

## **Bargaining Talks in News Blackout as Metrolink Shuttle Adds Service**

(Sept. 25) With negotiations between the MTA and UTU continuing under a news blackout in Pasadena, Monday, the agency added new Hollywood service to the Metrolink Shuttle. And, while Metro Buses and Metro Rail were idle, the MTA's three contract carriers rolled out 122 buses.

Beginning today, Metrolink Shuttle buses will transport passengers to subway stops between Union Station and Wilshire/Vermont before turning north to serve Vermont/Beverly, Vermont/Santa Monica and Vermont/Sunset. At the intersection with Hollywood Boulevard, the route loops back for a southbound run on Vermont.

Ridership on the Metrolink Shuttle extension, Monday morning, was reported to be light. The announcement of the new service came late Friday.

MTA employees who need assistance finding alternative means of getting to work can contact Stacy Alameida, employee transportation coordinator, at 922-7110. Programs she is responsible for include carpool matching, vanpool coordination and the TransitChek program.

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