The review process was conducted in accordance with the Service Sector Governance Council Policy, and ensures that the proposed service changes are consistent with our Operating Budget, agency plans, agency policy and federal requirements.

**OPTIONS**

The Board may decide to approve part of the recommended change or not to approve the recommended service change at all. However, this is not recommended as the proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Westside/Central Sector Governance Council, and the proposal is intended to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of bus operations within the sector.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Funding for this route restructuring is included in the FY09 budget under multiple operating cost centers and projects.

## DISCUSSION

The Service Sectors developed proposed modifications to bus lines operating within their service area for the December 2008 Service Change Program. The key proposal for Tier 1 Lines for the December 2008 Service Change Program includes restructuring of Lines 33/333-(Downtown LA-Santa Monica via Venice Blvd.). Currently, Line 33 provides local service from 2nd/Santa Monica Blvd in Santa Monica to Patsaouras Plaza in downtown Los Angeles, operating seven days/week, 24 hours/day, with a shortline in Santa Monica between 6:00am and 6:00pm when Limited Line 333 is in service. Limited Line 333 provides limited stop service from 2nd/Santa Monica Blvd to 6th/Main in downtown Los Angeles seven days/week, but only from 6:00am to 6:00pm. To provide better service, the Westside/Central Service Sector staff proposes to exchange the routing of the local and limited lines. As a result, Line 333 would provide service from 2nd St/Santa Monica Blvd to Patsaouras Plaza, while Line 33 would only provide service between Main/Sunset in Venice to 6th/Main St in downtown Los Angeles. However, both lines would operate 24 hours/day and 7 days/week. The benefit of this change would be simplifying and improving speed for commuters connecting with Union Station and City Hall via Venice Blvd.

Consistent with Federal requirements and agency policy, the proposals have been reviewed by the public during hearings held the week of August 13, 2008 and have subsequently been approved by their respective Governance Council. Westside/Central staff believes this recommendation will simplify service, provide a larger share of expedited service, and allocate resources in response to service demand.

## NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, this service change will be effective December 14, 2008. Staff will notify customers with on-board brochures describing service changes. Also, new timetables with schedule and route modifications will be available on our buses in late November.

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