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Metro to Hold an Additional Regional Fare Forum on Saturday May 19 in Downtown Los Angeles

Metro will hold an additional Regional Fare Forum on Saturday, May 19 in downtown Los Angeles in an effort to afford Metro patrons additional opportunities to have their comments recorded for the public record on proposed restructuring of Metro fares.

The additional Regional Fare Forum will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Metro's Headquarters Building, 3rd Floor Board Room, One Gateway Plaza, in Los Angeles.

Metro staff will facilitate the fare forum and collect public testimony that will be incorporated into the record of testimony. Metro must receive 72 hours advance notice for requests for translations and/or other special technologies needs prior to the fare forum. Metro Board Members will not be present at the May 19 meeting.

Metro's Board of Directors are responsible for setting the fare structure and will be present when they hold the official public hearing on Metro's proposed fare restructuring on Thursday, May 24, at Metro's Headquarters Building in downtown Los Angeles beginning at 9 a.m.

Those individuals who are unable to attend the official public hearing on May 24 can attend the Saturday, May 19, fare forum or one of the other Regional Fare Forums being held along with Metro's community-based service sector monthly meetings during this month.

The public also can e-mail their comments to fares@metro.net or fax them to (213) 922-4594 or mail their comments to: Metro Board Secretary, Attention: Fare Adjustments, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles Ca. 90012-2952. Since only the Metro Board of Directors is vested with the authority to establish fares, the sector governance councils do not take any action on the fare proposals.

The following is a list of Metro Service Sector Governance Council May meetings and Regional Fare Forums during the month of May where the public can comment on Metro's proposed fare changes as well as the official public hearing on proposed fare changes.

Metro Westside/Central Service Sector

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

5 p.m.

Fare Forum Following Meeting

La Cienega Tennis Center, Sunset Room
325 S. La Cienega Blvd.
Beverly Hills

Metro Gateway Service Sector

Fare Forum Only

Wednesday, May 9, 2007

6 p.m.

Gateway Sector Offices, Non-Revenue Building
7878 Telegraph Road
Downey

Metro Gateway Service Sector

Thursday, May 10, 2007

2 p.m.

(Sector Meeting Only)

The Gas Company
9240 Firestone Blvd.
Downey

Metro South Bay Service Sector

Friday, May 11, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Fare Forum @ 11 a.m.
Carson Community Center
801 E. Carson
Carson

Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector
Monday, May 14, 2007
5 p.m.

Fare Forum @ 7 p.m.
San Gabriel Valley Sector Office
3369 Santa Anita Ave.
El Monte

Metro Regional Fare Forum
Saturday, May 19, 2007
10 a.m. to 12 noon
Metro Headquarters Building, 3rd Fl.
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles

Metro Board of Directors Fare Restructuring Public Hearing
Thursday, May 24, 2007
9 a.m.
Metro Headquarters Building, 3rd Fl.
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles

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