

South Bay Sector Outlines Plans at Community Meetings

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(Aug. 26, 2003) Metro South Bay conducted two community meetings, Aug. 9 and 19, at Arthur Winston Division 5 to outline planned bus service improvements in the South Bay.



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"The meetings went very well," said General Manager Dana Coffey who welcomed residents and bus riders. She started both meetings with an organizational overview of her facilities and staff. "As expected, we received comments and suggestions on our new Metro Rapid line, local bus lines, hours of operation, and bus routes," she said. "We were happy to share with the audience how Metro South Bay was evaluating how we can improve service especially where our ridership figures call for increased service."

Community members view a presentation on Metro South Bay facilities and staff during recent meetings at Arthur Winston Division 5.

Service Development Manager Madeline Van Leuvan also outlined proposed service projects such as the proposed "hub and spoke" network, and the continued expansion of Metro Rapid service along Vermont, Florence, Western and Manchester avenues, and Crenshaw and Hawthorne boulevards.

"I also talked about the proposed super limited service, which is basically characterized by stops only at major transfer locations with the potential of yielding savings while providing a faster way to travel for our customers," Van Leuvan said.

Some attendees at the meetings commented that the proposed fare increase is reasonable, duration of the telephone wait time for Customer Information has been reduced, and that they were glad to see that the agency is buying new buses. Other attendees asked for security at various park-and-ride lots, and for extended operation hours.

Several members of the Metro South Bay governance council attended the meetings.

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