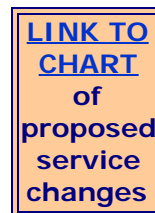


MTA to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Bus Service Changes

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(August 29) The MTA Board will hold a public hearing, Saturday, Oct. 7, to receive public comment on proposed Metro Bus route and schedule modifications for the Harbor Transitway, Wilshire/Whittier Corridor, Ventura Corridor and for other service changes. The public hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Board room.



To improve service and access for passengers, the MTA is proposing changes to Metro Bus lines 51, 351, 205, 445, 446, 447 and 550 serving the Harbor Transitway.

In the Wilshire/Whittier corridor, lines 18, 20, 21, 22, 471, 720 are proposed for restructuring and /or cancellation to reduce service duplication and better match service to customer demand. In the Ventura Corridor, the MTA proposes restructuring lines 150, 240, 750.

Proposals to improve service

Other miscellaneous service change proposals designed to improve the operations of Metro Bus service would affect lines 40, 42, 102, 107, 114, 220, 250, 253, 340, 402, 436, 442, 466, 484, 490, 491, 497, 620, 625.

The Board will make a decision on the proposed service changes during its November meeting. If the changes are approved, the new services will be implemented by December, 2000, or later.

The MTA is preparing brochures for the public that will detail the service changes, route by route. The brochures will be distributed on all Metro Buses, and the service changes will be posted on the Internet page www.mta.net.

A more detailed booklet with maps, entitled, "Service Change Proposals Under Consideration at October 7, 2000, Public Hearing," also is available by calling (800) COMMUTE.

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