

MTA's Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector to Hold Town Hall Meeting April 16 in Artesia

MTA's Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector, which includes cities in Southeast Los Angeles County, will hold a Town Hall meeting in the City of Artesia at the Albert O. Little Community Center located at 18750 Clarkdale Avenue on Wednesday, April 16. The presentation on bus service in the community will be held between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

The Artesia Town Hall meeting was scheduled in coordination with the City of Artesia to provide transportation information relevant to the transit interests of the community. In addition to presenting information on bus transit, public comment is encouraged on how bus service can be improved in the City of Artesia and surrounding areas.

MTA began decentralizing its bus operations last summer by implementing five community-based transit service sectors designed to improve bus service by soliciting community input and working with city staff to help improve the reliability, customer satisfaction and trip planning opportunities for patrons who rely on MTA services. An additional sector was also created for rail operations.

Rich Rogers, Gateway Cities sector General Manager, has been meeting with representatives of the 26 cities (and areas of unincorporated LA County) in the Gateway Cities sector area to better understand the transit needs of their communities.

"We encourage the public to attend this Town Hall meeting and give us their opinions about bus service in Artesia and neighboring cities," said Gateway Cities General Manager Rich Rogers. "We are specifically looking for public comment and suggestions on how we can improve service. My goal is to conduct these Town Hall meetings in all of the cities we serve to better understand the interests and needs of our bus riders throughout the Gateway Cities."

Other Town Hall meetings are scheduled for the cities of: Pico Rivera on April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Pico Park Community Center located at 9520 Beverly Blvd.; Paramount on April 24 at 6 p.m. in Progress Park (Childcare Provided), which is located at 15500 Downey Ave., and in Bellflower on April 29 at 6 p.m. in the Green Room of their City Hall, located at 16600 Civic Center Drive.

For specific Metro route and schedule information visit MTA's Web site at www.mta.net and use MTA's trip planner or call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E. The Gateway Cities sector office is located in Downey at 7878 Telegraph Road. They can be reached by calling (213) 922-4395.

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