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## **Governance Councils, Memorial to Chick Hearn on Board Agenda**

(Sept. 25, 2002) Motions establishing service sector governance councils and a motion to designate a Metro Rail station in honor of a legendary local sports announcer are on the MTA Board's agenda for consideration Thursday.

Mayor James Hahn is proposing a motion to designate the Metro Blue Line's Pico station to the memory of Los Angeles Lakers broadcaster Francis "Chick" Hearn, who died Aug. 2. Over four decades beginning in 1965, Hearn broadcast 3,338 consecutive Lakers games – a record that ended last year when he underwent heart surgery.

"Chick Hearn was more than an announcer," Hahn's motion says. "He was a pioneer, an innovator, a promoter, a friend, a father and a husband. He will be sorely missed."

The Board also is expected to consider two motions, items 42 and 43, to create service sector governance councils and approve council by-laws.

The proposed governance council policy would help define the relationship between the Board and the councils for bus operations service planning and scheduling.

The governance councils are intended to improve bus service, increase agency accessibility and responsiveness to the public and maintain an employee-supportive work environment.

They are expected to localize control, provide a single point of contact for route-level service issues, streamline decision-making and support MTA policies, plans and safety initiatives.

The MTA Board would appoint members to the governance councils based on nominations submitted by a coalition of local government entities. Members should represent "a broad spectrum of interests and geographic areas of the sector."

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