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## Three Metro Bus Lines Debut, Feb. 1; Other Changes Due

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(Jan. 21, 2004) Three new Metro Bus lines will begin operating, Sunday, Feb. 1, as part of a region-wide service enhancement aimed at improving the efficiency of the Metro system.

The three new lines are Metro Rapid Line 710 on Crenshaw Boulevard (beginning Feb. 2), Line 353 (Slauson Avenue) and Line 212 (La Brea Avenue).

Additional service will be added to 10 Metro Bus lines throughout the region to improve service performance and relieve overcrowding on heavily traveled lines. Service will be added in either the morning or afternoon peak periods, or a combination of both, as well as some weekend and night service.

Two Metro Bus lines – Line 250/253 (Euclid Ave./Evergreen Ave.), and Line 471 (Puente Hills Mall/Whittier Center via Colima Rd./Brea Mall) – will be cancelled as part of the service modification due to low ridership.

Service will be reduced or cancelled on underutilized segments of eight other lines. Service also will be rerouted on a number of Metro Bus lines as part of the service changes.

The service changes received public review last year and were scheduled to go into effect Dec. 21. However, due to the strike, the service changes were postponed until Feb. 1.

The following is a complete list of Metro service changes:

3 New Services	
710 - Crenshaw Blvd. Rapid Bus	Implement new Line 710 Crenshaw Blvd. Rapid Bus.
358 - Slauson Ave.	Create limited service to operate between Fox Hills Mall and Eastern Ave.
212 - La Brea Ave.	Implement limited service between Manchester Ave. and Hollywood Blvd. During peak periods.
Additional Services on 11 Bus Routes	
90/91 - Foothill Blvd. - Glendale Ave.	Add one southbound AM trip to reduce passenger loads.
166 - Nordhoff St./Lankershim Blvd.	Add northbound trip departing No. Hollywood Station at 4:20PM and terminating at Osborne & Glenoaks at 4:51PM.
233 - Van Nuys Blvd.	Add southbound trip in 7:20AM time period and extending trip to Westwood to reduce passenger loads.
233 - Van Nuys Blvd.	Add north bound trip in 5:20PM time period to

	reduce passenger loads.
761 - Westwood- Van Nuys Rapid Bus	Add trip departing the Federal Building at 7:18PM.
16-316- West 3rd. St.	Add new eastbound evening trip to reduce passenger loads.
220- Robertson Blvd.- Culver Blvd.	Add a PM tripper for Hamilton High School.
620- Boyle Heights Shuttle	Increase service span to match that of the cancelled 250-253 line (6AM to 7:30PM).
111- Florence Ave.	Add service during rush hours
204- Vermont Ave.	Add service during rush hours
81- Figueroa St.	Increase number of southbound Line 381 trips.
<b>Rerouting Service on 8 Bus Routes</b>	
761 - Westwood- Van Nuys Rapid Bus	Implement midday shortlines at Moorpark and Ventura.
434- Trancas Cyn. Express	Modify the route of the line through Malibu.
484- El Monte- La Puente- Pomona Express	Reroute Line 484B to serve Industry Metrolink station on-street (Brea Canyon/Currier).
60-360- Long Beach Blvd.	Operational change at Long Beach Mall.
60-360- Long Beach Blvd.	Change the north terminal to Figueroa St. and Sunset Blvd.
611- Huntington Park- Vernon Shuttle	Move the terminal to Long Beach & Vernon to accommodate passenger travel pattern.
40-340-442- Hawthorne- LAX- Downtown LA	Reroute limited service to terminate at 7th & Maple.
40-340-442- Hawthorne- LAX- Downtown LA	Reroute service through the Inglewood Transit Center.
42- La Tijera Blvd.-Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.- Downtown LA	Reroute selected service via Slauson Ave., La Cienega Blvd., bypassing La Tijera Blvd.
<b>Service Reduction/ Cancellation on 10 Bus Routes</b>	
720- Wilshire Blvd.	Relocate eastern terminal from Montebello Metrolink Station to Whittier Blvd. near Atlantic Blvd.
18- West 6th St.-Whittier Blvd.	Cancel route west of Western Ave.
26/51/52/352- Hollywood- 7th St.-Avalon Blvd.- Carson-Compton	Reduce service on unproductive segment on Franklin Ave. by scheduling 60 minutes HW to Hollywood. Shorten the North terminal at Hollywood & Vine Station.
120-121- Imperial Hwy.	Cancel segment east of the Norwalk Station due to duplication of service with Norwalk Line 4.
124- El Segundo Blvd.- Santa Fe Ave.	Cancel segment east of Rosa Parks Station due to low ridership.
127- Compton Blvd.- Bellflower Blvd.	Cancel segment west of the Compton Station due to low ridership.
207/357- Western Ave.	Cancel segment of the line east of Harbor I-105/ I-110 Green Line Station to Rosa Parks Station.
250/253- Euclid Ave.- Evergreen Ave.	Cancel Line.
471- Puente Hills Mall Whittier Center - Via Colima Rd. Brea Mall	Cancel Line.
687- Los Robles Ave.	Reduce peak period weekday service level from 15 minutes to 20 minutes.

Extended Route Coverage on 3 Bus Routes	
720- Wilshire Blvd.	Extend selected shortline trips from Wilshire & Westwood Blvds. to 5th St. and Colorado St.
111- LAX-Florence Ave.- Leffingwell Rd.	Reroute service through the Inglewood Transit Center. Reroute through service via the Norwalk Station.
245- Topanga Cyn. Blvd.- Mulholland Dr.-Valley Circle Blvd.	Establish new Alternate Route for Line 245 trips serving Chatsworth Metrolink Station.
Other Minor Changes on 4 Bus Routes	
761- Westwood- Van Nuys Rapid Bus	Add additional Rapid Bus stops at Huston and Chase.
260-361- Artesia Sta.- Pasadena-Altadena via Atlantic Blvd.	Convert more AM southbound and PM northbound trips to Route 361.
358- Slauson Ave.	Modify route to remain on Slauson Ave. in the Fox Hills Mall area to operate bi-direction peak hours only.
207/357- Western Ave.	Extend Limited service area to operate between Manchester Ave. to Hollywood and Western Red Line Station.