

MTA Board Approves Service Changes in the Westside/Central Area of Los Angeles

The MTA Board of Directors has approved a number of changes aimed at enhancing bus service in the Westside/Central area of Los Angeles.

The changes will result in additional, better bus service through improved efficiencies.

"These changes will provide more service to area riders during peak demand," said Tracy Daly, MTA's General Manager for the Metro Westside/Central Service Sector. "We have also added more late evening service and improved night-time to day-time service."

On the popular Wilshire Metro Rapid, 55 daily trips have been added to the schedule. Late night service hours will also be extended on that line. Changes, which become effective June 2003 or later, are:

No.	Line Name	Description of Change
2	Sunset Boulevard	Add eight new trips for improved service. Eliminate Route 3 portion of Line 2 (Canon Drive, Beverly Hills) and other minor route changes.
4/304	Santa Monica Boulevard	Add 19 new weekday trips on Line 4. Improve late night service to every 20 minutes. Expand hours and route on Line 304 Limited Service on both weekdays and weekends. Minor route change to serve the Cathedral and Music Center.
22	Century City-Brentwood Shuttle	Cancel line. Much of this line is duplicated by the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Line 4.
33/333	Venice Boulevard	Add 10 new weekday trips on Line 33 and improve late evening service. Expand hours for Line 333 Limited Service and add weekend service. Other minor route changes.

Bus patrons will also experience increased weekday service on Line 10/11 (Melrose Avenue), Line 14/37 (Beverly Boulevard/W. Adams Boulevard), Line 16/316 (Third Street), Line 30/31 (Pico Boulevard), Line 38/71 (Jefferson Boulevard), Line 68 (Washington Boulevard)/Cesar Chavez, Line 217 (Fairfax Avenue), and Line 434 (LA-Santa Monica-Malibu).

All Board-approved changes incorporate the feedback from the local community given during a public hearing held April 1. These meetings allowed members of the public throughout the Westside/Central community to 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 Westside/Central Service Sector serves much of the City of Los Angeles south of the Santa Monica Mountains as well as the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Malibu, Santa

Monica and West Hollywood.

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