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MTA HOLDS A SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO GATHER INPUT FOR THE SOUTHEAST BUS TRANSIT RESTRUCTURING STUDY

The MTA has joined with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments subcommittee and the Southeast Area Bus Restructuring Committee in launching a series of meetings aimed at gathering public input as part of the Southeast Bus Transit Restructuring Study.

The MTA, working with Weslin Consulting, will conduct a number of "intercept" interviews with bus patrons at various transit locations and at major activity areas within the study area to talk with transit users and get their comments about how they think bus service can be improved.

The MTA is leading the Southeast Bus Transit Restructuring Study in conjunction with 27 cities and public transportation operators in Southeast Los Angeles County.

The purpose of the study will be to determine what type of transportation alternatives the riding public wants and needs. The study also will address unmet transit needs in the Southeast portion of the county and make recommendations as to how to fill those needs.

The study area includes Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, La Mirada, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, Vernon, and Whittier.

The year-long study which began in October 1998 will cost \$387,000 and is being funded by the MTA.

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The following is a list of public "intercept" meetings to be conducted over the next two weeks at major activity centers:

March 5, 1999

Willowbrook @ Imperial/Wilmington Blue/Green Line Station - 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Norwalk @ the I-605/I-105 Green Line Station - 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
South Los Angeles @ The Slauson Blue Line station - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

March 8, 1999

Long Beach @ the Long Beach City College - 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

March 9, 1999

Long Beach @ the North Long Beach Bus Station - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

March 15, 1999

Commerce @ Atlantic/Eastern and Telegraph - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

March 16, 1999

Montebello @ Atlantic/Eastern and Telegraph - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Those individuals unable to attend any of the intercept meetings and any future public meetings concerning the Southeast Bus Transit Restructuring Study can give their input by calling (213) 239-6688 or e-mail their comments to ***LMW@Pacbell.net*** or mail their suggestions to MTA SE Bus Study, 500 South Grand Avenue, Suite # 1710, Los Angeles, 90071.

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