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Valley's New Line 734 Will Expand Metro Rapid Program

- Line will serve Sylmar Metrolink station and Ventura Boulevard.

By RICK JAGER

(June 15, 2006) Metro will expand its successful Metro Rapid program, June 26, by adding Line 734 on Sepulveda Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley. The line will operate between Ventura Boulevard and the Sylmar Metrolink station.

Line 734 will run every 10 minutes during morning and afternoon peak periods and every 20 minutes in mid-days and evenings, Monday through Friday.

Metro Rapid Line 780 (Hollywood/Glendale/Pasadena) will be merged with Line 717 (Fairfax Rapid) from the West Los Angeles Transit Center to Pasadena. The line will be numbered as Metro Rapid 780.

Metro also will begin operating high-capacity buses on six lines –60-foot articulated buses on Metro Rapid lines 720 (Wilshire-Whittier) and 761 (Van Nuys). New 45-foot buses will be deployed on Metro Rapid lines 711 (Florence), 740 (Hawthorne), 745 (Broadway) and 750 (Ventura).

An all-day shuttle service – Line 634 – between the Metrolink Sylmar Station and Mission College in the San Fernando Valley will be operated on a 30-minute headway.

Metro will add service to 13 bus lines: 108, 161, 166, 209, 450X, 484, 490, 634, 710, 711, 740, 754 and 757. The added bus trips will occur mostly in the morning and afternoon peak periods. The June shakeup also includes a number of other route adjustments and service modifications.