

Metro Bus Schedule Changes to Improve Frequency, Reliability and Connectivity Coming Dec. 15

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Modifications designed to enhance service

Effective Sunday, Dec. 15, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will offer more frequent and reliable bus service, improving customers' travel experience on multiple routes. Based on Metro's [NextGen Bus Plan](#) which outlines operational bus system improvements, the changes aim to better meet the needs of today's riders. Bus service changes include more trips on some lines to provide added capacity, the transfer of two lines to Pasadena Transit as the new service provider, and reconfiguring some of the bus lines to improve regional connectivity to Metro rail.

Route changes by region are as follows.

San Fernando Valley

Bus ridership in the San Fernando Valley service area continues to grow at a rapid pace so bus route adjustments are being implemented to accommodate the larger numbers of riders and provide easy access to other transit options within the system.

Changes are coming to Line 96 (Chinatown-Burbank Station via Griffith Park Dr.), which will allow customers to easily and more quickly access Metro's A Line light rail service. Line 96 will now terminate at the Lincoln/Cypress A Line Station located at Avenue 26 and Lacy Street in the Lincoln Heights area, instead of its current terminus in Chinatown. Line 96 will be renumbered Line 296 with similar weekday or weekend service frequencies.

New Line 296 route will remain unchanged north of Riverside Dr. and Duvall Street. However, south of Duvall Street Line 296 will change as follows:

- Southbound buses will travel via Riverside Drive to Figueroa Street, then right on Avenue 26, and then right on Humboldt Street.
- Northbound buses will turn around using Avenue 21, Barranca Street and San Fernando Road, and then continue via Humboldt Street, left on Avenue 26, left Figueroa St-Riverside Drive to the normal route.

New bus stops will be placed on Avenue 26 at Lacy Street in both directions allowing passengers to make new connections with Line 251 (Avenue 26) and Lines 81, 90, 94 at Figueroa Street/Avenue 26.

In December, Metro is expecting to begin long-term construction along Van Nuys Boulevard between Sherman Way and Arminta Street for new East San Fernando Valley light rail line. Van Nuys Blvd. is anticipated to be reduced to two lanes in each direction, with bus stops at Valerio and at Saticoy Streets expected to be closed for the multi-year duration of construction. Stops on Van Nuys Blvd. at Sherman Way and at Keswick Street are expected to remain open. Intermittent nightly closures are anticipated for approximately 3 months at northbound Van Nuys nearside Telfair.

Beginning in January 2025 until approximately Summer 2026, the G Line will be detoured due to the construction of a new, elevated Van Nuys G Line station above Van Nuys Blvd. G Line buses will reroute via Sepulveda Blvd and Oxnard St both directions between Sepulveda and Woodman stations. New temporary G Line bus stops will be located on Oxnard Street at Van Nuys Blvd., for east and west travel, while the new station is constructed.

Gateway Cities

Lines 60, 202, and 260 will return to the Artesia Bridge ending the detour going into Artesia Station at Compton. Additionally, schedules will be updated to adjust for changing traffic conditions.

San Gabriel Valley

In the San Gabriel Valley, two Metro Lines will become part of Pasadena Transit. Line 177 will become Pasadena Transit Route 53, and Metro Line 256 will become Pasadena Transit Route 33. There are no schedule or route related changes for Pasadena Transit Route 53. On Pasadena Transit Route 33 route and bus stop locations will remain the same however frequency will be improved from every 50 minutes to every 35 minutes daily including weekends.

Buses on these routes will be rebranded Pasadena Transit with a Pasadena Transit base fare of \$0.75. TAP Cards are accepted as fare on Pasadena Transit services with transfers between Pasadena Transit routes free for 2.5 hours. For more information riders can visit www.PasadenaTransit.net or contact Pasadena Transit Customer Service at (626) 744-4055.

Additionally in the San Gabriel Valley and Gateway Cities areas, Line 260 will be restructured and scheduled as two routes. Route 260 will operate from Pasadena to the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Metro Station every 24 minutes. Route 261 will operate from Pasadena to the Artesia Metro Station every 24 minutes. The frequency from Pasadena to Atlantic and Imperial will be every 12 minutes, on the common section of both lines. The northbound terminal in Pasadena will remain the same for both routes, but their southbound terminals will be different. Line 260 southbound will extend to terminate

at the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Metro Station, while Line 261 will terminate at the existing Artesia Station terminus.

On Line 662 two new stops will be added, westbound on Colorado Blvd. at Raymond Avenue and southbound on Fair Oaks Blvd. at Colorado Blvd., with a minor reroute made westbound on Colorado Blvd. toward Del Mar Station.

Line 665 weekday frequency will improve from every 50 minutes to approximately every 35 minutes, increasing passenger convenience and facilitating transfer connections to regional transit service. Weekend frequency will remain the same operating every 50 minutes. Line 665 plays a significant role in connecting Boyle Heights, East LA, City Terrace, and Rose Hill Transit Center in bringing students throughout LA County to Cal State LA through transfer connections with regional bus and rail service. Line 665 makes regional connections with the E Line at the Indiana Station, and at Rose Hill Transit Center with Lines 78, 179 and 182.

Westside/Central LA

In West/Central Los Angeles, Metro will adjust four lines to accommodate area schools' new schedules. All of the lines serve students in Metro's GoPass program which provides a free transit pass to K-14 students at participating schools. The lines, route and schools serviced are:

- Line 2 (Sunset-Alvarado) – Thomas Starr King Middle School
- Line 10 (Melrose-Temple) – Fairfax High School
- Line 20 (Wilshire) – Burroughs Middle School
- Line 28 (Olympic) – LA High School

A complete list of the changes with links to the new schedules can be found at metro.net/mybus along with the helpful mybustool to help riders plan their trips.

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 1 million boardings daily on six electric rail lines and 118 bus routes utilizing more than 2,000 low-emission buses including fifty zero emission battery electric buses.

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