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**Metro South Bay Service Sector to Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Metro Bus Changes to be Implemented in June**

- **Public Hearing set for Feb. 22**

The Metro South Bay Service Sector Governance Council will hold a public hearing to gather public input on proposed Metro Bus service changes to be implemented on June 26, 2005 or later.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Carson Community Center, Adult Activities Room, 801 East Carson Street in Carson.

The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments on the proposed service changes. Persons unable to attend the hearing can submit written comments through Feb. 22, 2005.

Comments should be mailed to Metro South Bay, Attn: June 2005 Service Changes, 680 Knox Street, Suite 150, Torrance, 90502. Comments also can be faxed to (310) 225-6011 or e-mailed to: [customerrelations@metro.net](mailto:customerrelations@metro.net).

The affected bus lines and service proposals under consideration for implementation in June are listed below. These service changes are proposed to improve service quality, to use resources wisely and to consider new services.

**Line 107 (54<sup>th</sup> Street – Fairview Blvd.)** Reaffirm cancellation previously implemented in June 2004.

**Line 115 (Manchester Ave. – Firestone Blvd.)** In Westchester, modify route to straight line on Manchester Ave. between Loyola Blvd. and Emerson Ave., eliminating portion of route on Loyola Blvd., 80<sup>th</sup> Street and Emerson Ave.

**Line 202 (Willowbrook-Comptom-Wilmington)** Cancel midday service and reduce service frequency to 60 minutes in the morning and afternoon peaks, or transfer service for operation by another public transportation provider.

**Line 205 (Willowbrook – Harbor City – San Pedro)** In San Pedro, reroute to a new terminal at the Harbor-Beacon Park-Ride lot in conjunction with the implementation of a new community shuttle.

**Line 207/357 (Western Ave. – 120<sup>th</sup> Street)** Two proposals: 1) in Hollywood, restructure some trips to link with Line 204 (Vermont Ave.) to reduce the number of buses operating on Garfield Place; and (2) in Athens and South Los Angeles, consider elimination of the route segment on Western Ave. south of Imperial Highway and on 120<sup>th</sup> Street between Western Ave. and the Harbor Metro Green Line Station.

**Line 211/215 (Prairie Ave. – Inglewood Ave.)** Cancel midday service; continue to operate morning and afternoon peak periods.

**Line 225/226 (Palos Verdes Peninsula)** Consider transfer of service to the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority for community-based operation.

**Line 305 (Rosa Parks Station to Westwood Cross-town Bus)** Cancel weekend and holiday service and reduce weekday service frequency to approximately every 40 minutes in peak hours and every 60 minutes in the midday.

**Line 357 (Western Avenue Limited)** Cancel all service in December 2005 with the implementation of Western Avenue Metro Rapid Line 757.

**Line 439 (Los Angeles-LAX-Redondo Beach Express)** Cancel all service south of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Transit Center.

**Line 442 (Los Angeles-Manchester Ave.-Hawthorne Blvd. Express)** Cancel service with alternate service available on Metro Rapid Line 740, Metro Green Line, Line 315 and the Harbor Transitway.

**Line 711 (Florence Avenue Rapid Bus)** Extend some or all trips from the Inglewood transit Center to the LAX Transit Center via Century Blvd.

**Line 757 (Western Avenue Rapid Bus)** Consider route, service periods, stops, and terminal locations for the Western Avenue Metro Rapid Line expected to begin service in December 2005.

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