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Transportation Manager Scott Greene briefs South Bay community on proposed service changes at public hearing.



Rain doesn't cancel attendance, participation at Metro South Bay Public Hearing

By RICH MORALLO

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(March 3, 2003) Bus riders, workers, residents and city officials braved a wet evening to attend the Metro South Bay public hearing on proposed service changes Tuesday at the Carson Community Center.

"A stormy, rainy night did not hold anyone back from participating," said San Pedro resident June Saleman, one of about 80 attendees.

The hearing, which gathered public input on possible changes on 13 Metro lines, started at 6 p.m. with a welcome by South Bay Governance Council Chair Terisa Price and General Manager Dana M. Coffey. Transportation Manager Scott Greene then gave a Power Point presentation outlining the various lines under study.

Greene also shared with the audience the plan to improve Line 711, the Florence Avenue Rapid Bus. "We're looking at extending some or all trips from the Inglewood Transit Center to the LAX Transit Center via Century Boulevard," said Greene.

Public comments

El Segundo Mayor Kelly McDowell, the first of 50 attendees who spoke during the public comment period, spoke in support of Line 439, the express that services Los Angeles, LAX, and Redondo Beach. "We need this line to pick up the elderly and bring our students to school," the mayor said.

Throughout the three-hour hearing other speakers came forward to thank the council for asking for community input, and to also comment on Lines 107, 115, 202, 205, 207/357, 211/215, 225/226,

305, 357, 442, and 757. These remarks , along with correspondence, will be summarized and presented to the South Bay Council at the March 11 meeting, which will be held at Carson Division 18.

Staff will present their responses to comments and give final recommendations for changes at that meeting where the council will discuss the proposals and decide about the service changes which will be implemented on June 26, 2005 or later.

" As we continue to reevaluate the lines that operate out of Metro South Bay, we thank the community and our customers for their comments and recommendations," said Coffey. "Their input will assist us as we work towards improving bus service."

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