



**GATEWAY CITIES GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**

**DECEMBER 8, 2005**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO ADOPTED PLAN FOR LINE 26**

**ACTION: APPROVE OPERATION OF SHUTTLE ROUTE**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve shuttle operation on Line 26.

**ISSUE**

In September the Gateway Cities Governance Council approved a staff recommendation to shorten the route of Line 26 in the Hollywood area. The Council took this action after holding formal public hearings and considering public testimony on this matter. During the hearing process eight persons submitted comments on this matter, about half supporting the cutback and half opposing or suggesting other ideas.

The major route segments on Line 26 to be discontinued are Franklin Ave and Hillhurst Ave. The City of Los Angeles (LADOT) operates Dash service on these streets seven days a week, and provides direct replacement service for most affected riders. Since approving this change we have received a request from a rider's group for additional service to accommodate those who need to travel when the Dash is not operating. After reviewing the matter carefully, we are recommending a slight modification to the previously adopted service plan.

Staff proposes that Line 26 will operate a special weekday shuttle offering two round trips, between 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., from the Hollywood terminal along Franklin Ave. and Hillhurst to Sunset Blvd. At all other times Dash service will be available. In the coming weeks and months, we will explore the possibility of LADOT beginning earlier service at a future date.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Staff estimates the shuttle operation will require about 280 annual hours to operate. This amounts to about \$28, 000 in annual operating costs and will be absorbed in the budget.

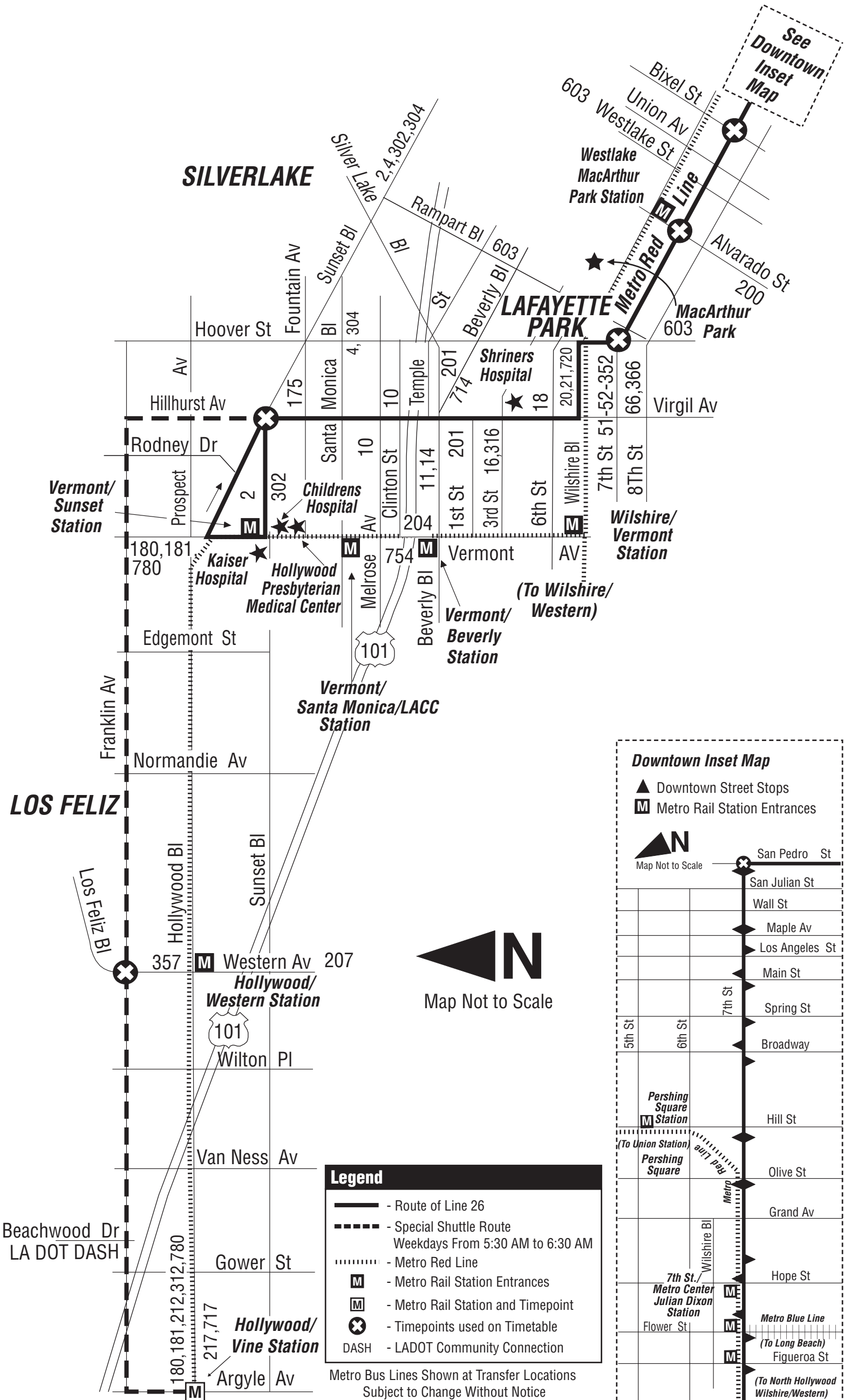
**NEXT STEPS**

Upon approval of this matter, staff will implement the shuttle operation effective with the December 18, 2005 Shakeup. We will also schedule additional meetings with city staff to discuss needed modifications to the Dash service along the Franklin Ave and Hillhurst Ave.

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A: Line 26 Map

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See Downtown Inset Map

