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## MTA SCHEDULES A SERIES OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR THE WESTSIDE BUS IMPROVEMENT STUDY

MTA will hold a series of eight community meetings in January to obtain public comment on bus improvements in the Westside of Los Angeles. These meetings are the first in a series of community meetings planned over the next six months aimed at improving bus service for Westside residents.

"MTA's number one priority is improving the bus system," said MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian. "We encourage the public to attend these community meetings for their input on how to improve bus service in the Westside."

Topics to be discussed at the meetings will include: when and where buses should operate to provide the best possible mobility for Westside residents; the need for different types of bus service ranging from community shuttles to faster limited stop routes; transit connection improvements to other communities in the region, and improved coordination between various bus operators.

The study is a joint project being conducted by the MTA and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT). Cost of the 12-month study is estimated at \$500,000. The project is being funded through MTA's Call for Projects program. MTA's contribution is approximately \$400,000 with LADOT funding the remainder.

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