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## Gateway Cities Governance Council Considers Service Changes

By RICK JAGER

(Sept. 1, 2004) The Gateway Cities Governance Council is evaluating a number of proposed bus service improvements in Southeast Los Angeles County, which would become effective in late December.

The Governance Council conducted a public hearing on the service modifications in August. The Council will vote on the proposed changes during its next meeting at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, at The Gas Company in Downey.

"The service changes are proposed to improve public access to education, transportation centers, hospitals and employment centers, and to eliminate unnecessary service duplication," said General Manager Alex Clifford.

### The proposed changes include:

- Modifications to Line 270 (Monrovia/El Monte/Norwalk) will provide new service to Whittier College, to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station, and to LA County offices in Norwalk.
- A new routing proposed for Line 362 (Hawaiian Gardens/Cerritos/Telegraph Rd/Los Angeles Limited) will improve access to County offices and provide new service to the Metrolink Station and the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk.
- New service is also being considered for the cities of Downey, Lakewood, Paramount and Pico Rivera. Line 265 (Pico Rivera/Whittier) is proposed to operate new weekend service and extended service hours on weekdays.
- One minor route change is also being considered on Line 275 (Greenleaf Ave./Valley View/Cerritos) in the City of Whittier. Line 576 (South Los Angeles/Pacific Palisades Express), is proposed to be discontinued due to excessive service duplication.