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Metro to Hold 12 Community Workshop Meetings in February Seeking Input on NextGen Bus Plan Service Concepts

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will hold 12 community workshop meetings in February to gather public input on the agency's NextGen Bus Plan that will redesign and reimagine the agency's vast bus system to meet the needs of today's riders. Additional meetings are planned for March and April.

The draft bus service plan emphasizes more frequent bus service on heavily traveled corridors. Under the plan, buses would arrive every five to 10 minutes for 83 percent of current riders compared to 48 percent today. The number of bus lines running every five to 10 minutes on weekdays would jump from 16 to 29 and from two to 14 on weekends. Other less traveled corridors would include bus service running every 10, 15 or 30 minutes.

The number of Los Angeles County residents who could walk to a particular bus line running every five to 10 minutes would more than double from 900,000 currently to almost 2.2 million.

The draft plan aims to realign current bus service to meet the demands of most Metro riders by consolidating some routes on streets with the highest demand and combining Metro local and Rapid lines with the overall number of stops reduced to improve bus speeds. The end result is a faster door-to-door trip for all riders, whether they currently take Metro local or Rapid lines.

Metro's bus network carries about 70 percent of the agency's riders. Surveys, focus groups, online engagement and community events showed that current and non-riders agreed that Metro should focus on providing fast, frequent and reliable bus service. The draft NextGen Bus Plan also includes capital improvements that the agency is proposing to make — such as traffic signal priority and changing the location of bus layovers — that would help speed up buses.

Various meetings will be held in the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys, Gateway Cities, South Bay and the Westside/Central areas of the region. The public is encouraged to attend any of the following upcoming community meetings during February to share their thoughts on bus service proposals to improve the Metro bus system.

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Los Angeles Trade Technical College Aspen Hall TE-101, 2215 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90015. Accessible via Metro Lines 14, 35, 37, 40, 45, 38, 55, 81, 460, 603; Metro Silver Line, Metro A (Blue) Line Grand Station and Metro E (Expo) Line LATTC/Ortho Station; DASH King-East; DASH 'D'; DASH Pico Union/Echo Park; Torrance Transit 4X

Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Grand Annex, 434 W. 6th Street San Pedro, CA 90731. Accessible via Metro Lines 205, 246, 950; Commuter Express 142, San Pedro DASH; Palos Verdes 225

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Marvin Braude Constituent Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91401. Accessible via Metro Lines 154, 164, 233, 237 744, and Metro Orange Line Van Nuys Station; DASH Van Nuys/Studio City, DASH Panorama City/Van Nuys

Monday, February 10, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. El Monte Station, 3501 Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731. Accessible via Metro Lines 70, 76, 176, 267, 268, 487, 577, and Silver Line; Foothill Transit 178, 190, 194, 269, 270, 282, 486, 488, 492, and Silver Streak; El Monte Green Route, Red Route.

Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Plummer Park 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046. Accessible via Metro Lines 4/704; Weho Cityline.

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Clearwater Building 16401 Paramount Blvd. Paramount, CA 90723. Accessible via Metro Lines 128, 258, 265; Long Beach Transit 21A, 21B.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. East Los Angeles College Ingalls Auditorium, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Accessible via Metro 68, 770, 106, 260, 762; Monterey Park Spirit Bus Routes 1,2, and 5; El Sol Shuttle City Terrace/ELAC

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Pasadena Senior Center 85 E Holly Street Pasadena, CA 91103. Accessible via Metro Lines 177, 260, 501, 762 and Metro Gold Line Memorial Park Station; Foothill Transit 187; Pasadena Transit 20, 40, 51, 52

Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Los Angeles Metro Headquarters Board Room One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012. Accessible via Metro Lines 40, 68, 70, 71, 76, 78, 79, 487, 489; 704, 733, 745, 770; Metro Silver Line, and Metro Rail Red, Purple and Gold Lines; also served by LADOT DASH 'D', Foothill Transit, Torrance Transit 4x

Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Bell Community Center 6250 Pine Avenue Bell, CA 90201. Accessible via Metro Lines 110, 260, 760 La Campana

Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. The Foundation Center, 11633 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047. Accessible via Metro Lines 120, 207, 757 (stops at corner of Western/Imperial or Western/120th); GTrans2, The Link Athens

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Rose Goldwater Community Center, 21710 Vanowen Street, Canoga Park, CA 91303. Accessible via Metro Local Lines 165, 150, 245/244, 601, and Metro Orange Line Canoga Station

All Metro meetings are held in ADA accessible facilities with special accommodations available to the public for Metro-sponsored meetings. All requests for reasonable accommodations and translation must be made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please call 323.486.3876 or the California Relay Service at 711.

Those unable to attend in person can access information on the NextGen Bus Plan by visiting www.metro.net/nextgen.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its Vision 2028 Plan. Metro is the lead transportation planning and funding agency for L.A. County and carries about 1.2 million boardings daily on a fleet of 2,200 low-emission buses and six rail lines.

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