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**Veolia Transportation Begins Service as the North Region Contractor**

On Sunday, August 3, 2008, Veolia Transportation initiated bus service in the North Region. In a smooth transition, Veolia Transportation replaced Transportation Concepts, Inc. as our North Region Contractor as authorized by the Board at its May meeting during which they awarded Veolia a five-year, \$64.3 million contract. The contract includes six bus lines (96, 167, 177, 218, 603 and 634) that operate in the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley and a number of downtown areas. The company will operate out of a facility located just north of downtown Los Angeles.

Veolia Transportation is the largest private transportation provider in the U.S. and operates local fixed route services for the LA Department of Transportation's DASH and Commuter Express services. Veolia is also the operator for Metrolink, which provides commuter rail service under a contract awarded by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

**New Bus & Rail System Map Now Online**

Communications staff has developed a new, easier-to-read Metro Bus & Rail System Map. The revised version matches our popular "12 Minute Map," which showcases the many lines in our system with daytime frequency of 12 minutes or better. The new version of the System Map makes it much easier to follow the route of each line, and is now posted on our website at metro.net. A print version will be distributed onboard all buses and trains as well as at our Customer Centers in the coming weeks.

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