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Metro Community-Based Service Sectors to Hold Public Hearings in February on Proposed Service Modifications

All five Metro community-based service sectors will hold public hearings in early February to receive community input on proposed Metro Bus service modifications and enhancements.

Approved changes, following the public hearings and formal adoption by the service sector governance councils, will become effective June 24, 2007 or later.

Service enhancements being considered include implementation of a new Metro Rapid line along Santa Monica Boulevard, the implementation of a new Rapid Express service on Wilshire Boulevard and the creation of two new lines in the San Fernando Valley. Metro also is seeking public input as it begins studying a possible express line that could operate between the North Hollywood Red/Orange Line Station and the Pasadena Metro Gold Line with stops in Burbank and Glendale.

The following is a list of times and locations of the five service sector public hearings planned for February:

- Metro San Fernando Valley Sector, February 7, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys
- Metro Gateway Cities Sector, Feb. 8, 2007, 5 p.m., The Gas Company, 9240 Firestone Blvd., Downey
- Metro South Bay Sector, Feb. 9, 2007, 9:30 a.m. Carson Community Center, 801 Carson Street, Carson
- Metro San Gabriel Valley Sector, Feb. 12, 2007, 6 p.m., SGV Sector Office, 3369 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte
- Metro Westside/Central Sector, Feb. 14, 2007, 5 p.m., La Cienega Tennis Center, 325 S. La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills

Listed below are the service proposals to be considered at the public hearings. The proposed service modifications are designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the bus system through better use of resources. The public may attend any of these public hearings and comment on proposals of interest to them.

These proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearings. Approved changes may also include other alternatives derived from public comment. All public comment received will be forwarded to the responsible Metro Sector Governance Council to be considered prior to taking action on the service change proposals.

Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through Feb. 14, 2007. All written testimony should be addressed to: Metro Customer Relations, One Gateway Plaza, 99PL4, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012-2932, Attn: Service Changes June 2007. Comments can also be sent via e-mail with Service Changes June 2007 as the subject to customerrelations@metro.net or fax to 213-922-6988.

METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SERVICE SECTOR		
Line	Route	Proposed Service Change
4-304	Santa Monica Blvd.	Replace Line 304 service with new Rapid Line 704. Discontinue Line 304.
10-11-48	Melrose Ave.- Virgil Ave. - Vermont Ave. - Temple St. -San Pedro St.	Consolidate Lines 10 and 11 to simplify service. Discontinue Line 11.
16-316	W. 3rd St.	Extend Line 316 limited stop service area to La Brea Ave. Shorten route of Lines 16 & 316 in downtown L.A. at 6th St. and Maple Ave.

20-21	Wilshire Blvd. - UCLA - Santa Monica	Shorten Line 20 service at Wilshire Blvd. and Veteran Ave. Discontinue Line 21.
New 704	Santa Monica Blvd. Metro Rapid	Implement new Rapid service on Santa Monica Blvd.
720	Wilshire - Whittier	Implement short turns in Westwood and Downtown Los Angeles. Implement New Rapid Express service between Santa Monica and Wilshire/Vermont Metro Red Line Station.
METRO SOUTH BAY SERVICE SECTOR		
Line	Route	Proposed Service Change
115	Manchester – Firestone	Cancel service west of Sepulveda Bl. and replace with extended Line 625 (Green Line Shuttle World Way West)
119/126	108 th St. – Manhattan Beach Bl.	Cancel service. Alternatives include Line 117 (Century Bl) and Line 120 (Imperial Hwy)
120/121	Imperial Highway	Make permanent current demonstration project to restructure service as two separate routes
124	El Segundo Bl.	Cancel service. Alternatives include Line 125 (Rosecrans Av) and the Metro Green Line
202	Willowbrook - Compton– Wilmington	Cancel service. Alternatives include the Metro Blue Line, the Hahn Trolley, Compton Renaissance, and Line 205 (Wilmington Av)
214	Artesia Transit Center-Harbor Green Line via Broadway/Main St	Cancel service on Broadway. Continue service on Main St and extend to Western Av and Imperial Hwy via El Segundo Bl.
305	Crosstown Bus	Cancel service north of Pico Bl. Alternatives include Line 550 (W. Hollywood-San Pedro) and Line 2/302 (Sunset Bl)
442	Hawthorne – Inglewood – Los Angeles Express	Cancel service. Alternatives include Line 315 (Manchester Limited), Line 740 (Hawthorne Metro Rapid) and the Harbor Transitway
445	Los Angeles - San Pedro Express	Consider converting some peak hour trips to faster service via Line 455X
455X	7 th /Metro – Harbor Beacon Park-Ride Super Express	Consider new peak hour service with one stop at Harbor Metro Green Line Station
622	Late Night Service	Cancel service
625	Green Line Shuttle World Way West	Extend to Playa del Rey to replace Line 115 west of Sepulveda Bl.
710	Crenshaw – Vine Metro Rapid	Cancel service north of Wilshire Bl. on Rossmore Av. and Vine St. and reroute to new northern terminal at Wilshire-Western Metro Red Line Station. Alternative service to Hollywood via Line 210 (Vine-Crenshaw Local) or Line 757 (Western Metro Rapid)
METRO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SERVICE SECTOR		
Line	Route	Proposed Service Change
90/91	LA-Sylmar via Foothill Bl	Shorten northern terminal at Foothill and Fenwick in Sunland; Remainder of route proposed to be served by new Line 290.
92	L.A. - Burbank via Glenoaks Bl	Shorten northern terminal at Downtown Burbank Station; Remainder of route proposed to be served by new Line 292.
154	Burbank Bl-Oxnard St	Cancel midday and Saturday service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major corridors.
155	Universal City Station-Downtown Burbank Station via Alameda Av	Cancel late night and weekend service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major streets
168	Lassen St-Paxton St	Cancel service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major corridors.
183	Magnolia Bl.-Kenneth Rd.-Chevy Chase Dr.	Shorten eastbound terminal at Alameda Avenue and San Fernando Road in Glendale and reroute service via San Fernando Rd and Verdugo Avenue to Downtown Burbank or Downtown Burbank Station.
239	White Oak Av-Zelzah Av-Rinaldi St	Cancel midday and weekend service; Reallocate resources to relieve overcrowding on major corridors.
New 290	Sylmar-Sunland via Foothill Bl.	Proposed new line operating between Olive View Medical Center and Mt. Gleason loop in Sunland, replacing the northern segment of former Lines 90/91.
New 292	Sylmar-Burbank via Glenoaks Bl.	Proposed new line operating between Olive View Medical Center and Downtown Burbank Station, replacing segment of Line 92 operating north of Downtown Burbank.
656	Panorama City-Downtown LA Owl	Shorten owl at Santa Monica and Highland Av.

