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ITEM #4
METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
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Revised

SUBJECT: JUNE 2005 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

**ACTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED JUNE 2005
SERVICE CHANGES**

RECOMMENDATION

A. Schedule Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at 6:30pm as the hearing date and time to receive public comment on the following service change program.

Line 14	Frequency modifications
Line 58	Cancellation of service
Line 217-317	Cancellation of limited service
Line 714	Implementation
Line 717	Implementation

B. Authorize publication of the [Notice of Public Hearing \(Attachment A\)](#).

BACKGROUND

In compliance with federal public hearing requirements and adopted MTA policy, the Governance Council is required to conduct a public hearing and consider public testimony before approving significant modifications to the bus system. As part of this process, the Governance Council is also required to consider potential impacts these changes may have on the community.

The proposed changes are necessary to improve the efficiency of bus operations within the sector, and to ensure a balanced budget for next fiscal year. In an effort to move forward with projects that will improve service quality and increase operating efficiencies, staff proposes to initiate the service changes contained in the public hearing program as early as June 26, 2005. The changes proposed are part of a broader service improvement program based on reviewing and improving travel times and Metro Rapid implementation. The proposed Westside/Central changes are consistent with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Long Range Transportation Plan, LACMTA's Transit Service Policy, and LACMTA's Five-Year Metro Rapid Implementation Plan.

The Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) gives the time, date, and location of the public hearing and a brief summary of the changes under consideration.

SUMMARY OF STAFF PROPOSALS

The proposed Westside/Central service plan includes four routes. Two Metro Rapid routes will be implemented with a corresponding frequency reduction in one local route and a renumbering of a limited stop route. A brief description of the individual proposals as follows:

Route 14 - Beverly Boulevard: Reduce frequency of service during weekday peak hours.

Route 58 - Alameda Street: Cancel all service due to low ridership demand.

Route 317 - Fairfax Avenue/Hollywood Boulevard: Replace service on Route 317 with new Metro Rapid Line 717.

Route 714 - Beverly Boulevard: Implement new Metro Rapid service between Beverly Hills and downtown L.A. along Beverly Blvd, 1st St., Grand Ave./Olive Blvd. to Washington Metro Blue Line Station. Service will be provided during weekday peak hours.

Route 717 - Fairfax Avenue/ Hollywood Boulevard: Implement new Metro Rapid service between Hollywood/Vine Station and West LA Transit Center along Fairfax Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard.

NEXT STEPS

Following the public hearing, staff will return to the Governance Council with a report summarizing all public comments received along with specific staff recommendations.

Attachment A: Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment B: Metro Westside/Central Maps

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