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Westside/Central Plans Meetings, Hearing on Service Changes

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(Feb. 20, 2004) The Westside/Central Service Sector has scheduled two community meetings and a public hearing on proposed Metro Bus service changes.

Proposals call for service changes on eight bus lines, the opening of two new Metro Rapid Bus lines and the elimination of service on six lines. The changes would take effect on or after June 27.

Community meetings are scheduled at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Unity Center, 944 West 53rd St., Los Angeles; and at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 3, at the Westwood United Methodist Church, 10497 Wilshire Blvd., in Westwood.

A public hearing is set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, at the La Cienega Tennis Center, 325 S. La Cienega Blvd., in Beverly Hills.

The sector proposal calls for establishing Metro Rapid Line 705 to serve Vernon Avenue/La Cienega Boulevard and Metro Rapid Line 751 to serve Soto Street.

Service adjustments are proposed for Metro Bus lines 10/11, 48, 20, 21, 76, 444 and 446/447 and Metro Rapid Lines 720.

Service would be eliminated on Metro Bus lines 107, 209, 350 (to be replaced by new Metro Rapid Line 751), 439, 442 and 550.