

MTA's Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector to Hold a Town Hall Meeting April 23 in Pico Rivera

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 Pico Rivera at the Pico Rivera Community Center, 9520 Beverly Boulevard on Wednesday, April 23. The presentation on bus service in the community will be held between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Pico Rivera Town Hall meeting was scheduled in coordination with the City of Pico Rivera 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 Pico Rivera 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 Pico Rivera 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."

Participating in the Pico Rivera Town Hall Meeting will be Beatrice Proo, Mayor of Pico Rivera and a member of the MTA Board of Directors.

"In my dual role of Mayor of Rico Rivera and MTA Board member, I'm especially interested in the transit needs of residents and workers in Pico Rivera," said Proo. "This meeting offers an excellent opportunity for this community to hear the various transit plans the MTA is considering and encourages a dialogue with the community to share their suggestions and comments about improving bus services in our area."

Other Town Hall meetings are scheduled for the cities of: 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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