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## **MTA ADDS BUS SERVICE ON 32 LINES TO INCREASE BUS FREQUENCY AND REDUCE PASSENGER TRAVEL TIME**

As part of MTA's efforts to improve bus service to thousands of passengers throughout the Los Angeles County area, the MTA will add 15 weekday peak hour buses, increase the frequency of service on 32 Metro Bus lines and extend the distance traveled on three routes starting on Sunday, Dec. 27.

The following is a list of the lines and the changes:

**Line 1 - 217 (Hollywood Blvd. - Fairfax Ave.)** - Add one bus to weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m..

**Line 2 - 3 - 302 (Sunset Blvd. - Beverly Dr.)** - Add one bus to weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. Add one bus for afternoon peak hour between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. school travel service and an early morning trip added to the Sunday morning run from Pacific Palisades eastbound.

**Line 4 - 304 (Santa Monica Blvd.)** - Add one bus to morning weekday peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. and add one bus to afternoon weekday peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.. Late evening trips will be added Monday through Saturday.

**Line 10 - 11- 48 (Melrose - Temple - San Pedro St.)** - Add two buses to augment afternoon school service at Fairfax High School.

**Line 16 - 316 (West Third St.)** - The route will be restored to the pre-June 28, 1998 route in Downtown Los Angeles. One bus will be added to existing service on this line. Eastbound buses will operate the current route via Sixth Street, then north on Main, east on Fourth, south on Central and east on Sixth to lay over in front of Division 1. Westbound buses will leave via Sixth, north on Alameda, west on Third, south on Spring, west on Fifth and regular route.

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**Line 18 - 318 (W. Sixth Street - Whittier Blvd.)** - There will be a new combined schedule of Lines 18 and 318 to operate along the existing route. Line 318 trips will operate on an alternating trip basis with Line 18 trips from morning to early evening. After approximately 8 p.m. Line 18 trips will be scheduled to extend via Line 318 east of Garfield, eastbound, or change from Line 318 to local line 18 at Garfield, westbound, to provide through service. This will also occur early Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Line 318 limited stop area will remain between Soto Street and Garfield Avenue with Line 318 trips making only limited stops in this area and Line 18 trips making all designated stops in the area. West of Downtown Los Angeles, both routes will make all stops. In general, most Line 318 trips will only operate to Vermont Avenue (laying over at the Wilshire/Vermont Red Line Station). Some Line 318 trips will operate to a new short line in Pico Rivera near Passons Boulevard during peak hours or on pull-out and pull-in trips.

**Line 28 - 27- 83 - 84 - 85 - 328 (W. Olympic Bl. - York Bl. - Eagle Rock Bl.)** - Add two buses to weekday morning between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. and afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. to accommodate students travelling to and from Los Angeles High School.

**Line 33 - 333 (Venice Bl.)** - Add two buses to weekday morning between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. and afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m..

**Line 38 - 71 (West Jefferson Bl.)** - Add two buses to weekday afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m..

**Line 45 - 46 - 345 (Broadway - Mercury Ave.)** - More frequent trips will be provided from the Century short line to the Harbor Transitway/I-105 Green Line Station (Figueroa and 117<sup>th</sup> St.). Add one bus to weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. and minor night service adjustments.

**Line 55 (L.A. - Compton Ave. - Imperial Station.)** - Add one bus to weekday morning between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. and afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m..

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**Line 60 (Long Beach Bl. - Santa Fe Ave.)** - Add one bus to weekday afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m..

**Line 68 (West Washington Bl. - Chavez Ave.)** - Add two buses to weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m..

**Line 70 (Los Angeles - El Monte via Garvey Ave.)** - Add one eastbound afternoon trip for weekday, Saturday and Sunday schedules. Adjust the running times in the evenings to improve on-time performance.

**Line 78 - 79 - 378 - 379 (L.A. - Alhambra - So. Arcadia - Arcadia)** - Add one eastbound trip to weekday afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m..

