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SERVICE CHANGES ON THREE METRO BUS LINES TO REDUCE TRAVEL TIMES FOR THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS

Beginning Sunday, July 26, 1998, MTA will introduce service changes on three Metro Bus lines which will result in faster trips for thousands of passengers. The changes are part of MTA's ongoing program of bus service improvements designed to focus its resources on reducing overcrowding and improving access to jobs, medical facilities and schools.

Regional stops are being introduced on the three lines to facilitate the faster trips. During the hours when municipal bus operators are not in service, Metro buses will service all local stops upon demand.

The following is a summary of the changes on the three lines:

Lines 4-304 (Santa Monica Boulevard) - On the portion of the route between Sepulveda and Lincoln boulevards served by Santa Monica Line 1, Metro buses will make fewer stops. The limited stop area of Line 304 will be expanded west from the intersection of Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards to Westwood Boulevard. Line 304 will only serve limited stops between Santa Monica and Westwood boulevards and Sunset Boulevard and Figueroa Street.

Lines 20-21-22-320-322 (Wilshire Boulevard) - Between Veteran Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard, where service is provided by Santa Monica Line 2, Metro Bus lines 20 and 320 will make fewer stops. The limited stop area of Lines 320 and 322 along Wilshire Boulevard will be expanded west from the intersection of Wilshire and Santa Monica boulevards to Westwood Boulevard. When operating as limited service on Wilshire Boulevard, lines 320 and 322 will only serve limited stops between Wilshire and Westwood boulevards and Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue.

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Line 60 (Long Beach Boulevard/Pacific Boulevard/Santa Fe Avenue/Union Station) - Along Long Beach Boulevard there will be fewer stops between Artesia Boulevard and Anaheim Street (service provided by Long Beach Transit Line 5).

In addition, MTA is introducing route changes on seven Metro Bus lines to remove service that duplicates service provided by municipal bus operators. These changes also will be introduced beginning Sunday, July 26, 1998.

The following is a line-by-line summary of the changes:

Lines 16-316 (W. 3rd Street) - The eastern terminus of the line will be the Maple lot between 6th and 7th streets, with service available on Montebello Line 40 to points on 3rd and 4th streets east of Spring and Main streets. Adjustments in midday trip times.

Line 94-394 (San Fernando Road) - Service north of Hubbard Street along San Fernando Road and via Roxford Street to Olive View Medical Center will be available every 32 minutes on weekdays rather than the current every 17 minutes (Smart Shuttle operations in the area offer service). Service to Juvenile Hall will be eliminated. Smart Shuttle offers alternate service.

Line 200 (Alvarado Street) - The northern part of the route will terminate at Montana and Logan streets in Echo Park prior to 10 p.m. Service north on Echo Park Avenue is available on DASH. Between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., Line 200 will go north on Echo Park Avenue to Donaldson Street. Minor adjustments to midday trip times.

Line 211-215 (Inglewood Avenue/Del Amo Fashion Center) - Service will end in downtown Redondo Beach. The portion of the line along Torrance Boulevard and Carson Street to the mall will be eliminated. Alternate service to the mall is available on Torrance Transit Line 3.

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Line 270 (Monrovia/El Monte/Whittier/Santa Fe Springs/Norwalk) - Service south beyond the Metro Rail I-605/I105 Station in Norwalk to Los Cerritos Mall will be discontinued. Alternate service on this portion of the line is now available on Long Beach Transit Lines 172/173. New night service will be provided between El Monte Station and Rio Hondo College.

Lines 483-485 (Los Angeles/Altadena via Fair Oaks Avenue or Lake Avenue Express) - Midday weekday trips will be available every 30/60 minutes as will all weekend trips.

Line 484 (Los Angeles/La Puente/Pomona/ via Valley Boulevard Express) - Late night service (after 10 p.m.) east of Cal Poly Pomona will be discontinued. Alternate service on Foothill Transit Line 480 is available. Trip time adjustments on weekend service will be made.

Pass users whose trips will require use of a municipal operator's service to reach a destination previously served by one of these lines may request a transfer from the Metro Bus operator when leaving the bus. A detailed explanation of the route and timetable changes can be found in brochures which will be available by the end of this week on each of the Metro Bus lines listed above. Passengers also may receive information by calling **1-800-COMMUTE**.

In addition, timetables for individual lines can be obtained by writing **Metro, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952, ATTN: July 26 Service Changes**, or by accessing MTA's Internet web site on a home computer or one in a public library at **www.mta.net**.

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