

A local resident comments on proposed bus service changes during a public hearing held in September by the South Bay Sector Governance Council. General Manager Dana Coffey is third from left at the table.



150 Residents Attend South Bay Sector Public Hearing
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(Oct. 1, 2003) More than 150 residents attended a public hearing conducted by the South Bay Service Sector in September to comment on proposed changes to bus service.

"We were hopeful that our patrons would attend the hearing to voice their concerns, and we were pleased at the enormous turnout and the amount of feedback we received," said General Manager Dana Coffey.

"Our public hearing was an opportunity for the community to comment on several bus service lines that are being recommended for adjustment or cancellation because they carry few passengers and require a high public subsidy to operate," she added.

Governance Council Vice Chairman Jim Hendrickson explained to the audience that no immediate decision on service changes would be made and that the council would evaluate staff reports on the public hearing in October.

"Should the council approve any of the proposals, a news release and rider brochure will be distributed announcing the decision," he said.

Service Development Manager Madeline Van Leuvan described the various lines being considered for change. Attendees then had an opportunity to voice their opinions.

"We had about 36 attendees who reported to us their views on specific routes and lines," said Van Leuvan. "Many of them were very passionate and described how they depended on certain bus

Sectors Schedule Public Meetings

- **San Fernando Valley**
6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday, Oct. 1
Marvin Braude
Constituent Service
Center
Van Nuys
- **San Gabriel Valley**
5 p.m.,
Tuesday, Oct. 7
Adult Recreation Center
San Gabriel
- **Gateway Cities**
2 p.m.,
Thursday, Oct. 9
SoCal Gas Company
Downey
- **South Bay**
9:30 a.m.,
Friday, Oct. 10
Carson Community
Center

services."

One group of women took turns at the podium to say how they need Line 226 to get to work in the Palos Verdes - Palos Verdes Drive West area.

Other South Bay lines being reviewed for modification or cancellation include the 125, 119-126, 128, 130, 225, 254, 256, 608, 625, 626 and the 646.

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