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MTA TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUS/RAIL INTERFACE PLAN, METRO RAPID BUS DEMO PROJECT AND OTHER SERVICE CHANGES

The MTA will hold a public hearing on Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999 to outline proposed service changes in connection with the opening of the North Hollywood segment of the Metro Red Line scheduled for mid-2000.

In addition, the public is encouraged to comment on MTA's Metro Rapid Bus Demonstration Project to be implemented next year as well as other service change proposals designed to improve the operation of the Metro Bus system.

The public hearing will begin at 10 a.m. at the MTA's Headquarters Building, One Gateway Plaza in downtown Los Angeles. The hearing will take place in the Board Room on the Third Floor.

In mid-2000 the MTA is scheduled to begin passenger revenue service on the Metro Red Line subway extension to North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley. To enhance rail service and reduce service duplication, the following bus routes are proposed to be modified as part of the bus-rail interface plan: Lines 96, 152, 154, 163, 166, 183, 230, 418, 420, 424, 425, 426, 427 and 522. These service changes would take place in May 2000 or later. (See attachment for specific service modification details)

A Metro Rapid Bus Demonstration Project will introduce new, fast, high quality bus service in key transit corridors in the Eastside, Mid-City and San Fernando Valley. This service will upgrade and replace existing service in the Whittier/Wilshire and Ventura Boulevard corridors.

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The Metro Rapid Bus Project will provide more reliable service using low-floor buses, signal priority at intersections, streamline on-street boarding and alighting of passengers and improved bus stop spacing at planned rapid bus stations.

Metro Bus lines affected by the demonstration project includes Lines 318, 320, 322 and 425. A new rapid bus line is proposed to be implemented along Whittier and Wilshire Boulevards effective March 2000 or later. The rapid bus line demonstration project along Ventura Boulevard is proposed for May 2000 or later.

Other service changes proposed to improve the operation of the bus system include implementation of a new experimental route 418 (LACBD-Roscoe Bl. Express) and new route 434 (Los Angeles-Santa Monica Express). Line 429 (Los Angeles-Sunset Blvd. Express) would be cancelled. The effective dates for implementation would be December 1999 or later for these three service modifications.

These proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a later date following the public hearing. No Board action will be taken at the public hearing. The public is encouraged to attend the hearing and provide testimony on these proposals.

Those individuals unable to attend the public hearing may submit written testimony postmarked through November 13, 1999. Correspondence should be addressed to: LACMTA, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, Ca 90012-2932, Attention: November 13, 1999 Public Hearing for FY 2000 Service Changes.

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ATTACHMENT A

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, November 13, 1999 at 10:00 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 the proposed route and schedule modifications on the following service change programs: 1) MOS-3 Bus-Rail Interface Plan, 2) Metro Rapid Bus Demonstration Project and 3) Other FY 2000 Service Changes. The proposals under consideration under each program are listed below.

FY 2000 SERVICE CHANGES

Listed below are the major service change programs proposed for this fiscal year or later. The proposed service change for each line is listed under the appropriate program. Line numbers shown in **bold type** indicate a major service change. Additional detail about these proposals will be available for public inspection after October 13, 1999 at the MTA's Administration Building in downtown Los Angeles.

MOS-3 BUS-RAIL INTERFACE PLAN

In May 2000 the MTA is scheduled to begin passenger revenue service on the Metro Red Line extension to North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley. To enhance rail service and reduce service duplication, the following bus routes are proposed to be modified as part of the bus-rail interface plan for MOS-3.

<u>Line</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
96	LA-Burbank-Sherman Oaks	Minor reroute to Universal City Station	May 2000 or later
152	Fallbrook-Roscoe-Burbank	Minor reroute to North Hollywood and Universal City Stations	May 2000 or later
154	Tampa-Ventura-Burbank	Minor reroute to North Hollywood Station	May 2000 or later
163	Sherman Way-Hollywood Way	Minor reroute of selected trips North Hollywood Station	May 2000 or later
166	Nordhoff St-Lankershim Bl.	Minor reroute of terminal to Universal City Station	May 2000 or later
183	Magnolia Bl.-E.Colorado St.	Minor reroute to North Hollywood Station	May 2000 or later
230	Laurel Canyon Bl.	Minor reroute to North Hollywood Station	May 2000 or later
418	Roscoe Bl.-LACBD Express	Cancel express segment; Convert to <i>new</i> limited stop Line 352, terminating at North Hollywood Station	May 2000 or later
420	Panorama City-LACBD Express	Convert to <i>new</i> local Line 156; Minor reroute to North Hollywood and Universal City Stations; Service levels reduced from North Hollywood Station to Los Angeles	May 2000 or later
424	Ventura Bl.-LACBD Express	Cancel express segment; Convert to <i>new</i> local Line 150, terminating at Universal City Station	May 2000 or later
425	Ventura Bl.-LACBD Express	Cancel express segment; Convert to <i>new</i> limited-stop Line 350, terminating at Universal City Station.....	May 2000 or later
426	S.F.V.-Mid-Wilshire Express	Minor reroute to North Hollywood Station	May 2000 or later
427	West Hills-LACBD Express	Cancel line	May 2000 or later
522	Northridge-LACBD Express	Cancel express segment; Convert to new local Line 240, terminating at Universal City Station	May 2000 or later

METRO RAPID BUS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

A Metro Rapid Bus demonstration project will introduce a new, fast, high quality bus service in key corridors. This service will upgrade and replace existing service in these corridors. Lines affected by the demonstration project include the following:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
318	Whittier Bl. Limited	Cancel line, upgrade and integrate into Rapid Bus Study Line 1 (S-1).....	March 2000 or later
320	Wilshire Bl. Limited	Cancel line, upgrade and integrate into Rapid Bus Study Line 1 (S-1).....	March 2000 or later

<u>Line</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
322	Wilshire Bl. Century City Limited	Cancel line, upgrade and integrate into Rapid Bus Study Line 1 (S-1).....	March 2000 or later
S-1	Wilshire-Whittier Rapid Bus	Establish new rapid bus service along Wilshire and Whittier Blvds.....	March 2000 or later
425	Ventura Bl. Limited	Cancel line, replace with Rapid Bus Study Line 2 (S-2)	May 2000 or later
S-2	Ventura Bl. Rapid Bus	Establish new rapid bus service along Ventura Blvd	May 2000 or later

OTHER FY 2000 SERVICE CHANGES

Other miscellaneous service change proposals designed to improve the operation of bus service are listed below.

<u>Line</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Proposed Change</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
418	LACBD-Roscoe Bl. Express	Approve new experimental alternate route.....	December, 1999
429	L.A.-Sunset Blvd. Express	Cancel line.....	December, 1999
434	L.A.-Santa Monica Express	Approve new experimental alternate route	December, 1999

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 November 13, 1999. Correspondence should be addressed to:

**LACMTA
 One Gateway Plaza
 Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932
 Attn: November 13, 1999 Public Hearing
 For FY 2000 Service Changes**

Dated: _____

By: _____
 Yvonne Burke, Chair