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Metro Service Sectors to hold seven public hearings in February on proposed service modifications planned for June 2008

Metro's five community based service sectors will hold seven public hearings in February to gather public input on proposed Metro Bus services modifications that if approved, would be implemented in June 2008 or later.

Under recommendations proposed, several new Metro Rapid Bus lines would be developed and bus service currently being underutilized is proposed to be cancelled. In general, the proposed service modifications are aimed at improving the overall efficiency of the system through a better use of limited resources.

The following is a list of public hearings scheduled for February:

San Fernando Valley Sector: February 6, 2008, 6:30 p.m., Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, 6262 Van Nuys Bl., Van Nuys

South Bay Sector: February 6, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Carson Community Center, 801 Carson St., Carson

Metro Headquarters (All Sectors), February 9, 2008, 10 a.m., Metro Board Room, 3rd Floor, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles

San Gabriel Valley Sector: February 11, 2008, 6 p.m., San Gabriel Valley Sector Office, 3449 Santa Anita Ave., 3rd Floor Council Chambers, El Monte

Gateway Cities Sector: February 12, 2008, 6 p.m., Girls Club House Recreation Center, 4940 Southern Ave. (S. Gate Park), South Gate

Westside/Central Sector: February 13, 2008, 5 p.m., La Cienega Tennis Center, 325 S. La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills

Gateway Cities Sector: February 14, 2008, 4 p.m., The Gas Company, 9240 Firestone Blvd., Downey

Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through February 14, 2008, the close of public record. All written testimony should be addressed to Metro Customer Relations, One Gateway Plaza, 99PL4, Los Angeles, Ca 90012-2932, Attn: June 2008 Service Changes.

In addition, comments can be e-mailed with the subject line "June 2008 Service Changes" to customerrelations@metro.net or faxed to (213) 922-6988.

These proposed service modifications will 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. Metro encourages members of the public to attend the upcoming public hearings and provide testimony on any service change proposal regardless of the service sector providing the service or the geographic area.

Below is a complete list of proposed Metro Bus service modifications. Additional details about these proposals can be accessed at www.metro.net.

Metro San Gabriel Valley Sector

175: Silverlake-Hollywood via Fountain & Hyperion, Service to be canceled due to low productivity

177: Pasadena-JPL via Walnut & 210 Fwy, Service to be canceled due to low ridership

201: Glendale-Koreatown via Silverlake & Vermont, Cancel Saturday and Sunday service due to low ridership. During weekdays cancel service south of Vermont & 1st St due to excessive service duplication, and improve service levels on remaining route

256: Altadena-Commerce via Hill & Eastern, Service to be canceled due to low productivity

258: Alhambra-Paramount via Fremont & Eastern, Cancel service south of Garfield & Imperial due to low ridership

361: Pasadena-Artesia Blue Line Station Limited, Service to be cancelled. Limited-stop service to be incorporated into new Rapid Bus Line 762

620: Boyle Heights Shuttle, Service to be canceled due to low productivity

New! **762:** Pasadena-Maywood via Fair Oaks & Atlantic Metro Rapid, New weekday and Saturday Rapid Bus service along the route of Line 260 between Fair Oaks /Colorado & Atlantic/Imperial

770: El Monte-Downtown LA via Garvey Av & Chavez Av Metro Rapid, New Rapid Bus service on Saturday. Also improved service levels to be operated on weekdays

Metro San Fernando Valley Sector

92: Downtown LA-Burbank Station via Glendale Av, Glenoaks Bl, Shorten southern terminal at Vignes St and Cesar Chavez Av.

94: Downtown LA-Sun Valley via San Fernando Rd, Extend northern route to Olive View Hospital to replace canceled segment of Line 394; Shorten southern terminal at Vignes St and Cesar Chavez Av. Reallocate trips to new Rapid Line 794.

154: Tarzana-Burbank Station via Oxnard St, Burbank Bl, Cancel service due to low productivity.

155: Universal City Station-Burbank Station via Riverside Dr, Alameda Av, Cancel service due to low productivity. Alternatives provided by Line 96.

156: Van Nuys-North Hollywood-Hollywood, Reduce service frequency to improve productivity. No change in Line 656 Owl service.

