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New Rapid Bus Lines, Limited-Stop Service in Mid-December

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(Dec. 6, 2005) Metro will implement in mid-December a new Express Bus Line between Long Beach and El Monte, a new Rapid Bus Line along Western Avenue and new limited-stop service on four bus lines.

Express Bus Line 577X will begin weekday operation on Monday, Dec. 19, with service between El Monte and Long Beach via the 605 Freeway.

There will only be four stops: at the El Monte Bus station, the Metro Green Line Norwalk station, at Cal State Long Beach and at the VA Medical Center in Long Beach.

Metro will begin service on the new 13-mile Rapid Bus Line Line 757 along Western Avenue from the Western/Hollywood Metro Red Line station to the Metro Green Line's Crenshaw station. The new line will operate seven days a week beginning Sunday, Dec. 18.

Metro also plans to implement new limited-stop, weekday bus service on four existing lines.

They are Line 330 (W. Pico Blvd./East 1st St./Floral Dr. Dozier/Rowan), Line 368 (W. Washington Blvd./Cesar Chavez Ave. and Cesar Chavez/Roman), Line 442 ((Hawthorne Station-LA/Union Station Express), and Line 444 (Rancho Palos Verdes/Torrance-LA/Union Station Express).

Additionally, the agency will begin operating Saturday service on Crenshaw Metro Rapid Line 710 and will deploy new 60-foot articulated buses on both Vermont Rapid Bus Line 754 and the newly implemented Western Rapid Bus Line 757.

Metro also will add additional service on eight bus lines in both the morning and afternoon peak periods to improve service on lines 62, 108, 266, 16-316, 445, 450X, 717 and 720.