

MTA Passes Approved for Montebello Bus Lines

- **Starting Dec. 30, bus patrons will be able to use MTA pass on all Montebello Bus Lines**

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(Nov. 6, 2001) In a move to offer seamless bus transit services in Los Angeles County, the MTA has entered into an agreement with Montebello Bus Lines to accept MTA transit passes, effective Dec. 30.

"What this means is that if a bus patron buys an MTA pass they can use it on all Montebello Bus Lines as well as the MTA Metro system," said CEO Roger Snoble. "This is the start of our effort toward the development of a countywide transit pass."

The MTA continues to work for the acceptance of a uniform fare medium by all transit operators in the county to expand customers' mobility options. The agreement with Montebello will provide a strong foundation to build upon for implementation of the Universal Fare System (UFS) currently under development and procurement.

UFS will create a seamless system of collecting fares from one transit agency to another throughout the entire county. UFS would employ the "Smart Card" technologies used by many other major transit providers in the nation and around the world.

In September, the MTA Board approved the FY 02 Service Changes Program that included the cancellation of Metro Bus Line 262 (Garfield Avenue). Effective Dec. 30, Montebello Bus Lines will take over Line 262 and will honor MTA passes.

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