MTA Schedules Public Hearing on Changes Resulting from North Hollywood Opening

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(October 25) The MTA will hold a public hearing on Saturday, Nov. 13, to outline proposed bus service changes in connection with the opening of the North Hollywood segment of the Metro Red Line.

In addition, the public is encouraged to comment on the MTA's Metro Rapid Bus Demonstration Project to be implemented next year, as well as other service change proposals designed to improve the operation of the Metro Bus system.

The public hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Board room.

To enhance rail service and reduce service duplication when the subway extension opens in mid-2000, the MTA is proposing modifications to Lines 96, 152, 154, 163, 166, 183, 230, 418, 420, 424, 425, 426, 427 and 522. These service changes would take place in May 2000 or later.

The Metro Rapid Bus Demonstration Project will introduce new, fast, high-quality bus service in key transit corridors on the Eastside, and in Mid-City and the San Fernando Valley. This service will upgrade and replace existing service in the Whittier/Wilshire and Ventura Boulevard corridors. Affected bus lines are 318, 320, 322 and 425.

Other service changes include implementation of experimental route 418 (LACBD-Roscoe Bl. Express) and new route 434 (Los Angeles-Santa Monica Express). Line 429 (Los Angeles-Sunset Blvd. Express) would be cancelled. The effective dates for implementation would be December, 1999.

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