

MTA Board Approves Service Changes in the San Fernando Valley

- **Board Elects to Review 30-Day Impact Analysis for Line 561**

The MTA Board of Directors has approved a number of changes aimed at enhancing bus service in the San Fernando Valley, and will analyze Bus Line 561 for a month to better determine impacts.

Board-approved changes, which become effective June 2003 or later, will add service on some lines, restructure others and cancel segments as MTA moves to improve the utility and efficiency of its Valley bus operations. These changes are:

No.	Line Name	Description of Change
90-91	L.A.- Sunland-Sylmar	Extend Saturday service from Sunland to Olive View Medical Center once an hour.
92-93/ 410	L.A.-Glendale-Burbank San Fernando/Express	Cancel segment on Brand Blvd. between Glenoaks Blvd. and Mountain St.; Cancel Line 93 segment on Allesandro St. (see Line 603); Cancel Line 410 Express Route.
236	Balboa Blvd.-Woodley Ave.	Restructure route to operate north along Balboa Blvd. to Cascades Business Park, then via Foothill Blvd., Glenoaks Blvd. and Hubbard St. to a new terminal at the Sylmar/San Fernando Metrolink Station on weekdays only. The Woodley segment will continue to be served as a branch route of Line 236 on weekdays.
243	De Soto Ave.- Ventura Blvd- Winnetka Ave.	Establish new Saturday service along De Soto Ave.
418	L.A.-Roscoe Blvd.Express	Cancel local/express route south of Roscoe and Laurel Canyon Blvds. to downtown L.A. and replace with Roscoe Blvd.-Laurel Canyon Blvd. limited to North Hollywood Station.
426	San Fernando Valley-Wilshire	Cancel segment south of North Hollywood Station to eliminate duplication with Metro Red Line service.
603	Rampart Blvd.-Hoover St.- Colorado St.	Minor reroute to Allesandro St. to replace Line 93 segment.

MTA's motion to further study the effects of bus line changes comes as a result of public feedback at MTA's Feb. 27 Board meeting, where local citizens discussed the impacts of specific bus line service changes on their own commutes. MTA will evaluate impacts to its entire system for a 30-day period and prepare an impact analysis for further Board consideration at its next meeting in March. The MTA Board will then determine whether to keep services in place or make additional changes.

MTA will analyze the impact of suspending cancellation of Bus Line 561:

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561 Green Line-LAX-Van Nuys Blvd.

Cancel line and integrate into Van Nuys Metro Rapid between Lake View Terrace and Westwood. Cancel the route segment to the Sylmar/San Fernando Metrolink Station since most patrons on Lines 233 and 561 have origins and destinations in Lake View Terrace instead of Sylmar. Cancel the route segment operating between Westwood and Aviation Green Line Station due to low productivity.

All Board-approved changes incorporate the feedback from the local community given during public hearings in January. These meetings allowed members of the San Fernando Valley community to publicly comment on all MTA service changes. In many cases, proposed route changes were revised as a direct result of public comment, demonstrating that the MTA service sector concept of involving communities in the local management of bus operations is working.

MTA proposes bus service changes twice a year and works closely with communities within its five service sector areas to plan bus services that meet the needs of the community while also eliminating unproductive or duplicative bus route segments. When making bus service changes, MTA strives to provide better connectivity between bus and train services and to introduce new bus service where it is most needed.

The San Fernando Valley Service Sector serves, among other cities, Burbank, Glendale, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village, San Fernando, Calabasas, Agoura Hills and the City of Los Angeles.

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