Gateway Cities Adds 2 New Shuttle Lines for Better Rail, Bus Connections

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(July 9, 2003) MTA has launched two new shuttle bus lines – Lines 611 and 612 – to better serve riders in the Gateway Cities sector.

The new lines, which have been operated out of Central City Division 1 and Crossroads Depot Division 2 since June 29, run every 30 minutes, seven days week. The two lines connect in Huntington Park, Florence and South Gate where riders may transfer from one bus line to the other.

Line 612 will stop at the Imperial/ Wilmington/Rosa Parks station for transfers to either the Metro Blue Line or the Metro Green Line. Both lines serve the Blue Line at different stations.

"The launch of these two shuttle routes means more frequent service to local riders," said General Manager Rich Rogers. "Typical bus arrival times on this route occurred approximately every 40-60 minutes. By introducing shuttle service, we've now cut that wait time to every 30 minutes during the day, a substantial improvement that will save our transit patrons time and give them more travel options."

Line 611 serves Huntington Park, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Florence, Vernon, Maywood and Walnut Park. Line 612 serves Huntington Park, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Lynwood, Watts and Walnut Park.

Gateway Cities also has restructured Lines 105, 107, 119 and canceled Lines 56 and 112. The new shuttle routes have replaced most of the restructured or cancelled segments of these lines in the Mid-Cities area.

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