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MTA APPROVES TWO NEW TRANSIT SERVICES FOR INNER CITY

The MTA Board of Directors on March 22nd approved an Inner City Connector bus line and a flexible destination shuttle for the transit dependent region of South Central Los Angeles. The two new demonstration transit services will begin operations later this summer.

The new bus line will follow a diagonal route from the Blue and future Green Line Imperial Station to West Hollywood, while the shuttle will test the idea of flexible, community-oriented service.

"This new service is part of our commitment to transit dependent riders," said MTA Chairman and L.A. County Supervisor Mike Antonovich. "It also demonstrates our willingness to consider new ideas in meeting the needs of our customers."

A diagonal bus line and a flexible destination shuttle, along with new limited stop service, were items identified by the MTA's Inner City Needs Assessment Study of July 1993.

"In January we began to address the findings of the Inner City Study by implementing two new limited stop lines on Crenshaw Boulevard and Manchester Avenue," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Franklin White. "This additional service continues that process."

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The Inner City Connector will link major transit corridors and operate limited service during peak hours. The route proceeds northwest from Willowbrook through Watts, South Central, then north through the mid-city area, the Fairfax District and the Wilshire District.

Designated Line 305, it will connect the Broadway/Manchester transit way and proposed transit center site, the Leimert Park area, and the Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Plaza. Buses will run every 30 minutes, and feature faster service with less stops and fewer customers needing transfers.

The flexible destination shuttle introduces a concept known as "checkpoint deviation" service. Vans carrying 8-15 passengers will serve checkpoints located on Crenshaw boulevard, 42nd Street, Normandie Avenue, and 48th Street on a regular schedule.

Between stops, the van will take passengers to their specific destination, within 1/4 mile of the checkpoint. Passengers also can flag the shuttle and board between stops. The service will operate in a clockwise direction every 30 minutes between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. and is wheel chair accessible.

The MTA will evaluate both the Inner City Connector and the shuttle service over a 24 month period.

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