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MTA WILL BEGIN OPERATING THREE NEW LIMITED STOP BUS LINES; IMPLEMENT TWO NEW METRO RAPID LINES AND MAKE OTHER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 15, MTA will implement two new Metro Rapid Bus Lines and begin operating three new limited stop Metro Bus lines in an effort to enhance bus service in the region.

"The creation of five bus service sectors earlier this year has brought about needed changes in our bus system to reflect what the community transportation needs are," said MTA CEO Roger Snoble.

MTA will begin operating three new limited stop bus service on lines: 370 (Garvey Ave.), operating peak hours on weekdays between El Monte and Atlantic Avenue, 380 (Hollywood Blvd./Colorado Blvd.), weekday peak hour service between Vermont and Lake Avenue and 381 (Figueroa Street), between Century Boulevard and York Boulevard. MTA for the first time also will operate existing limited bus stop line 333 (Venice Blvd.), on Saturdays between Santa Monica and downtown Los Angeles.

MTA also will begin operating two new Metro Rapid Bus Lines. Line 745 (Broadway Metro Rapid), will provide new Metro Rapid service on South Broadway from the Harbor Metro Green Line station to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. Line 754 (Vermont Metro Rapid), will operate along Vermont Avenue from the Vermont Metro Green Line station to the Metro Red Line subway station at Vermont and Sunset. Fares on these two new Metro Rapid Lines will be free on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 15 & 16 only.

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MTA is implementing shuttle service on Line 45 (Broadway/Mercury Ave.), between Huntington Drive and Monterey Road to Broadway and First Street for patrons transferring from the new Metro Rapid line 745.

More late night service will be added to Metro Bus line 166 (Nordoff/Lankershim Blvd.), to serve the extended late night hours of the Metro Red Line. Also line 243 (Winnetka Ave.), will receive added late night service for students attending night classes at Los Angeles Pierce College in Woodland Hills. Metro Bus Line 92 (Glenoaks/Brand/Glendale Blvd.), will now provide direct access to the Burbank Metrolink station.

Additional morning, afternoon and/or midday service will be added to 17 Metro Bus lines. They include lines: 28/328 (West Olympic Blvd.), between Century City and downtown Los Angeles, 51 (Avalon Blvd.), 66 (East Olympic Blvd./W. 8th St.), 152 (Roscoe Blvd.), 170 (Hellman Ave.), 180 (Hollywood/Colorado Blvd.), 233/561 (Van Nuys Blvd.), 94/394 (San Fernando Road) to serve Olive View Medical Center, 251 (Soto/Daly/Seville St.), 260 (Atlantic Blvd.), 460 (LA/Disneyland Express), 550 (San Pedro/West Hollywood Express), and Metro Rapid lines 720 (Wilshire Metro Rapid) and 750 (Ventura Metro Rapid).

On Metro Rapid line 750 (Ventura Metro Rapid), MTA will institute a new station stop along Ventura Boulevard at De Soto Avenue. The station is needed to provide patrons with better access to Kaiser Permanente Hospital.

Two Metro Bus lines will have their routes extended. Line 76 (Valley Blvd.) will have westbound service rerouted to connect with the future Chinatown Metro Gold Line Station and line 439 (LAX/Redondo Beach Express) will be rerouted to serve the Howard Hughes Center in Westchester.

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Service on line 426 (San Fernando/Wilshire Blvd. Express) is being reduced between North Hollywood and Wilshire/Western due to low ridership on this portion of the line. In addition, due to the establishment of two new Metro Rapid Bus lines, the limited bus lines that normally operate along those corridors will be cancelled. They include line 345 (Broadway Limited), and line 354 (Vermont Ave. Limited).

Other minor adjustments to timetables will occur on the following lines: 4-304, 14, 16-316, 18, 20-21-22, 26, 30-31, 37, 38-71, 53, 55, 60, 68, 78-79, 83, 84-85, 90-91, 105, 108, 115-315, 119-126, 120-121, 150-240, 154, 156, 161, 163-426, 164-165, 166, 169, 175, 200, 202, 210-310, 211-215, 212, 230, 236, 239, 245, 264, 265-275, 267, 268, 362, 418, 434, 446-447-646, 487-489, and 576.

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