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Metro to Add Two New Metro Rapid Bus Lines; Create a New Local/Limited Downtown L.A. Bus Line and Provide Additional Saturday Service on Selected Lines Effective Dec. 16

Metro will add two new Metro Rapid Bus lines, provide additional Saturday bus service on four lines, extend the routes on three lines and create a new local/limited bus line serving downtown Los Angeles via Washington Blvd. effective Sunday, Dec. 16.

The two new Metro Rapid Bus Lines include Line 728 (Downtown LA-Century City via Olympic Blvd.) which will operate along Olympic Blvd. from Cesar Chavez Ave. and Vignes Street near Union Station to Century City. The second Metro Rapid Bus Line to be implemented is Line 770 (Los Angeles-El Monte via Garvey Ave. and Cesar Chavez Ave.) that will operate in the San Gabriel Valley from the El Monte Bus Station into downtown Los Angeles. These two new Metro Rapid Bus lines will operate Monday through Friday beginning Monday, Dec. 17.

The addition of these two new Metro Rapid Bus Lines brings the total to 20 Metro Rapid Bus Lines -- including one line operated by Santa Monica Big Blue Bus that operate throughout the region along major transit corridors. In 2008, a total of 28 Metro Rapid Bus Lines will be implemented.

New weekend service will be added to Metro Rapid Bus Line 780 (Pasadena-West Los Angeles) between Pasadena and Hollywood. Extra Saturday service will be added to Metro Bus Lines 18, 45 and 66.

In addition, Metro plans to operate a new local/limited bus line 35-335 (Downtown LA-Washington Blvd./Fairfax Ave.) along Washington Blvd. replacing a portion of service previously provided by Line 68-368.

These Metro service changes and enhancements are aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the system through better use of resources.

Metro also plans to discontinue Metro Gold Line Express service and convert that service to local service by improving the frequency of trains operating between Los Angeles and Pasadena to now run every 7 to 8 minutes during the peak periods. Weekday and weekend mid-day and afternoon service will be improved from every 15 minutes to every 12 minutes.

The following is a complete list of the service changes and enhancements to be implemented effective Sunday, Dec. 16.

- 18 Wilshire Center-Montebello via 6th St & Whittier Bl. Enhance Saturday service.
- 28 Downtown LA-Century City via W Olympic. Restructure service to operate from downtown LA (7th/Maple) to Century City.
- NEW! 35-335 Downtown LA-Washington Bl/Fairfax Av via Washington Bl. New service from downtown LA (Broadway/Venice) to Washington Bl/Fairfax Av; replaces portion of service previously provided by Line 68-368.
- 38 West Los Angeles-Downtown LA via W Jefferson and 71 Downtown LA-CSULA via City Terrace Dr. Restructure to operate from downtown LA (Grand Station) to Washington Bl/Fairfax Av; Line 71 will be combined with Line 70 and operate along Olive & Grand to Cal State University Los Angeles via County/USC Hospital.
- 45-46 Downtown LA-Rosewood via Broadway. Enhance Saturday service; segment between Huntington Dr/Monterey Rd and Broadway/Lincoln Park Av to be discontinued and replaced with

extension of Line 252; Line 46 to be discontinued and Griffin Av segment north of Broadway to be replaced with extension of Line 252.

- 66 Wilshire Center-Montebello via 8th St & Olympic Bl. Enhance Saturday Service
- 68 Downtown LA-Montebello via Cesar Chavez Av. Segment from Washington Bl/Fairfax Av to Broadway/Venice will operate as Line 35-335; segment from Broadway/Venice to Broadway/1st to be discontinued; portion of service from Broadway/1st to Montebello will be operated as Line 68.
- 70 Los Angeles-El Monte via Garvey Av. Retain the route of Line 70 and incorporate Line 71 into Line 70 as an alternate route to Line 71 past LAC + USC Medical Center and City Terrace.
- 71 Downtown LA-City Terrace. Will be combined with Line 70 and operate along Olive and Grand.
- 76-376 El Monte-Downtown LA via Valley Bl. Move east terminus to lower level of El Monte Bus Station.
- 83 Eagle Rock-Downtown LA via York Av. Extend segment in downtown LA to end at Hill St/Venice Bl.
- 84 Eagle Rock-Downtown LA via Cypress Av. Line 84 to terminate in downtown LA at Broadway/1st St; most Line 84 trips in downtown LA will become Line 68 at Broadway/1st St and continue to East LA College with selected trips continuing to Montebello Town Center.
- 200 Los Angeles-Echo Park via Alvarado St & Echo Park. Late night service on Echo Park Av between Sunset Bl and Donaldson St to be discontinued.
- 212-312 Hawthorne-Hollywood via La Brea Av. Line 312 will operate all day on weekdays to Hollywood/Highland Metro Rail Station; Line 212 will continue to serve Hollywood/Vine Metro Rail Station.
- 252 Soto St-Huntington Dr. Extend the route from Huntington Dr/Monterey Rd to Lincoln Park via Mercury Av, Sierra St, Lincoln Park Av to Broadway; also extend route to Av 42/Figueroa St via Griffin Av and Av 43.
- 270 Norwalk-Monrovia via Workman Mill Rd & Peck Rd. Modify route between Santa Fe Springs Rd, Slauson Av and the Norwalk Metro Rail Station; new route to operate via Santa Fe Springs Rd, Bloomfield Av, Civic Center Way, Norwalk Bl, San Antonio Dr, Firestone Bl, Imperial Hwy, and Hoxie Av; Line 121 and Norwalk Transit Line 1 will replace most of discontinued segment of Line 270; existing route north of Slauson Av to Monrovia is not affected.
- 328 Century City-Downtown LA via Olympic Bl. Discontinue and replace with new Metro Rapid Line 728.
- 368 West Los Angeles-Montebello via Washington Bl-Cesar Chavez Av. Discontinue and replace with new Line 335 on Washington Bl and Metro Rapid Line 770 on Cesar Chavez Av.
- 370 Los Angeles-El Monte via Garvey Av. Discontinue and replace portion of service with new Metro Rapid Line 770.
- 460 Disneyland-Los Angeles via Figueroa St, 110 Fwy, 105 Fwy and 5 Fwy. Segment on 5 Fwy between Carmenita Rd/Beach Bl and Artesia Bl to be discontinued; revised route to operate on Carmenita Rd, Alondra Bl and Beach Bl; OCTA Lines 21 and 25 will replace discontinued segment on Artesia Bl; service to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Fullerton Park & Ride is not affected.
- NEW! 728 Downtown LA-Century City via Olympic Bl. New Metro Rapid service on Olympic Bl from Cesar Chavez Av/Vignes St to Century City.
- NEW! 770 Los Angeles-El Monte via Garvey Av & Cesar Chavez Av. Implement new Garvey-Chavez Rapid service from El Monte to downtown LA via El Monte Station, Santa Anita Av, Garvey Av, Atlantic Bl, Cesar Chavez Av, Spring St, 1st St, Grand Av/Olive St to Washington.
- 780 Pasadena-West Los Angeles via Colorado Bl & Hollywood Bl. New weekend service between Pasadena and Hollywood.

- Metro Gold Line. Weekday express service will be cancelled and converted to local service; all trains will now run every 7 to 8 minutes during peak periods; weekday and weekend mid-day and afternoon service will be changed from every 15 minutes to every 12 minutes.

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