**Line 90 - 91 (Los Angeles - Sunland - Sylmar)** - Add one trip to weekday afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and improve running time between stops.

**Line 92 - 93 (Los Angeles - Glendale - Burbank - San Fernando)** - A new Saturday schedule will be implemented increasing frequency from 30 minutes to 15 minutes between buses travelling between Brand and Glenoaks and downtown Burbank. The Brand and Mountain short line layover on Saturdays, will not be used, however, alternate trips will be routed via Brand and Mountain similarly to current weekday and Sunday schedules.

**Line 111 - 112 - 311 (LAX - Florence Ave. - Leffingwell Rd.)** - The two buses on Saturday operating a shuttle route since October, 1998, will be re-scheduled in early January.

**Line 120 - 121 (Imperial Hwy. - Wilmington Blue Line - LAX & Wilmington Blue Line - Norwalk Metrolink Station))** - The schedule of Lines 120 and 121 will be combined, with most trips through routed via the Rosa Parks Imperial/Wilmington Station. Line numbers will continue to be in effect, however, the buses will be scheduled to operate to the terminal of the other line (120 or 121). No longer will passengers have to get off one line to get on the other to continue in the same direction. Saturday Line 121 trips currently operating to Imperial Highway and

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Atlantic Avenue will be extended to Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. Sunday Line 121 service will be improved from sixty minutes to thirty minutes between Imperial Highway/Wilmington Station and Imperial Highway at Atlantic Avenue.

**Line 163 (Sherman Way - Hollywood Way)** - Add one bus to Saturday and Sunday schedules reducing wait time between buses from 30 minutes to 25 minutes along Sherman Way.

**Line 165 - 164 (Vanowen - Victory - Burbank)** - The eastbound route of Line 164 will change in the Warner Center area to provide two-way service on Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Oxnard Street, and Owensmouth Avenue. Westbound line will not change, nor will Line 165 trips.

**Line 180 - 181 (Hollywood - Glendale - Pasadena)** - Add two buses to Saturday and Sunday schedules reducing wait time between buses from 12 minutes to 11 minutes on Saturday and reducing wait time from 15 minutes to 13 minutes on Sunday.

**Line 204 - 354 (Vermont Ave.)** - On weekdays, the local Line 204 trips will operate to the 120<sup>th</sup> Street terminal when the current Line 354 trips are operating, and the Line 354 trips will short line at 94<sup>th</sup> Street during the rush hours or 106<sup>th</sup> Street during the midday hours. This is the reverse of the current schedule cycle.

**Line 207 - 357 (Western Ave. - 120<sup>th</sup> St.)** - Add two buses to weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m..

**Line 230 - 239 (Laurel Canyon - White Oak - Zelzah - Rinaldi)** - Equalize the frequency between bus waits during the evening service.

**Line 243 (De Soto Ave. - Ventura Bl. - Winnetka Ave.)** - Add one bus to weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. to accommodate Chatsworth High School students.

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**Line 251 - 252 (California Avenue - Soto St. - Daly St.)** - Add one northbound trip to weekday afternoon service to accommodate students travelling from Hollenbeck Middle School and Roosevelt High School.

**Line 260 (Artesia Sta. - Pasadena - Altadena - Via Atlantic)** - Add one bus to weekday afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m..

**Line 420 (L.A. - Van Nuys - Panorama City - Express)** - Add one bus to the weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. to accommodate travel to Hollywood High School.

**Line 446 - 447 (Los Angeles - Carson - Wilmington - San Pedro Express)** - Minor trip reduction during the evening to minimize service duplication.

**Line 483 - 485 (Los Angeles - Pasadena - Altadena)** - Add one bus to the weekday mid-day shuttle service along Fair Oaks Avenue between Huntington Drive to Mendocino Street, Altadena, to provide more frequent service.

**Line 561 - 233 (Green Line - LAX - Van Nuys Bl. Limited Express)** - Add one bus to weekday morning peak service between 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. and afternoon peak service between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m..

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