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Metro Westside/Central Service Sector to Hold 'Metro Connections' Workshop Meeting Feb. 3

The Metro Westside/Central Service Sector Governance Council will hold a special workshop meeting on Thursday, Feb. 3 to discuss a new concept in transportation delivery called Metro Connections.

The public is encouraged to attend the workshop meeting set to begin at 3 p.m. at the La Cienega Tennis Center, 325 South La Cienega in Beverly Hills.

Metro Connections is an innovative and comprehensive approach intended to rethink how transit service is provided in Los Angeles County. The goals are to improve customer service, better integrate various types of service provided by Metro and other operators, and make efficient use of taxpayer's dollars.

Metro Connections, when implemented, will be the first countywide, comprehensive restructuring of the region's bus system since 1980.

The intent of Metro Connections bus service restructuring effort is to move the region's predominately downtown Los Angeles-focused grid system to a hybrid "hub and spoke" service delivery system that will better serve the region's many activity centers and destinations.

The restructuring will provide the region with the opportunity to assess and plan for how to effectively and efficiently deploy the County's varied transit resources in order to improve mobility, support economic development, maximize public investments in transportation infrastructure, maintain air quality improvements and enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Implementation of Metro Connections is anticipated to take place over the next two to three years, with the initial phase of the new service planned for implementation during FY 2006.

The scheduled Westside/Central Service Sector Governance Council workshop is one of a series of upcoming meetings that will be held at various sectors to gather public input on the Metro Connections concept.

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