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Metro Adding 250,000 Bus Revenue Service Hours Dec. 19

By RICK JAGER

(Dec. 7, 2004) Metro is increasing annual bus revenue service by 250,000 hours on Sunday, Dec. 19, adding scores of buses to 60 bus lines, implementing two new Metro Rapid bus lines and creating three new local bus routes.

The two new Metro Rapid lines are Line 740 via Hawthorne, Crenshaw and Martin Luther King boulevards, Broadway and Aliso/Arcadia streets and Metro Rapid Line 780 between Hollywood and Vine and Pasadena City College. Metro Rapid service begins on Monday, Dec. 20.

Metro also will implement new weekend service on Line 265 between the Lakewood Mall and Pico Rivera and start new limited stop service on Line 317 along Fairfax Avenue and Line 378 from Arcadia to downtown Los Angeles via Las Tunas and Huntington.

More service on 60 lines

In addition, Metro will add service on 60 lines to improve service in heavily used corridors and comply with the federal Consent Decree that calls for the addition of 145 buses to the Metro system by December 2004. Metro added 43 buses earlier in June and will place 102 more buses in service Dec. 19.

Four line cancellations are planned to improve efficiencies and avoid duplication of service. They are Line 340 (replaced with new Metro Rapid Line 740), Line 380 (replaced with new Metro Rapid Line 780) Line 491, (replaced with Metro line 487 –LA/El Monte/Sierra Madre) and Line 576.

Line 576 (South Los Angeles/Pacific Palisade Express) is being cancelled due to low ridership, but there is ample alternative service that currently duplicates the line. The savings generated will be reinvested in the Gateway Cities Service Sector to support other bus service.

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