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MTA TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 26, 1995 ON NEW SERVICES FOR INNER CITY AREAS

The MTA will hold a public hearing to discuss new service for the inner city Thursday, January 26, 1995 at the Christian Community Center, 8725 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, beginning at 6 p.m.

The hearing will receive public comment on a proposed new shuttle that will test the idea of local service by van, and a new bus line that would operate between the Blue and Green Line Imperial Station and West Hollywood.

The new shuttle would combine elements of a fixed route, a jitney, and dial-a-ride service. Vans carrying 8-15 passengers would operate along a corridor to be defined in the South Central area of Los Angeles. Between stops, the van would take passengers to their specific destination, up to 1/4 mile off the main route.

Passengers also could flag the shuttle and board between stops, with rides reserved up to one day in advance. The vans would have wheel chair lifts.

The bus line under consideration would connect the Broadway/Manchester transit way and proposed transit center at that location, the Leimert Park area, and the Crenshaw/Santa Barbara Center. Buses will run every 30 minutes during peak hours only, and would feature faster service with less stops.

Both the shuttle service and new bus line are projected to begin in March 1995. The MTA will evaluate the services over a 12 month period.

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