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**Agenda Item 4**  
**METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**  
**March 3, 2005**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES TO MTA WESTSIDE/CENTRAL  
SECTOR SERVICES**

**ACTION: APPROVE FINDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT  
REVISED SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM**

**RECOMMENDATION**

- A. Approve the findings of the Public Hearing conducted on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 shown in Attachment A concerning Metro Westside/Central Sector's June 2005 Service Change Program.
- B. Adopt the revised June 2005 Service Change Program as outlined in this report.

**ISSUE**

On February 9, 2005 the Westside/Central Service Sector conducted a public hearing to consider public input before coming to the Governance Council with final recommendations for significant changes to the bus system. After considering public input, the revised June 2005 Service Change Program proposes to improve service through the reallocation of resources, and implementation of two new Rapid Lines as previously approved by the MTA Board in 2002.

**OPTIONS**

The options to the staff recommendations are to either 1) adopt the revised June Service Change Program; or 2) modify and adopt any subset of the proposals.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

### **Revised Service Change Program**

Considering customer feedback during the public hearing process, staff is recommending a program that is revenue service hour and cost neutral.

<b>JUNE 2005 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM - ANNUALIZED SERVICE HOURS</b>		
<b>LINE</b>	<b>SERVICE HOURS</b>	<b>BOARDINGS</b>
14	-13,643	-767,295
58*	-6,270	-33,000
217/317	-22,185	-1,067,430
714	13,643	767,295
717	22,185	1,067,430
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*Hours and boardings excluded, as they are not part of directly operated budget. Service scheduled in Gateway Sector, and is scheduled to operate through October 28, 2004.

## **BACKGROUND**

The revised June 2005 Service Change Program includes schedule modifications to improve travel speeds and implementation of two new Rapid lines.

### **Public Outreach Process**

On January 6, 2005 the Metro Westside/Central Sector Governance Council approved a Notice of Public Hearing detailing proposed modifications to sector bus lines. The legal hearing notice was published in area newspapers the dates of which are on file with the MTA Board Secretary's Office.

Prior to the public hearing, notice of the hearing was electronically sent out to a sector community database of over 200 maintained by Community Relations. MTA Media Relations issued a press release on the hearing. A message on the sector community meeting phone line contained information about the hearing.

The public hearing followed on February 9, 2005, at the La Cienega Tennis Center in Beverly Hills.

## **Results of the Public Hearing**

Approximately 25 people attended the public hearing. Fourteen people provided testimony by the close of the public record on Wednesday, February 9, 2004. Seven individuals gave oral testimony, six respondents provided written comments, and one provided both oral and written comments.

## **Summary of Public Comment**

Of the service change proposals under review, most of the public comment addressed the support for Rapid service, provided local service is not reduced. Attachment A summarizes the public comment and includes staff's response.

## **SUMMARY OF REVISION TO SERVICE CHANGE PROPOSALS**

Considering public input and review of the proposals presented at the public hearing, staff recommends proposals be modified as described below.

- Route 14 - (Beverly Boulevard)  
Staff recommends reducing the frequency of daily service and reallocating service to the new Rapid Line 714.
- Route 58 – (Alameda Boulevard)  
Staff recommends canceling all service due to low ridership.
- Route 317 – (Fairfax Avenue – Hollywood Boulevard Limited)  
Staff recommends replacing Limited Stop service with new Metro Rapid Line 717 as approved by the MTA Board in December 2004.
- Route 714 – (Beverly Boulevard)  
Staff recommends implementing new Rapid service during peak hours from 6:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 6:00pm as previously approved by the MTA Board in the fall of 2002. The proposed frequency of service is 15 minutes.
- Route 717 – (Fairfax Ave. – Hollywood Blvd. Metro Rapid)  
Establish new daily Rapid service along Fairfax Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard as approved by the MTA Board in the fall of 2002. The proposed frequency of service is 10 to 12 minutes during peak hours and 20 minutes during off-peak hours. Service is proposed from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.

## **NEXT STEPS**

With approval from the Sector Governance Council, staff will implement all changes effective June 26, 2005 or later.

[Attachment A: Summary of Public Comments](#)

[Attachment B: Maps of Service Proposals](#)

[Attachment C: Public Hearing Notice](#)

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