



NEWS

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MTA HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUS/RAIL INTERFACE PLAN FOR METRO RED LINE HOLLYWOOD EXTENSION AND THE PERFORMANCE STATUS OF 12 METRO BUS LINES IMPLEMENTED LAST YEAR

MTA will hold a public hearing on Saturday, March 6 to gather public input on a series of proposed bus service modifications in an effort to better serve the Hollywood extension of the Metro Red Line subway system once it opens in mid-1999.

The proposed service changes if implemented would eliminate duplication of bus service along the rail corridor and better serve the five new Metro Red Line stations at Vermont/Beverly, Vermont/Santa Monica, Vermont/Sunset, Hollywood/Western and Hollywood/Vine.

In addition, the restructuring of several MTA bus lines to better access the Metro Red Line Hollywood Extension will enhance patron's travel opportunities and, in some cases, speed up their travel time.

The public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. at MTA Headquarters, Third Floor Board Room, One Gateway Plaza, in downtown Los Angeles. No action will be taken at the public hearing. MTA staff will report back to the full MTA Board of Directors in April on the findings of the public hearing and will recommend a service plan for their approval at that time.

The public hearing also will seek public comment on service changes implemented as part of the Consent Decree Pilot Program.

More...

Under a Federal Court Consent Decree to improve Metro bus service, MTA in December 1997, began implementing a demonstration program of new and modified bus service designed give the transit dependent better access to jobs, schools and medical facilities. The pilot program implemented 12 new or modified bus lines throughout Los Angeles County.

Based on the findings of the evaluation after months of operation, five of the new lines met or exceeded the established performance criteria and four additional lines are expected to do so with some service restructuring.

Those pilot project lines shown on the attached public hearing notice may be considered for permanent status following an additional review of their performance. MTA staff will report to the MTA Board of Directors in April regarding their performance status.

Also listed on the attached notice are a series of Metro bus lines proposed to be restructured to better serve the planned extension of the Metro Red Line subway system to Hollywood. These bus service changes, if approved, may be implemented in mid-1999 or later. The proposed restructuring of these Metro bus lines is designed to enhance passenger connections between the rail line and other Metro bus lines.

These proposals may be approved in whole or in part by the MTA Board of Directors in April following the public hearing. The public is encouraged to attend the upcoming hearing and provide testimony on the proposed service modifications. Those unable to attend the public hearing may submit written testimony postmarked through March 6, 1999. Written testimony should be addressed to: LACMTA, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA. 90012-2932, Attention: March 1999 Public Hearing for Pilot Program & Metro Red Line Interface Plan.

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*****Editors: Attached is the public hearing notice and proposed service restructuring recommendations to be discussed at the March 6, 1999 public hearing.***

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) on **Saturday, March 6, 1999 at 10 AM** in the MTA's Headquarters Building, located at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles. The hearing is being held in conformance with federal public hearing requirements outlined in Section 9 (e) (3) (H) of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982, as amended, and public hearing guidelines adopted by the MTA's Board of Directors in 1993, as amended.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on service changes implemented under the Consent Decree Pilot Program. In addition, public comment is also requested on route and schedule modifications being considered for MOS-2B of the Metro Red Line Interface Plan. Listed below are the general proposals now under consideration.

PILOT PROGRAM

In 1998 the MTA implemented a demonstration program in compliance with requirements outlined in the Consent Decree. Known as the Pilot Program, 12 new and modified bus routes were implemented throughout the greater Los Angeles Area. An initial performance evaluation of the program was conducted after the first six months. Preliminary results indicate that the bus lines listed in this section may become permanent following the end of the current demonstration period should their performance prove satisfactory. Lines shown in **bold type** indicate a major service change. Additional information about these proposals will be available for public inspection after February 1, 1999 at the MTA's Administration Building in downtown Los Angeles.

NEW PILOT LINES THAT MAY BECOME PERMANENT

<u>Line</u>	<u>Line Name</u>
218	West Hollywood-Ventura Blvd-Laurel Canyon Shuttle.....
422	LACBD-San Fernando Valley-Thousand Oaks Express.....
550	West Hollywood- Harbor Transitway-San Pedro Express.....

PILOT PROGRAM----New Lines Continued

Line Line Name

- 601 Pico-Union/Hoover St DASH (Operated by City of Los Angeles).....
- 602 El Sereno/City Terrace DASH (Operated by City of Los Angeles).....
- 603 Hoover St.-Rampart St.-Colorado Blvd Shuttle.....
- 605 Lorena St-Soto St-USC Medical Center Shuttle.....

