

Metro News Pressroom

January 21, 2004

CONTACT:

Rick Jager/Marc Littman

MTA MEDIA RELATIONS

(213) 922-2707/922-2700

www.metro.net/press/pressroom

e-mail: mediarelations@metro.net

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Metro Bus Service Modifications Set for February 1; Three New Bus Lines Debut with Additional Service Added to 9 Bus Lines

- [TABLE:](#) Complete list of service changes

Three new Metro Bus Lines will begin operating on Sunday, Feb. 1 as part of a region- wide service enhancement program aimed at improving the efficiency of the Metro Bus system.

The three new Metro Bus Lines include implementation of a new Line 710 Metro Rapid Line on Crenshaw Boulevard (Monday-Friday only), Line 353 (Slauson Avenue) providing limited service between Fox Hills Mall and Eastern Avenue, and Line 312 (La Brea Avenue) providing limited service between Manchester Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard during peak periods.

Additional service will be added to 9 Metro Bus Lines throughout the region to improve service performance and relieve overcrowding on heavily traveled lines. Service will be added in either the morning or afternoon peak periods or a combination of both as well as some weekend and night service on the following Metro Bus Lines: 90/91 (Foothill Blvd./Glendale Ave.), 166 (Nordoff St./Lankershim Blvd.), 233 (Van Nuys Blvd.), 761 (Westwood/Van Nuys Rapid Bus), 16/316 (West 3rd St.), 620 (Boyle Heights Shuttle), 111 (Florence Ave.), 204 (Vermont Ave.) and 81 (Figueroa St.).

Two Metro bus lines will be cancelled as part of the service modification due to low ridership. Those lines are 250/253 (Euclid Ave./Evergreen Ave.), and 471 (Puente Hills Mall/Whittier Center via Colima Rd./Brea Mall).

Eight Metro Bus Lines will receive a reduction in service levels and/or cancellation of part of underutilized segments of their lines. They include Line 720 (Wilshire Rapid), Line 18 (West 6th St./Whittier Blvd.), Line 26/51/52/352 (Hollywood/7th St./Avalon Blvd./Carson-Compton) Line 120/121 (Imperial Highway), Line 124 (El Segundo Blvd./Santa Fe Ave.), Line 127 (Compton Blvd./Bellflower Blvd.), Line 207/357 (Western Ave.), and Line 687 (Los Robles Ave.).

The rerouting of service will occur on a number of Metro Bus lines as part of the service changes. Those line to be rerouted include: Line 761 (Westwood/Van Nuys Rapid), 434 (Trancas Canyon Express), 484 (El Monte/La Puente/Pomona Express), 60/360 (Long Beach Blvd.) 611 (Huntington Park/Vernon Shuttle), 40/340/442 (Hawthorne/LAX Los Angeles), and 42 (La Tijera/Martin Luther King Blvd.)

The Metro service changes received public review last year and were scheduled to go into effect on December 21. However, due to the labor strike the service changes were postponed until February 1, 2004. The following is a complete list of Metro service changes:

3 New Services	
710- Crenshaw Blvd. Rapid Bus	Implement new Line 710 Crenshaw Blvd. Rapid Bus.
358- Slauson Ave.	Create limited service to operate between Fox Hills Mall and Eastern Ave.
312- La Brea Ave.	Implement limited service between Manchester Ave. and Hollywood Blvd. During peak periods.
Additional Services on 9 Bus Routes	
90/91- Foothill Blvd.- Glendale Ave.	Add one southbound AM trip to reduce passenger loads.

