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MTA ADOPTS SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BUS RESTRUCTURING PLAN; EIGHT NEW LINES WILL BE CREATED, CHANGES AFFECTING 46 EXISTING LINES WILL BEGIN IN APRIL

Eight new MTA bus lines will be created to serve the San Fernando Valley, 13 lines will be canceled and 33 others will experience schedule or route modifications, beginning in April, as a result of a major San Fernando Valley Bus Restructuring Plan adopted by the MTA Board, Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The plan, to be implemented in two phases, is an outgrowth of the San Fernando Valley Transit Restructuring study, a cooperative effort with the city and county of Los Angeles, completed over two years. Phase 1 will begin in April and will be completed in June. Phase 2 will begin in December, 1995, and is scheduled to be completed by December, 1997.

"Bus service changes are intended to increase the quality and amount of service offered, and to improve efficiency on lines carrying few passengers," said Supervisor Mike Antonovich, MTA chairman.

"Two years from now, when the restructuring plan is scheduled to be fully implemented, the MTA will save at least \$4 million a year," said Franklin White, MTA chief executive officer.

"Approval of the restructuring plan comes after extensive community review and public input," said Antonovich. "Over the past two years the MTA staff held about 70 meetings with community groups, elected officials, staff members of cities, the riding public and the general public. Several line modifications and additions were included in the plan after receiving more than 140 comments at a public hearing held on January 14, 1995."

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Service will be restructured in the communities bounded by Glendale and La Canada Flintridge on the east; Sylmar, Granada Hills, Porter Ranch and Chatsworth on the north; the Ventura County Line on the west and the Santa Monica Mountains and Mulholland Drive on the south.

Phase 1 changes to be implemented by June 1995 include creation, cancellation and modification of the following lines:

Creation of Line 411 -- Operating from Warner Center Transit Center to Burbank Transit Center, primarily via Victory Boulevard to Burbank Transit Center, then express to Colorado Street in Glendale and then taking the Glendale and I-5 freeways to the Financial District in downtown Los Angeles.

Cancellation of:

Line 406 -- L.A. - Sunland Express via Pennsylvania Avenue (April)

Line 407 -- L.A. - Sunland Express via La Crescenta Avenue. (April)

Line 412 -- L.A. - Burbank - Media District - North Hollywood - Valley Plaza freeway express. (April)

Line 97 -- L.A. - Burbank - North Hollywood via Riverside Drive. This line will be canceled in Phase 1 of the plan, but the exact date has not been determined yet. Most of this line will be replaced by Line 96.

Line 240 -- Reseda Boulevard. (June) Replaced by Line 522.

Line 560 -- LAX - San Diego Freeway - Van Nuys Boulevard. (June) Replaced by Line 561.

Route Modification of the following lines:

Line 96 -- L.A.- Burbank - Sherman Oaks via Riverside Drive. This route will be modified to operate on Riverside Drive in Sherman Oaks and to Burbank Transit Center via Olive Avenue, First Street to the Transit Center and via Verdugo Avenue and San Fernando Road to Alameda Avenue.

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Line 163 -- Sherman Way - Sun Valley - Hollywood Way. Beginning in June the western terminal will be extended to Warner Center Transit Center via Owensmouth Avenue; and the eastern terminal will be modified to operate primarily via Hollywood Way through the Cahuenga Pass to Hollywood and Vine.

Line 164/165 -- Victory Boulevard - Vanowen Street. Beginning in June Line 164 will be slightly modified to enter the Warner Center Transit Center.

Line 169 -- Saticoy Street - Sunland Boulevard. The route will be modified to eliminate loop around B-G-P Airport and extended eastern terminal to Mt. Gleason Avenue. (June 1995)

Line 177 -- Glendale- La Canada - Pasadena - Monrovia - Duarte. The line will operate as three segments: (1) Glendale Galleria to JPL; (2) JPL to Hastings Ranch Center; and (3) Hastings Ranch Center to City of Hope. Implementation date has not been determined.

Line 180/181 -- Hollywood - Glendale - Pasadena via Colorado Boulevard - Yosemite Drive. The eastern terminal of Line 181 will be extended to Pasadena City College, beginning in June 1995.

Line 212 -- La Brea Avenue. Northbound route will end at Hollywood and Vine, beginning in June 1995.

