General Manager Dana Coffey (center at table) explained Metro bus services in the South Bay at a community meeting held at the Arthur Winston Division.



Metro South Bay Meetings Keep Community
Aware of Service Improvements

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(March 11, 2003) Metro South Bay promoted Metro bus services and the new Vermont Avenue Metro Rapid Bus line during two community meetings, recently, at the Crenshaw Christian Center and at Arthur Winston Division 5.



Senior Human Resource Analyst Jeannette Bell talks about bus operator positions with a community members.

About 200 residents and families attended the two evening meetings to hear presentations on Metro South Bay's new Torrance headquarters and organization composition, the bus lines operating out of Carson Division 18 and Division 5, and the Metro Rapid Bus serving Vermont Avenue between Hollywood and the Metro Green Line

"We told the neighborhood who we are, what transit services we bring to the community, and how we can be responsive to their needs," said General Manager Dana Coffey, who gave briefings at both meetings.

Metro Rapid program manager Rex Gephart gave an overview of the Metro Rapid Bus program, including features of the service that enable passengers to arrive at their destinations faster.

The meetings drew positive comments about bus service improvements in the South Bay from the audience. After each meeting, Metro South Bay staff talked to the families and answered their questions.

"At the Crenshaw Christian Center meeting a couple of residents asked me questions about the process for placing bus stops along Vermont Avenue and how those locations are maintained and kept clean," said Schedule Supervisor Tom Tran. "After the Arthur Winston Division meeting several attendees showed interest in employment with MTA, specifically bus operator positions," said Senior Human Resource Analyst Jeannette Bell.

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