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Metro South Bay Service Sector to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Metro Bus Changes

The Metro South Bay community-based transit service sector will hold a public hearing in March on proposed Metro Bus service modifications and service changes planned for implementation on or after June 27, 2004.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 10, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the City of Carson Community Center, 801 East Carson St. in Carson.

The purpose of the upcoming public hearing is to receive public comments on proposed changes to Metro Bus services operating in the South Bay and other portions of Los Angeles County.

The proposed service changes are subject to final approval by the Metro South Bay Governance Council at a later date. The service changes are proposed to improve service quality while using resources wisely and include some new services as well as additional service added to corridors with the most passengers. Services proposed for cancellation generally carry fewer passengers and require a higher public subsidy to operate.

The affected Metro Bus lines and service proposals under consideration include:

Proposed New Service

- **Line 232 (Pacific Coast Highway/LAX)** Implement new Line 332 limited stop service in morning and afternoon peak periods.
- **Line 607 (N. Inglewood Community Shuttle)** Implement new community-based shuttle service to operate every 30 minutes in both morning and afternoon peak periods.
- **Line 609 (Athens/Hawthorne Community Shuttle)** Implement new community-based shuttle service to operate every 30-45 minutes in both morning and afternoon peak periods.
- **Line 681 (Huntington Park/Watts Shuttle)** Extend service to the Metro Blue Line Slauson Station.

Modify or Cancel Local Bus Routes

- **Line 107 (54th Street/Fairview Blvd.)** Cancel all service. Alternate service provided by DASH and Line 108/358 (Slauson Ave.)
- **Line 124 (El Segundo Blvd.)** Cancel all service. Alternate service provided by Metro Green Line and Line 125 (Rosecrans Ave.)
- **Line 202 (Willowbrook/Compton/Wilmington)** Cancel all service or cancel route south of Metro Blue Line Del Amo Station.
- **Line 209 (Van Ness Ave./Arlington Ave.)** Cancel all service or modify south end of route to terminate at the Metro Green Line Crenshaw Station.
- **Line 215 (Inglewood Ave./Redondo Beach/Del Amo Center)** Cancel route south of Metro Green Line Marine/Redondo Beach Station.

Modify and Cancel Express Bus Routes

- **Line 439 (Los Angeles/LAX/Redondo Beach Express)** Cancel all service or cancel route south of Metro Green Line Aviation Station
- **Line 442 (Los Angeles/Manchester Ave./Hawthorne Blvd. Express)** Cancel all service. Alternative service provided by Line 340 (Hawthorne Blvd.) Line 315 (Manchester Ave.) and Lines 444, 445, 446/447 (Harbor Transitway Service).

Modify and Cancel Harbor Transitway Bus Routes

- **Line 444 (Los Angeles/Torrance/Palos Verdes Express)** Cancel off-peak service north of Artesia Transit Center.
- **Line 445 Los Angeles/San Pedro Express)** Add service in off-peak periods to establish consistent frequency on the Harbor Transitway.
- **Line 446/447 (Los Angeles/Carson/Wilmington/San Pedro Express)** Reroute all trips to Artesia Transit Center and cancel off-peak service north of the Artesia Transit Center.
- **Line 550 (West Hollywood/San Pedro Express)** Cancel all service or cancel route south of the Artesia Transit Center. Alternative service provided by Lines 205, 305, 445 and Torrance Line 1.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments on these proposals. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments through March 15, 2004. All comments should be sent to Metro South Bay Sector Office, Attn: March 2004 Public Hearing, 680 Knox St., Suite 150, Torrance, 90502. Comments also can be either e-mailed to customerrelations@metro.net or faxed to (310) 225-6011.

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