Line 233 -- Sherman Oaks - Van Nuys - Lake View Terrace. It will restructure local service of Line 560 between Eldridge Avenue and Terra Bella Street to Van Nuys and Ventura boulevards. (June 1995)

Line 236 -- Balboa Boulevard - Woodley Avenue. Northbound route will be extended on Balboa Boulevard via Pineridge Drive, Knollwood Road, Shamhart Drive, Gothic Avenue to Woodley Avenue. Southbound route will be modified to operate via Victory Boulevard to Van Nuys Boulevard. (June 1995)

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Line 418 -- L.A. - Roscoe Boulevard - Northridge Express. Westbound service will be extended on Roscoe Boulevard to Topanga Canyon Boulevard. (June 1995)

Line 424/425 -- L.A. - Ventura Boulevard - Warner Center express. Western terminal will be shortened to end at Warner Center Transit Center. Will operate with new Line 522. (June 1995)

Line 522 -- Ventura Boulevard - Reseda Boulevard. Will restructure Line 240 service along Reseda Boulevard, then will operate along the route of lines 425/425 to Los Angeles City College. (June 1995)

Line 561 -- Sylmar - Van Nuys - Sherman Oaks - Westwood - LAX. Will restructure limited stop service of Line 560 from Sylmar/San Fernando Transit Center primarily along Truman Street, San Fernando Road and Van Nuys Boulevard, then will offer local service along the route of former Line 560 to LAX. Service will be extended to the Green Line Aviation Station. (June 1995)

Phase 2 changes to be implemented beginning December 1995 and completed by December 1997 include creation, cancellation and modification of the following lines:

Creation of:

Line 394 -- San Fernando Limited. This will be a new branch route of Line 94. It will operate limited stop service along the route of Line 94. (December 1995 or later)

The MTA will implement a new service concept to the San Fernando Valley with introduction of **Flexible Destination Shuttles** on new lines 631, 632, 667, 668, 669, and 675. These lines will offer the flexibility of jitneys with the reliability of fixed route service. Small buses will operate to bus stops spaced about ¼ to ½ mile apart. Between the stops the small buses will be able to operate about ½ mile off route to deliver people to their destinations.

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Line 631 -- Sylmar Circulator. Will provide bi-directional check point deviation service from Sylmar/San Fernando Transit Center primarily along San Fernando Road, Roxford Street, Olive View Boulevard, Foothill Boulevard, Polk Street, Glenoaks Boulevard and Hubbard Street to Transit Center. Service area will be extended to include Juvenile Hall and unserved portions of Foothill Boulevard. (December 1995 or later)

Line 632 -- Hubbard - Sayre Shuttle. Will provide bi-directional check point deviation service from Sylmar/San Fernando Transit Center primarily via Hubbard Avenue, Simshaw Street, Sayre Street, Borden Avenue and Hubbard Street to Transit Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 667 -- Valley Circle - Oxnard Street - Platt Avenue Circulator. Will operate from West Hills Hospital via Sherman Way, Platt Avenue, Oxnard Street, Fallbrook Avenue, Ventura Boulevard, Valley Circle Boulevard, Vanowen Street, Platt Avenue and Sherman Way to hospital. (December 1995 or later)

Line 668 -- Calabasas - Woodland Hills - Warner Center Circulator. Will operate from Warner Center Transit Center via Oxnard Street, Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Mulholland Drive, Avenida San Luis, Granada Boulevard, Parkway Calabasas, Calabasas Road, Avenue San Luis, Ventura Boulevard and Topanga Canyon Boulevard to Warner Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 669 -- Warner Center - West Hills circulator. Will operate from Warner Center Transit Center via Owensmouth Avenue, Sherman Way, Medical Center Drive, Woodlake Avenue, Valley Circle Boulevard and return. (December 1995 or later)

Line 675 -- Will provide bi-directional check point deviation service from Burbank Transit Center primarily via First Street, Olive Avenue, Kenneth Road, Cypress Avenue, Bel Aire Drive, Providencia Avenue, Kenneth Road, Highland Avenue, Glenwood Road, Concord Street, Doran Street to Glendale Galleria.

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Most of the routes listed below will have alternative service provided by restructured service or new services provided by the MTA, LADOT or other transit providers.

Cancellation of:

Line 91 -- L.A. - Sunland - Sylmar via La Crescenta.

Line 161 -- Westlake - Canoga Park. (December 1995 or later)

Line 183 -- Magnolia Boulevard - Kenneth Road - East Colorado Street.

