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Special Master: 'Conditional Approval' for Metro's Transit Service Policy

- Latest Consent Decree ruling includes service changes on 13 bus lines

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(Dec. 13, 2005) The special master overseeing the federal Consent Decree gave conditional approval, Dec. 9, to Metro's revised Transit Service Policy and to service changes implemented on 13 bus lines between June 2003 and June 2005.

The ruling by Special Master Donald Bliss followed on the heels of an order, issued Nov. 30, that approved the agency's New Service Plan.

In that order, Bliss said "the MTA has taken action to address the three key components of the 1996 Consent Decree." The components are the New Service Policy, an approved fare policy and "substantial resources committed to improving the quality of bus service...."

In the Dec. 9 ruling, the special master ordered Metro to make a number of technical amendments to the Transit Service Policy.

Clarifies responsibility

The amendments would clarify the responsibility of sector Governance Councils regarding passenger safety and would include several ways to analyze the impacts on the transit dependent when service changes are made in the future.

Although the special master's order gave conditional approval to changes on the 13 bus lines, Metro was directed to reinstate by June 2006 bus service that was lost when two of the lines – 720 and 209 – were modified in June 2003.

Metro also must develop a mitigation plan to address security concerns raised by cancellation of Line 107, which had served the Metro Blue Line Slauson station.

In addition, the agency was directed to develop a plan to improve service on Shuttle 611, serving the communities of Maywood, Bell, Cudahy, South Gate, Walnut Park and Huntington Park.

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