166- Nordhoff St./Lankershim Blvd.	Add northbound trip departing No. Hollywood Station at 4:20PM and terminating at Osborne & Glenoaks at 4:51PM.
233- Van Nuys Blvd.	Add southbound trip in 7:20AM time period and extending trip to Westwood to reduce passenger loads.
233- Van Nuys Blvd.	Add north bound trip in 5:20PM time period to reduce passenger loads.
761- Westwood- Van Nuys Rapid Bus	Add trip departing the Federal Building at 7:18PM.
16-316- West 3rd. St.	Add new eastbound evening trip to reduce passenger loads.
620- Boyle Heights Shuttle	Increase service span to match that of the cancelled 250-253 line (6AM to 7:30PM).
111- Florence Ave.	Add service during rush hours
204- Vermont Ave.	Add service during rush hours
81- Figueroa St.	Increase number of southbound Line 381 trips.
Rerouting Service on 8 Bus Routes	
761- Westwood- Van Nuys Rapid Bus	Implement midday shortlines at Moorpark and Ventura.
434- Trancas Cyn. Express	Modify the route of the line through Malibu.
484- El Monte- La Puente- Pomona Express	Reroute Line 484B to serve Industry Metrolink station on-street (Brea Canyon/Currier).
60-360- Long Beach Blvd.	Operational change at Long Beach Mall.
60-360- Long Beach Blvd.	Change the north terminal to Figueroa St. and Sunset Blvd.
611- Huntington Park- Vernon Shuttle	Move the terminal to Long Beach & Vernon to accommodate passenger travel pattern.
40-340-442- Hawthorne-LAX- Downtown LA	Reroute limited service to terminate at 7th & Maple.
40-340-442- Hawthorne-LAX- Downtown LA	Reroute service through the Inglewood Transit Center.
42- La Tijera Blvd.-Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.- Downtown LA	Reroute selected service via Slauson Ave., La Cienega Blvd., bypassing La Tijera Blvd.
Service Reduction/ Cancellation on 10 Bus Routes	
720- Wilshire Blvd.	Relocate eastern terminal from Montebello Metrolink Station to Whittier Blvd. near Atlantic Blvd.
18- West 6th St.-Whittier Blvd.	Cancel route west of Western Ave.
26/51/52/352- Hollywood-7th St.-Avalon Blvd.-Carson-Compton	Reduce service on unproductive segment on Franklin Ave. by scheduling 60 minutes HW to Hollywood. Shorten the North terminal at Hollywood & Vine Station.
120-121- Imperial Hwy.	Cancel segment east of the Norwalk Station due to duplication of service with Norwalk Line 4.
124- El Segundo Blvd.-Santa Fe Ave.	Cancel segment east of Rosa Parks Station due to low ridership.
127- Compton Blvd.- Bellflower Blvd.	Cancel segment west of the Compton Station due to low ridership.
207/357- Western Ave.	Cancel segment of the line east of Harbor I-105/ I-110 Green Line Station to Rosa Parks Station.
250/253- Euclid Ave.- Evergreen Ave.	Cancel Line.
471- Puente Hills Mall Whittier Center - Via Colima Rd. Brea Mall	Cancel Line.

687- Los Robles Ave.	Reduce peak period weekday service level from 15 minutes to 20 minutes.
Extended Route Coverage on 2 Bus Routes	
720- Wilshire Blvd.	Extend selected shortline trips from Wilshire & Westwood Blvds. to 5th St. and Colorado St.
111- LAX-Florence Ave.- Leffingwell Rd.	Reroute service through the Inglewood Transit Center. Reroute through service via the Norwalk Station.
Other Minor Changes on 4 Bus Routes	
761- Westwood- Van Nuys Rapid Bus	Add additional Rapid Bus stops at Huston and Chase.
260-361- Artesia Sta.- Pasadena-Altadena via Atlantic Blvd.	Convert more AM southbound and PM northbound trips to Route 361.
358- Slauson Ave.	Modify route to remain on Slauson Ave. in the Fox Hills Mall area to operate bi-direction peak hours only.
207/357- Western Ave.	Extend Limited service area to operate between Manchester Ave. to Hollywood and Western Red Line Station.

For more information and specific route information patrons can call 1-800-C-O-M-M-U-T-E or visit MTA's web site at www.metro.net.

MTA-008

[Pressroom](#) | www.metro.net