MODIFIED EXISTING LINES THAT MAY BECOME PERMANENT

Line Line Name

Modification That May Become Permanent

- 104 LACBD-Washington Blvd-La Mirada.....Extension to LACBD; new weekend service; enhanced weekday service
- 108 Slauson Ave.....Extension to Citadel Shopping Center
- 128 Alondra Ave-Compton-Fullerton Park-Ride.....Extension to Fullerton Park-Ride; new weekend service
- 167 Woodman Ave-Plummer St-Chatsworth St.....Enhanced weekday service; reroute via Chase Street
- 205 Wilmington-San Pedro.....Extension to Artesia Transitway Station; enhanced weekday and weekend service

METRO RED LINE: MOS-2B SERVICE MODIFICATIONS

In May 1999, the MTA is scheduled to begin passenger service on the planned extension of the Metro Red Line to Hollywood (MOS-2B). In anticipation of this schedule, the following bus routes may be modified or established as part of the service adjustments proposed for MOS-2B of the Metro Red Line Bus/Rail Interface Plan. Line numbers shown in **bold type** indicate a major service change. Additional detail about these proposals will be available for public inspection after February 1, 1999 at the MTA's Administration Building in downtown Los Angeles..

PROPOSED MOS-2B SERVICE MODIFICATIONS

<u>Line</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
1/217	Sunset Blvd-Hollywood Blvd-Fairfax Ave	Cancel Route 1 or decrease frequency of service; no change for Route 217.....	May 1999 or later
2/3	Sunset Blvd-Beverly Dr	Cancel Route 3; Canon Dr-Beverly Dr service to be replaced by rerouted Route 14. No changes proposed for Route 2.....	May 1999 or later
10/11	Melrose-Virgil-Vermont-Temple	Cancel Route 11; maintain Route 10.....	May 1999 or later
14	Beverly Blvd	Minor reroute to Beverly Hills; replaces Route 3 along Canon Dr between Santa Monica Blvd and Pico Blvd.....	May 1999 or later
18	Sixth St.	Minor reroute; terminal to be relocated to Western Red Line Station.....	May 1999 or later
26/51	Franklin Ave-Avalon	Shorten route of Line 26 at Sunset/Vermont Station; Franklin Ave route would be replaced by another provider.....	May 1999 or later
66	E. Olympic-LACBD-W.8th	Minor reroute; terminal to be relocated to Western Red Line Station.....	May 1999 or later
163	Sherman Way-Hollywood	Minor reroute to Hollywood and Argyle St. near Hollywood/Vine Station.....	May 1999 or later
206	Normandie Ave	Minor reroute; terminal to be relocated to Vermont/Sunset Station.....	May 1999 or later
212	La Brea	Minor reroute; terminal to be relocated to Hollywood/Vine Station.....	May 1999 or later
302	Sunset Blvd Limited	Cancel; to be replaced with portions of new limited Route 303.....	May 1999 or later
303	Hollywood-Westwood Limited	Establish <i>new</i> limited-stop, peak hour line(see Lines 302 & 429).....	May 1999 or later
354	Vermont Limited	Shorten route to end at Vermont/Wilshire Station; impacted stops served by Line 204.....	May 1999 or later
420	Panorama City-LACBD Express	Cancel express route; to be converted to <i>new</i> local Line 156; reroute to L A City College.....	May 1999 or later

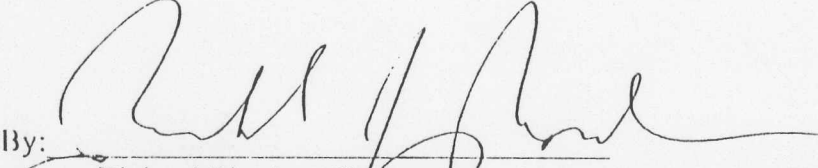
PROPOSED MOS-2B SERVICE MODIFICATIONS---Continued

<u>Line</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
424	Ventura Blvd-LACBD Express	Cancel express route; to be converted to <i>new</i> local Route 150; shorten route to end at Hollywood/Vine Station.....	May 1999 or later
425	Ventura Blvd-LACBD Express	Cancel express route; to be converted to <i>new</i> limited-stop Route 350; shorten route to end at Hollywood/Vine Station.....	May 1999 or later
427	West Hills-LACBD Express	Cancel Line.....	May 1999 or later
429	Westwood-LACBD Express	Cancel line; portions of route to be replaced by new limited-stop Route 303.....	May 1999 or later
522	Northridge-LACBD Express	Cancel express; route to be converted to new local Route 240; shorten route to end at Hollywood/Vine Station.....	May 1999 or later

These proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearing. Approved changes would become effective on or about the program dates shown. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming hearing and provide testimony on these matters. Persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written testimony postmarked through March 6, 1999. Correspondence should be addressed to:

LACMTA
 One Gateway Plaza
 Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932
 Attn: March 1999 Public Hearing
 For Pilot Program and Metro Red Line Interface Plan

Dated: January 28, 1999

By: 
 Richard Riordan, Chairman