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May 1 Protest Marches to Interrupt Some Metro Bus Service

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(April 27, 2006) In anticipation of several marches set to take place during the May 1st National Protest, some Metro Bus service will be detoured and will experience delays.

For the planned morning march on Broadway from Olympic to City Hall, Metro Bus service on Broadway and Hill Streets in downtown Los Angeles will be interrupted by the march from approximately 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Metro Buses scheduled to operate on Broadway and Hill Streets between Pico and Caesar Chavez will operate either via Spring or Main Streets, to 4th Street, then to Alameda and to Caesar Chavez and then regular route.

Those Metro Bus Lines operating on Broadway and Hill Streets include Lines 2, 4, 10, 11, 48, 30, 31, 40, 42, 45, 46, 740 and 745.

Afternoon march

For the planned afternoon march on Wilshire Boulevard from Alvarado to La Brea, Metro Bus service will be interrupted from approximately 2:30 p.m. until approximately 8 p.m.

Metro Bus Lines 20, 21, and Metro Rapid Line 720 operating on Wilshire Boulevard will be detoured via 3rd Street between Bixel Street and Fairfax Avenue.

Metro Bus Service on north/south streets that cross the Wilshire Boulevard march route will also be interrupted. Those routes include Lines 26, 51, 52, 204, 206, 207, 209, 210, 603, 710, 754 and 757. Metro Buses on these lines will operate via their regular route north of 3rd Street or south of Olympic Boulevard.

Passengers will be required to exit the bus and walk across the march route on Wilshire and board another Metro Bus to continue their travel.

Normal Metro Bus service will resume as soon as streets reopen. Patrons are encouraged to use the Metro Red Line to minimize delays.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In an interoffice memo addressed to all employees, CEO Roger Snoble wrote, in part:

"While we respect employee's free speech rights, it is important that we be able to maintain service levels on that first day of the work week.

"A major mission of Metro is to provide transportation to our customers. Therefore, we need and expect employees to report to work as scheduled to your assigned location.

"We appreciate your continued excellent work and your support in this matter. If you have any questions, you should consult with your immediate supervisor or manager, or contract Human Resources at Extension 27127."