(December 1995 or later)

Line 228 -- Coldwater Canyon Avenue - Lankershim Boulevard (December 1995 or later)

Line 243 -- De Soto Street - Ventura Boulevard - Winnetka Avenue.

(December 1995 or later)

Line 245 -- Topanga Canyon Boulevard - Mulholland Drive - Valley Circle Drive. (December 1995 or later)

Line 410 -- L.A. - Glenoaks Boulevard Express. (December 1995 or later)

Route Modification of the following lines:

Line 90 -- L.A. - Sunland - Sylmar via Pennsylvania Avenue. Will be shortened to operate via Maclay Street, Truman Street, Hubbard Avenue, First Street to Sylmar/San Fernando Transit Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 92/93 -- L.A. - Glendale - Burbank - San Fernando via Glendale Boulevard and Allesandro Street. Shortline will be extended to Burbank Regional Intermodal Transportation Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 94 -- L.A. - San Fernando. Route will be shortened in Sylmar to end at Sylmar/San Fernando Station. The route also will be modified near B-P-G Airport to operate on Thornton Avenue. (December 1995 or later)

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Line 152 -- Fallbrook Avenue - Roscoe Boulevard - Vineland Avenue. Route will be shortened at both terminals. Service along Fallbrook Avenue will end at Warner Center Transit Center and eastbound service will terminate at Universal City Transit Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 154 -- Burbank Boulevard - Oxnard Street - White Oak Avenue. Route will be modified west of Hayvenhurst Avenue to operate via Ventura Boulevard, White Oak Avenue, Roscoe Boulevard, Lindley Avenue, Nordhoff Street, Zelzah Avenue to Chatsworth Street. (December 1995 or later)

Line 158 -- Woodman Avenue - Devonshire Street - Topanga Canyon Boulevard. Western terminal will be extended to operate via Topanga Canyon Boulevard to Warner Center Transit Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 166 -- Nordhoff Street - Lankershim Boulevard. Westbound route will be modified to operate to Chatsworth Transit Center. Eastbound route will be modified to operate primarily via Lankershim Boulevard to Universal City Transit Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 167 -- Plummer Street - Coldwater Canyon Boulevard. Western terminal will be modified to end at Chatsworth Transit Center. Eastern terminal will be modified to operate from Woodman Avenue primarily along Coldwater Canyon Boulevard. (December 1995 or later)

Line 168 -- Lassen Street - Paxton Street. Beginning in June the western terminal will be extended to operate primarily via De Soto Avenue to Warner Center Transit Center.

Line 201 -- Silverlake Boulevard. The northbound route will be truncated at Broadway and Brand Boulevard in Glendale. (December 1995 or later)

Line 234 -- Sepulveda Boulevard - Magnolia Boulevard. Route will be shortened in Sylmar to end at Sylmar/San Fernando Transit Center. The route will be extended on Sepulveda Boulevard eastbound to Burbank Transit Center primarily via Magnolia Boulevard. (December 1995 or later)

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Line 238 -- Tampa Avenue. Service will be restructured on Tampa Avenue between Rinaldi Street and Ventura Boulevard. This line replaces service of Line 154 on Tampa Avenue. (December 1995 or later)

Line 239 -- Sylmar - Granada Hills - Northridge - Winnetka - Warner Center. Route will operate from Sylmar/San Fernando Transit Center primarily via regular route to Zelzah Avenue and Nordhoff Street, then to Northridge Mall and southbound via Winnetka Avenue, westbound via Ventura Boulevard, De Soto Avenue, Burbank Boulevard to Warner Center Transit Center. (December 1995 or later)

Line 426 -- San Fernando Valley - Wilshire Boulevard - L.A. Express. Western terminal will be shortened to end at Warner Center Transit Center. The route will be modified to continue to operate along Sherman Way to Laurel Plaza, then it will continue on the regular route to Los Angeles. (December 1995 or later)

Line 427 -- L.A. - Warner Center - Canoga Park Express. The northern terminal will be shortened to end at Warner Center Transit Center. It will operate on its regular route to Encino Park-and-Ride lot, continue via freeway to downtown Los Angeles. In downtown Los Angeles the route will be modified to operate to the Financial District. (December 1995 or later)

Line 545 -- Highway Hummer. The route will be modified to operate from Sylmar/San Fernando Transit Center via First Street, Hubbard Avenue, Laurel Canyon Boulevard, Rinaldi Street, and express via the freeway to Warner Center Transit Center. (December 1995 or later)

Nine LADOT lines also are subject to change upon approval of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

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