163: West Hills-Hollywood via Sherman Way, Hollywood Way, Restructure into two separate lines at Vineland Av and San Fernando Rd; Operate Sherman Way segment as Line 163 and Hollywood Way segment as new Line 222; no change to Line 363.

168: Chatsworth Station-San Fernando via Lassen St, Paxton St, Cancel service due to low productivity.

183: Sherman Oaks-Glendale via Magnolia Bl, Shorten eastern terminal at First and Angeleno in Downtown Burbank to improve productivity. Alternatives include Line 94 & Glendale Bee Line.

New! **222:** Sun Valley-Hollywood via Hollywood Way, Barham Bl, Replace canceled segment of Line 163 between Sun Valley and Hollywood and reduce service.

224: Sylmar-Universal City Station via Fernando Rd, Lankershim Bl, Reallocate trips to new Rapid Line 724.

237: Encino-Sherman Oaks via Balboa Bl, Woodley Av (Branch route of Line 236) , Cancel weekday midday service along Woodley Av to improve productivity.

394: Downtown LA-Sylmar Station via San Fernando Rd

(Branch route of Line 94), Cancel service and reallocate trips to new Line 794; Replace segment between Sun Valley and Sylmar Station with extension of local Line 94.

634: Sylmar Station-Mission College via Hubbard St, Cancel service due to low productivity. Alternatives include Lines 92 and 234.

New! **724:** Sylmar-North Hollywood Station via San Fernando Rd, Lankershim Bl Metro Rapid, New Rapid between Sylmar Station and North Hollywood Station (weekdays only) operating via San Fernando Rd and Lankershim Bl.

New! **794 :** San Fernando Rd South Metro Rapid, Option 1-New Rapid from Downtown LA to Downtown Burbank operating primarily via San Fernando Rd and Brand Bl, or Option 2-New Rapid from Downtown LA to Sun Valley operating primarily via San Fernando Rd. South terminal of Line 794 to be located at Vignes St and Cesar Chavez Av under Options 1 or 2.

Metro Gateway Cities Sector

26-51: Hollywood-Compton-Artesia Transit Center via Avalon Bl, Consolidate Owl trips on Avalon Bl & San Pedro St to provide two-way service, and remove one-way Owl trips from Central Av.

53: Downtown LA – CSU Dominguez Hills via Central Av, Restructure line in conjunction with start-up of new Rapid Bus Line 753 along Central Av. Route to be modified to serve Imperial Station and removed from Avalon Station. Line will continue to serve CSDH college. Cancel one-way Owl service on Central Av and consolidate trips on Avalon Bl & San Pedro St.

60: Downtown LA – Artesia Station via Long Beach Bl, Owl service south of Artesia Bl to downtown Long Beach, and west of Long Beach Bl to Compton Station to be canceled due to low ridership.

62: Downtown LA – Hawaiian Gardens via Telegraph Rd, Service south of Rosecrans to Hawaiian Gardens to be canceled due to low ridership. Norwalk Transit may assume discontinued segment to Cerritos and including service to Hawaiian Gardens.

102: Baldwin Village-South Gate via Coliseum St, Cancel Sunday service due to low productivity.

105: W Hollywood – Vernon via La Cienega Bl – Vernon Av, Cancel route segment east of Pacific Bl due to duplication with Line 611.

121: Imperial Station – Whittwood Mall via Imperial Hwy, Cancel Sunday service due to low productivity.

127: Compton Station – Downey via Compton Bl & Somerset Bl, Cancel service due to low productivity.

254: Boyle Heights-103rd St Station via Lorena St- Boyle Av, Cancel service due to low productivity & excessive service duplication. Portions of existing route now served by other transit operators/lines.

265: Pico Rivera – Lakewood Center Mall via Paramount Bl, Cancel Sunday service due to low productivity.

350: South Central Av. – Limited –Branch Of Line 53, Reallocate trips to new Rapid Line 753.

612: South Gate Shuttle, Cancel Sunday service due to low productivity.

705: W. Hollywood –Vernon via La Cienega Bl – Vernon Av Metro Rapid, Improve frequency and span of service as required by Consent Decree.

