

Metro News

Metro South Bay Holding First Council Meetings

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The public can voice their concerns about bus service to members of Metro South Bay Governance Council every second Friday of the month.

Public Invited To Metro South Bay Governance Council Meetings

The public can help the Metro South Bay Governance Council improve local bus service by participating at meetings held on the second Friday of each month.

The next meeting, Friday, April 11, 9:30 a.m., will take place at the Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson St., Carson.

Each of the five community-based service sectors created last year will be conducting similar public meetings. Information collected at meetings will be used to plan and implement better service.

For more information about the South Bay meeting, call Community Relations at 310. 225.6040, fax 310.225.6011 or send an e-mail to morallor@mta.net MN

Governance Council Members Approved For Two Sectors

A diverse group of community leaders and activists has been chosen to work closely with service sectors, created last summer by MTA, and with the public to make community bus service improvements.

As members of service sector governance councils in the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys, responsibilities will include planning and implementation of Metro Bus service.

Governance councils have now been formed in the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley and South Bay. Councils for Westside/Central and Gateway Cities in Southeast LA County are being organized. MN

Travel To The Gavel By Taking Metro System

Instead of driving to the Superior Court of California in the downtown Civic Center, jurors are encouraged to sign up for the Metro weekly pass during jury room orientation.

The pass, publicized in the jury information packet, allows unlimited use of local Metro Buses and Metro Rail. An additional pass will be issued if jury service extends beyond the initial week.

The courthouse is only steps away from the Civic Center Metro Rail Station.

If judged a success by the end of June, the program will be expanded to other Los Angeles County courthouses. MN

New Pass Programs Developed For Business and Institutions

MTA has developed four new convenient pass programs to help businesses and institutions promote the many benefits of using the Metro Bus and Metro Rail systems.

Business owners can offer their employees either an Annual Metro Pass for those employees who currently ride Metro Bus and Metro Rail, or an All Employee Metro Pass good for all their employees to ride.

The Institutional Metro Pass for colleges, universities, trade schools, government agencies and senior citizen centers provides similar advantages.

A several-day Visitors Metro Pass is good for travel to conventions, hotels, chambers of commerce, visitor bureaus, and other destinations.

For more information, call Derek Callier at 213. 922.5669 or the Metro Commute Services hotline at 213.922.2811. MN

New System Maps Available

New 2003 Metro System maps are available while supplies last at all Nix Check Cashing outlets and Metro Customer Centers, free-of-charge.

LA County Metro and municipal bus routes, Metro Rail, and commuter train Metrolink, operated by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority, are vividly depicted. MN



Four-quadrant gates have eliminated accidents since 1998 near the Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Metro Rail Station, according to Abdul Zohbi, MTA safety manager.

More Crossing Gates Along Blue Line To Improve Safety

By early fall, additional crossing gates will be installed at 13 streets along the Metro Blue Line where there are already two gates, greatly reducing the potential for train versus vehicle collisions.

Four-quadrant gates will be installed at 41st Street, 55th Street, Century Boulevard, 108th Street, 119th Street, 130th Street, Stockwell Street, Elm Street, Compton Boulevard, Myrrh Street, Alondra Boulevard, Greenleaf Boulevard and Manville Street.

“Equipping our rail crossings with four-quadrant gates is an added safety measure that will contribute to our goal of reducing and eventually eliminating accidents,” said Abdul Zohbi, MTA manager of system safety, Rail Operations. MN

Widened Santa Monica Boulevard Will Feature Metro Rapid Lines

Faster bus service on Santa Monica Boulevard will coincide with the completion in 2005 of a major renovation of the boulevard, a project co-funded by MTA.

Two Metro Rapid lines will extend from downtown Los Angeles to Ocean Boulevard in Santa Monica with more than 50 Metro

Rapid buses arriving at bus stops every 3-to-10 minutes during peak hours.

“The marriage of both ‘little’ and ‘big’ Santa Monica boulevards is one that is vital in relieving traffic congestion on the Westside,” said MTA CEO Roger Snoble. MN

During groundbreaking ceremony, MTA CEO Roger Snoble (left) and MTA Board Member Zev Yaroslavsky ‘dig’ future beautified Santa Monica Boulevard, which will feature Metro Rapid.

