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Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council Considering Proposed Service Improvements

The Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council is evaluating a number of proposed bus service improvements in Southeast Los Angeles County, which would become effective in late December. The council conducted a public hearing earlier this month in the City of Downey to receive public input on the projected service modifications.

"The public hearing process is very important to our governance council," said Gateway Cities Governance Council Chair Bonnie Lowenthal. "One of our main objectives is to work with local residents to ensure their service needs are met. It is crucial for us to receive public input on the changes that are proposed, as well as other comments on improving service, so we can be certain that the proposed changes are appropriate."

Modifications to Line 270 (Monrovia/El Monte/Norwalk) will provide new service to Whittier College, to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station, and to the L.A. County Government Offices in the City of Norwalk.

A new routing proposed for Line 362 (Hawaiian Gardens/Cerritos/Telegraph Rd/Los Angeles Limited) will improve access to the L.A. County Government Offices and provide new service to the Metrolink Station and the Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk. The proposed new route is expected to reduce travel time for riders and residents in the cities of Santa Fe Springs, Downey, Pico Rivera, Montebello and Commerce by making fewer bus stops along Telegraph Road.

New service is also being considered for the cities of Downey, Lakewood, Paramount and Pico Rivera. Line 265 (Pico Rivera/Whittier) is proposed to operate new weekend service and extended service hours on weekdays. The expansion of the weekday service, and the addition of weekend service, will provide new travel opportunities to local shopping centers, recreational facilities, entertainment venues and more by public transit.

In addition to the changes above, one minor route change is also being considered on Line 275 (Greenleaf Ave./Valley View/Cerritos) in the City of Whittier. Line 576 (South Los Angeles/Pacific Palisades Express), is proposed to be discontinued due to excessive service duplication.

"The service changes are proposed to improve public access to education, transportation centers, hospitals and employment centers, and to eliminate unnecessary service duplication," said Metro Gateway Cities Sector General Manager Alex Clifford.

The Metro Gateway Cities Governance Council will vote on these proposed changes at their next meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 9 at The Gas Company, 9240 Firestone Blvd. in Downey.

If approved, the new changes will be implemented in late December. If you are interested in learning about any of the other service changes being proposed by other Metro service sectors, you can access the information at www.metro.net to view a description of each change and route maps indicating the current and proposed route alignment.

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