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MTA Plans Lifeline Transit Services in Los Angeles County

October 15 - Beginning today, contracted bus routes operated for MTA by First Transit Inc. are not in operation due to a work stoppage.

Non-running routes are: Line 125 (Rosecrans Avenue); Line 128 (Alondra Boulevard); Line 130 (Artesia Boulevard); Line 177 (Glendale – La Canada – Pasadena – Monrovia – Duarte); Line 205 (Willowbrook – Harbor City – San Pedro); Line 214 (Broadway – Main Street Loop); Line 225 (Aviation Boulevard – Palos Verdes Peninsula); Line 226 (Palos Verdes Drive West); Line 232 (Pacific Coast Highway); Line 254 (Willowbrook – Huntington Park – Lorena Street); Line 256 (Eastern Avenue – Avenue 64 – North Hill Avenue); Line 266 (Lakewood – Rosemead Boulevards); and Line 270 (Monrovia – El Monte – Norwalk). First Transit is working to restore service on these lines that may occur in the next few days.

The following contracted Metro Bus lines are still in operation: Line 96 (L.A.-Burbank-Sherman Oaks); Line 167 (Plummer Street-Coldwater Canyon Avenue); Line 218 (West Hollywood – Studio City via Laurel Canyon Boulevard); Line 603 (Rampart – Hoover – Colorado Boulevard Shuttle); Line 605 (Grande Vista Street – USC Hospital Shuttle); Line 625 (Aviation Metro Green Line Station Shuttle); Red Line Special - Line 888 (Metro Red Line emulator to/from Union Station to 7th Street & Westlake/MacArthur Park Metro Red Line stations only); Line 626 (Mariposa – Green Line Shuttle); Line 646 (night-only service); and Line 58 (Union Station – Alameda Street – Washington Boulevard – Metro Blue Line Station).

Lifeline bus services running North/South and East/West are planned to operate as early as Thursday, Oct. 16 from the following areas to Gateway Center/Union Station in downtown Los Angeles:

- **Warner Center** -- Non-stop express service that runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday
- **Artesia Metro Blue Line Station** -- Runs from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **East Los Angeles** -- Runs non-stop every 30 minutes between East L.A. Civic Center (3rd/LaVerne) and Gateway Center/Union Station from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Point-to-point lifeline service is planned to operate as early as Thursday, Oct. 16 between Aviation Metro Green Line Station and the Norwalk Metro Green Line Station via Interstate 105.

Patrons can plan their trips on these lines by accessing the Metro Trip Planner on MTA's Internet web site at www.mta.net.

Riders also can find carpools and vanpools near their homes or workplaces by clicking on the "Ridesharing" link on MTA's Internet home page or by going directly to www.ridematch.info.

In addition, transit riders may dial 1-800-COMMUTE (800-266-6883) for information on transit services, ridesharing, Metrolink or bike commuting.

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