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## New Metro Rapid Line, 3 Limited-Stop Lines Among Service Startups in December

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(Dec. 5, 2006) Effective Sunday, Dec. 17, Metro will implement a new Metro Rapid line along Reseda Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley, start three limited-stop bus lines, two new local lines, and add service to 11 bus lines.

New Metro Rapid Line 741, the Reseda Rapid, will begin operating on Monday, Dec. 18 on Reseda Boulevard between Northridge and Tarzana.

The new rapid line will operate Monday through Friday from approximately 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service will run every 10 minutes in the morning and afternoon peak periods and every 20 minutes in non-peak periods.

Metro also plans to implement three new limited stop bus lines and two new local lines as part of its service enhancements.

The new limited stop lines include Metro Bus Line 364, the Nordhoff St. Limited, that will operate along Nordhoff and Osborne streets between Chatsworth and Sun Valley; Line 350, the Central Avenue Limited, operating between downtown Los Angeles and the Metro Green Line Avalon station; and Line 355, the Compton Avenue Limited, providing limited-stop service between downtown LA and the Metro Blue Line Firestone station.

## Replacing lines

New local bus Line 224 will replace Line 166 service along Lankershim Boulevard between Universal City and San Fernando Road and Line 94 service along San Fernando Road between Sun Valley and Olive View Hospital.

New local Line 155, the Universal City/Burbank Shuttle, will provide service between the Universal City Metro Red Line station and the Burbank Metrolink station.

Metro will begin using high capacity 60-foot articulated buses on Lines 233 in Van Nuys and 204 on Vermont Avenue instead of the regular 40-foot buses currently in operation.

Additionally, Metro will add trips to 11 bus lines to improve service. Those lines are: 40, 108, 111, 115, 206, 207, 210, 212, 445, 450X, and 710.

One Metro Bus line will be cancelled. Line 255 (Boyle Heights/East Los Angeles) will operate interim service on weekdays and Saturdays until the route of DASH Boyle Heights-East LA is extended. Sunday service on

Line 255 will be cancelled effective Dec. 17.

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