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## **METRO GATEWAY CITIES COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE SECTOR TO HOLD THREE TOWN HALL MEETINGS IN MARCH**

The Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector, which includes cities in Southeast Los Angeles County, will hold a series of Town Hall meetings to update the public on various transportation issues pertaining to Metro Bus service provided in the Gateway Cities region.

The Town Hall meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 24 in the cities of Bell and Cudahy, and on March 25 in the City of South Gate. These meetings were scheduled in coordination with the hosting cities to provide transportation information relevant to the transit interests of their communities.

In addition to presenting information on bus transit, public comment is encouraged on how Metro Bus service can be improved in their community. The Town Hall meetings will be held at the following locations:

**Wednesday, March 24, 2004, 10:30 – 11 am**

Bell Community Center  
6250 Pine Avenue (Senior Group)  
Bell, CA

**Wednesday, March 24, 2004, 7 – 8 pm**

Clara St. Park  
4835 Clara St. (Community Group)  
Cudahy, CA

**Thursday, March 25, 2004, 6 pm**

Girls Club House  
4930 Southern Avenue (Community Group)  
South Gate, CA

MTA decentralized its bus operations two years ago by implementing five community-based transit service sectors. The sectors were 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 Metro services.

Gateway Cities Sector staff has been meeting with representatives of the 26 cities and areas of unincorporated LA County in the Gateway Cities sector to better understand the transit needs of their communities.

"We have conducted a number of Town Hall meetings since the introduction of the sector, and have found they provide an excellent way of getting our customer's input on scheduling plans," said MTA Gateway Cities Sector General Manager Alex Clifford. "I'm looking forward to meeting and hearing from our customers at the March Town Hall meetings and hope to get a better understanding of the interests and needs of bus riders in the communities we serve."

These will be the first Town Hall meetings the Gateway Cities sector has conducted in the cities of Bell, Cudahy and South Gate. Meetings have previously been conducted in the cities of Huntington Park, Downey, Norwalk, Bellflower, Paramount, Artesia and Pico Rivera. Additional Town Hall meetings are currently being scheduled in other communities in the Gateway Cities region later in the year.

For specific Metro route and schedule information visit MTA's Web site at [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net) and use the Metro 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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