MTA to Hold Public Hearings on Proposed Bus Service Changes By DAVE SOTERO

(Aug. 21, 2003) MTA will hold a series of public hearings in September to discuss more than 20 proposed changes designed to improve the efficiency of Metro Bus service throughout Los Angeles County

The proposed service changes are planned for implementation October 26, 2003 or later, and may be approved in whole or in part by service sector governance councils following the public hearings.

Hearings will be held at the following locations:

- San Gabriel Valley sector, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2, at the sector offices in El Monte.
- San Fernando Valley sector, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 3, at the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center in Van Nuys.
- South Bay sector, 6 p.m., Sept. 9, at the Carson Community Center.
- Westside/Central sector, 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Gateway Plaza Room, 3rd Floor of MTA Headquarters.
- Gateway Cities sector, 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, at Progress Park in Paramount.

Planned changes include service modifications or reductions on underutilized bus lines that require a high public subsidy.

Service changes are proposed for lines 58, 96, 119-126, 125, 128, 130, 167, 177, 218, 225, 226, 250, 253, 254, 256, 270, 471, 608, 620, 625, 626, 646 and 751.

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