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MTA BOOSTS BUS SERVICE IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES

The MTA will put into place added bus service in the South Central Los Angeles area this month, as a result of major changes in county-wide service, and the largest single expansion to the Metro bus fleet in 20 years.

A new limited stop line, 311, paralleling Line 111 on Florence Avenue, will be inaugurated on Dec. 30, utilizing nine extra buses during morning and afternoon rush hours.

Other changes will become effective Dec.15. Those changes include the addition of seven buses in the morning and afternoon on Lines 204-354, which serve Vermont Avenue, in order to reduce overcrowding.

"This change will provide more efficient and more attractive transportation on Vermont and throughout South Central Los Angeles, where overcrowding is a serious concern," said Larry Zarian, MTA Chairman.

Buses will be added on other lines as well, including one new afternoon bus on Lines 26-51, which operate on Seventh Street, San Pedro Street, and Avalon Boulevard. Three extra buses will be added in the morning, two in the afternoon to Line 60 which operates on Long Beach Boulevard and Santa Fe Avenue. One afternoon bus will be added to Line 81 on Figueroa Street, and one afternoon bus will be added to Line 108 on Slauson Avenue.

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One bus will be added to Line 117 on Century Boulevard to help keep service on time during the midday. An extra bus will be added in the afternoon to Line 206 which operates on Normandie Avenue. Extra trips will be added to Line 45 on Broadway. Service will be extended on Lines 210-310, serving Crenshaw Boulevard, to keep service on time between El Camino College, Hollywood, and the Metro Red Line.

Lines 40-42, serving Baldwin Hills, will get one extra bus in the morning and one in the afternoon. Buses are being rerouted in the area to provide greater access to the Crenshaw Plaza.

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