

**METRO GATEWAY CITIES GOVERNANCE COUNCIL****FEBRUARY 12, 2004****SUBJECT: SERVICE PROGRAM JUNE 2004****ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE****BACKGROUND**

Last month staff indicated it would provide the Council with information regarding the proposed June 2004 Service Change Program at the next meeting in February. Since then a ruling has been ordered by the Special Master administering the Consent Decree that could significantly impact MTA operations. The full impact of the Special Masters Order is being evaluated at this time.

JUNE 2004 SERVICE PROGRAM

Staff proposes to make only very minor schedule changes next June. Specifically, staff intends to focus on improving service reliability throughout the area by adding, deleting, or rearranging running time on some bus lines. This action complies with the Council's stated goal of achieving 80 percent on-time performance for bus lines operating within the Gateway Sector.

In addition to these adjustments, a few lines may also need to operate additional trips to comply with loading standards mandated by the Consent Decree. Additional analysis is required to identify the affected bus lines and extent of mitigation that may be required to satisfy the court order.

Also proposed for June is the implementation of the next rapid bus line affecting the Gateway Cities Sector. The new rapid line will provide expedited service over the route of local Line 105 (Vernon Ave-La Cienega Blvd). The new line will serve the Cities of Los Angeles, Vernon and Huntington Park. The implementation of the rapid bus will require the restructuring of Line 105 in accordance with past practice. The attached map illustrates the route and proposed stop locations of the new rapid bus line.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Staff also reported last month that Townhall meetings were being planned for the near future. The purpose of the meetings will be to:

- 1) Highlight bus improvements that were made within the Gateway Cities area this past year;
- 2) Review route and proposed stop locations for the Vernon Ave-La Cienga Rapid Bus; and
- 3) Solicit suggestions on possible future service changes for December 2004 or later.

At this time three Townhall meetings are planned to be held in the Gateway Cities Sector in mid to late March. The time and location of these meetings will be announced at the February Council meeting. Meeting notices will be posted on the buses, at MTA customer service centers, on the MTA website and via direct mail to government officials and agencies having an interest in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

[Map Rapid Bus Line](#)

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