New! **753:** Central Av Metro Rapid , Establish new Rapid Bus line along the route of local Line 53. New line to operate Monday thru Friday. South terminal to be located at Imperial Station in Willowbrook

Metro South Bay Sector

108/358: Marina Del Rey – City of Commerce via Slauson Av, Cancel service west of Fox Hills Transit Center to Marina del Rey, alternatives include Culver City 2, Big Blue Bus 14, and Metro Line 110

110: Playa Vista – Bell Gardens via Jefferson Bl & Gage Av, Extend route from Playa Vista to southern Marina del Rey; cancel service east of Garfield Av, alternative service provided by Bell Gardens Trolley

115/315: Playa Del Rey – Norwalk via Manchester Av & Firestone Bl, Cancel Line 315 and replace with new Line 715; reduce service frequency on Line 115

120: Aviation/LAX Station – Rosa Parks Station via Imperial Hwy, Cancel Sunday service, alternatives include the Metro Green Line and Line 117 on Century

124: El Segundo – Rosa Parks Station via El Segundo Bl, Cancel service, alternatives include Line 125 on Rosecrans and the Metro Green Line

126: Manhattan Beach – Hawthorne Station – El Camino College, Cancel service, alternatives include Line 125 on Rosecrans, Line 210 on Crenshaw, and Line 40 on Hawthorne

202: Willowbrook-Compton-Wilmington via Willowbrook Av, Cancel service, alternatives include the Metro Blue Line, Line 205 on Wilmington Av, the Hahn Trolley, and Compton Renaissance

209: Wilshire/Western Station – Gardena via Van Ness Av., Cancel service, alternatives include Line 210 on Crenshaw Bl and Line 207 on Western Av

211/215: Inglewood – South Bay Galleria via Prairie Av. And Inglewood Av, Cancel service, alternatives include Line 40 on Hawthorne Bl and Lines 212/312 on Prairie Av

439: L.A. Union Station – LAX Transit Center Express via

I-10 Fwy., Cancel midday and weekend service, alternatives include Lines 42 and 110 in Ladera and Culver City 6 on Sepulveda

444: Downtown L.A –West Torrance-Rolling Hills-Rancho Palos Verdes Express, Cancel midday service and weekend service north of Artesia Transit Center, to be replaced with expanded Line 450X

445: Downtown L.A. –San Pedro-via Harbor Transitway Express, Cancel midday service and weekend service north of Artesia Transit Center, to be replaced with expanded Line 450X

450X: Downtown L.A. – Artesia Transit Center Express, Expand service to operate during midday and weekends north of Artesia Transit Center to downtown LA

608: Crenshaw Connection, Cancel service, alternatives include Lines 40, 42, 105, 206, and Community DASH

626: LAX Transit Center – EL Segundo Employment Center, Cancel service, alternatives include Line 232 on Sepulveda and multiple carriers between Aviation/LAX Station and LAX City Bus Center

711: Florence Metro Rapid, Cancel weekend service, alternative is Line 111 on Florence Av

New 715, Manchester – Firestone Metro Rapid, New Rapid service from LAX City Bus Center to Firestone & Atlantic in South Gate

940: Hawthorne Rapid Express, Cancel service, alternative is Line 740 Hawthorne Metro Rapid

Metro Westside / Central Sector

10: Downtown LA –West Hollywood via Temple St & Melrose Av, Cancel late night and Owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00p.m..

14: Downtown LA – Beverly Hills via Beverly Bl, Cancel late night and Owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00p.m..

37: Downtown LA –Fairfax- Washington via Adams Bl, Cancel late night and Owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00p.m..

38: Downtown LA –Fairfax- Washington via Jefferson Bl, Cancel late night and Owl service. Propose service to operate from 4:00am to 11:00p.m..

220: West Hollywood – Culver City via Robertson Bl, Cancel service due to low ridership.

330: Pico/Rimpau – Monterey Park via Pico Bl & East 1st St , Replace service on Line 330 with new Metro Rapid Line 730.

New! **730:** Downtown LA – Pico/Rimpau via Pico Bl Metro Rapid, Implement new Rapid service from Downtown LA to Pico/Rimpau

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