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## MTA MAKES CHANGES, IMPROVES SERVICE ON A GROUP OF METRO BUS LINES OUTLINED IN A THREE-YEAR STUDY

Effective Sunday, June 28, 1998, MTA will inaugurate route changes on a group of Metro Bus lines designed to improve service to thousands of passengers.

The lines are among several included in the Central/East/Northeast Transit Restructuring Study which was begun in 1995 and was approved by the MTA Board this past February.

The following is a list of the lines and the changes:

**Line 66 (E. Olympic Blvd.-W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.)**

**Line 67 (E. Olympic Blvd. Direct)** – Line 66 no longer will provide service on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Line 66 now will serve Olympic Blvd., replacing Line 67 which will be cancelled. The service level on Line 66 will be adjusted to maintain the capacity of Line 67, and patrons on 8<sup>th</sup> St. will be served by a new line, Line 362 Limited, described below.

**Line 362 (Los Angeles-Santa Fe Springs-Norwalk-Hawaiian Gardens Limited)** – A new limited stop service will replace MTA Express Line 462. Basically, Line 362 will operate over the same route as Line 462, except it will not operate on the Santa Ana (5) Freeway. Instead, limited stop service will be offered on Olympic Blvd. and Telegraph Rd. As a result, the fare to downtown Los Angeles will be reduced to \$1.35. Additionally, buses in downtown Los Angeles will use Central Avenue between 7<sup>th</sup> St. and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> streets. This line replaces Line 66 service on 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Soto St. to Mirasol St.) and lines 470 and 471 on 7<sup>th</sup> St. (Boyle St. to Central Ave.).

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**Line 176 (Glassell Park-Highland Park-Alhambra-El Monte)** – The line will be extended from San Fernando Rd. and Verdugo Rd. to Glassell Park at San Fernando Rd. and Fletcher Dr. This service change will take effect Monday, June 29, 1998.)

**Line 251 (Soto St.-Daly St.-Seville Ave.-103<sup>rd</sup> St. Station)** – The route of Line 251 will change to better serve the residents of Lincoln Heights. The line no longer will operate on Daly St. between N. Broadway and Main St., and now will serve Griffin Ave. between N. Broadway and Main Street for more direct access to the N. Broadway shopping area.)

**Line 318 (Los Angeles-Whittier-La Habra-Brea Mall Limited)** – This new service replaces Metro Bus lines 470 and 471 into downtown Los Angeles via Whittier Blvd. and 6<sup>th</sup> St., and does not use the Pomona Freeway. As a result, the fare will be reduced to \$1.35. Line 318 will serve all major cross streets and transfer points to other bus lines while making all former Line 470 stops east of Garfield Ave. For patrons of Line 471, service from Whittier Blvd. to Puente Hills Mall will be continued as a shuttle that will connect with Line 318 at Whittier Blvd. and Colima Rd., then continues to the Whitwood Center Shopping Mall. Patrons on Garfield Ave. can access Line 318 by transferring from Line 262 at Whittier Blvd. For service on 7<sup>th</sup> St. between Central Ave. and Boyle St., use new Line 362 service.)

In addition, effective Sunday, June 28, 1998, MTA will reroute seven Metro Bus lines through downtown Inglewood. Due to the impending closure of Market Street for redevelopment, the lines will be permanently rerouted from Market Street to La Brea Avenue between Florence Avenue and Spruce Avenue.

Passengers currently accessing these routes on Market Street south of Manchester Boulevard will now be served on La Brea Avenue at Manchester Boulevard. Passengers making transfer connections between these routes, as well as Lines 107 and 115, also will be served at this location.

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The rerouted lines include:

Line 40 (Hawthorne Blvd.-Los Angeles-Union Station)

Line 111 (LAX-Florence Ave.-Leffingwell Rd.)

Line 211 (Prairie Ave.)

Line 212 (La Brea Ave.)

Line 215 (Inglewood Ave.-Redondo Beach-Del Amo Center)

Line 311 (Florence Ave. Limited)

Line 442 (Los Angeles-Hawthorne Express)

Note to editors: Maps of the new routes are available by calling Ed Scannell at (213)922-2703.

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