Study Express Line	Tri-City Transit Link Express	Proposed new express line operating between North Hollywood Red/Orange Line Station and Pasadena Gold Line with two in-route stops, one in Burbank (Media District) and the other in Glendale (off of -134- freeway)
METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SERVICE SECTOR		
Line	Route	Proposed Service Change
170	El Monte-Montebello via Rush St & Walnut Grove Av	Cancel line and replace with modification to Line 287
176	El Monte-Glassell Park via Mission	Discontinue service between Highland Park Station and Glassell Park. Establish western terminal near the Highland Park Gold Line Station. Remove Line 176 service from Ave. 50, El Paso Dr. and Division Street.
260/361	Altadena-North Long Beach via Fair Oaks Av & Atlantic Bl	Discontinue Line 260/361 service south of Atlantic Av and Alondra Bl. Consider establishing southern terminal at Atlantic Ave and Alondra Bl.
287	El Monte-Sierra Madre Villa Station	Extend to Montebello Towne Ctr via Ramona, Tyler, Rush, Rosemead, Garvey, Walnut Grove, Rush, San Gabriel to Montebello Towne Ctr.
684	Pomona-Brea via Holt Bl & Diamond Bar Bl	Cancel line due to low ridership.
686	Arroyo Parkway-North Allen Av	Consider combining with Line 687. Line numbers to remain the same. Service proposed to operate via Los Robles, Colorado, Fair Oaks, Glenarm, Raymond, Colorado, and Allen.
687	Altadena-Pasadena via Los Robles Av & Fair Oaks Av	See Line 686 for details
751	Cypress Park-Lynwood via Soto St & Long Beach Bl	Establish southern terminal at Palm Pl in South Gate. Service south of South Gate to Lynwood replaced by new Rapid Line 760. Improve peak service to every 10 minutes.
METRO GATEWAY CITIES SERVICE SECTOR		
Line	Route	Proposed Service Change
60/360	Long Beach-downtown Los Angeles-via Long Beach Bl & Santa Fe Av	Restructure line due to start-up of new Rapid Bus Line 760. Line 60 to operate between Artesia Blue Line Station and downtown Los Angeles. Service south of Artesia Bl proposed to be replaced by Long Beach Transit Line 51. Owl service continued to Long Beach Mall by MTA or Long Beach Transit. Limited- stop Line 360 discontinued.
65	Los Angeles-City Terrace via Washington Bl-Indiana St & Gage Av	Cancel line due to excessive duplication. Eastern segment replaced by extending Line 254 over affected segment to CSLA; western segment proposed to be replaced by Montebello Line 50.
254	Watts-Boyle Heights via Maie Av, Boyle Av & Lorena St	Modify northern route to take over segment of Line 65 from 1st St to Cal State LA. Consider adding Sunday service. Alternative service on Lorena St provided by Line 605; Line 68 on Cesar Chavez Av.
265	Lakewood-Montebello via Paramount Bl	Discontinue route between Montebello Mall and Pico Rivera due to low productivity. Northern route to end in Pico Rivera at Whittier Bl and Durfee Rd. Improve peak hour headways on weekdays.
275	Cerritos-Whittier via Artesia Bl-Valley View Av & Carmenita Rd	Discontinue route due to low productivity.
577X	Long Beach-El Monte-Norwalk Express	Extend route to serve the Long Beach Transit Mall. Service proposed to operate in limited-stop mode via 7th St, Atlantic Ave and 1st St. Eliminate night service after 8 pm; consider midday reductions due to low ridership.
760	Downtown Los Angeles-Long Beach Bl Rapid Bus	Operate new rapid bus line over route of local Line 60 seven days a week. South terminal to be established at the Artesia Blue Line Station.

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