

MINUTES

San Fernando Valley Service Sector Governance Council

Regular Meeting

American Red Cross Service Center
14717 Sherman Way, Van Nuys

Called to Order at 6:45 p.m.

Council Members present:

Coby King, Chair
Stacey Murphy, Vice Chair
Richard Arvizu
David Fleming
Joan H. Leonard
Jesus Ochoa
Kymberleigh Richards
Brad Rosenheim

Officers:

Richard Hunt, General Manager
Christina Lumba-Gamboa, Council
Secretary

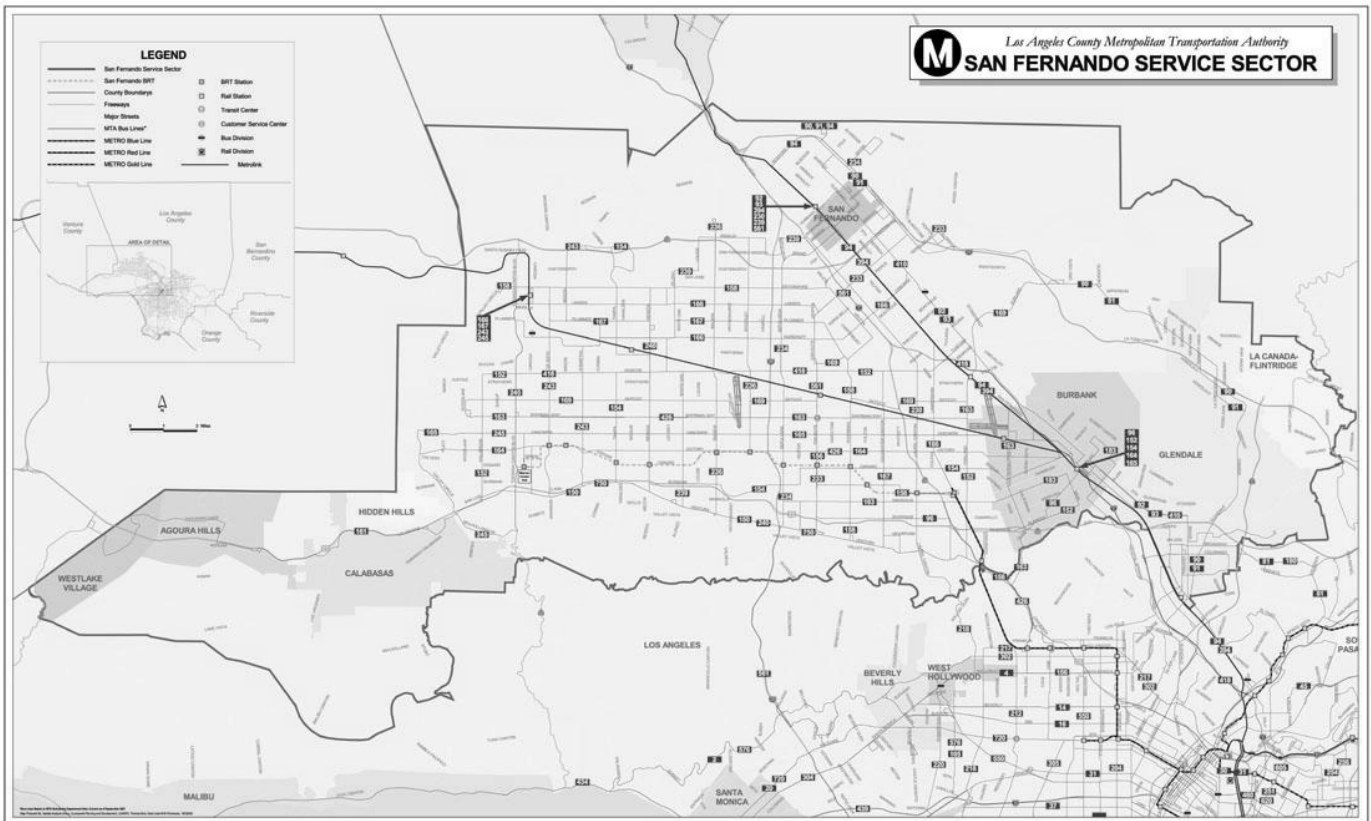


Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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METRO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

1) Area of responsibility:



- 2) The Governance Council is exclusively responsible for planning routes and schedules for Tier 2 and 3 bus lines within the San Fernando Service Sector. Tier 2 and 3 bus lines in the San Fernando Valley are:

Lines: 92, 96C, 154, 158, 161, 167C, 168, 169, 183/234, 230/239, 236/237, 243, 245, 418 and 426. (C = Contract Service)

Tier 1 bus lines are not under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Governance Council but jurisdiction may be exercised with the concurrence of other sectors or Corporate. Tier 1 bus lines in the San Fernando Valley are:

Lines: 90/91, 94/394, 150/240, 152,156, 163, 164/165, 166, 233, 750, and 761.

- 3) The Governance Council is responsible for studying and planning service to improve efficiency within Metro San Fernando Valley, making recommendations to the MTA board regarding service issues, working with transit planners and local authorities and transit operators to ensure coordination of service and holding public hearings to gain input on proposed changes.
- 4) The Governance Council is **NOT** responsible for fare and pass structures, new project construction, or Metro Rail.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. APPROVED **Minutes** of Governance Council Meeting held December 1, 2004, January 12, 2005 as corrected, and February 2, 2005.

3. RECEIVED presentation of **Final Proposed FY 2005 Service Changes** by Mike Brewer, Service Development Manager

Mr. Brewer made revised proposals on the following Lines as a result of the public hearing comments:

- Line 150 (Ventura Blvd. – Warner Center – Canoga Park) - Originally, staff proposed relocating the western terminal from Sherman Way & Topanga Cyn. to Warner Center Transit Center. In response to public concerns, staff's recommendation is to withdraw this proposal and to retain the Sherman Way & Topanga Canyon terminal.
- Line 154 (Tampa Av-Ventura Bl-Burbank Bl –Oxnard St) Staff recommended adoption of its proposal to relocate the western terminal of Line 154 from Porter Ranch to Ventura and Reseda Blvds.
- Line 161 (Thousand Oaks-Canoga Park) – Staff recommended adoption of its original proposal to relocate the eastern terminal of Line 161 from Owensmouth & Vanowen to the Warner Center Transit Center.
- Route 183 (Magnolia Bl.-Kenneth Rd.-E. Colorado St.) – Staff originally proposed cancellation of the segment which operates between downtown Burbank and the Glendale Metrolink Station. In response to comments from the public and municipal employees, staff's recommendation is to withdraw this proposal and to retain the current route alignment and service levels.
- Line 236 (Balboa Bl.-Rinaldi St,-Woodley Av.-Van Nuys Bl.) - In response to a local resident, staff originally proposed to relocate the northern terminal from Sylmar Metrolink Station to Olive View Hospital. In response to public comments, staff's recommendation is to withdraw this proposal and to retain the current route alignment and service levels.
- Line 243 (De Soto-Ventura Bl-Winnetka)- Staff recommends adoption of its proposal to recombine Winnetka Av. And Tampa Av. Segments to produce a new route alignment. Also, staff recommends discontinuing the (Parthenia, Reseda and Roscoe) route deviation to serve Northridge Metrolink Station.

- Line 245 (Topanga Canyon Bl-Mulholland Dr.-Valley Circle Bl.) - Staff recommends adoption of its proposal to recombine Topanga Cyn and De Soto St. segments to produce a new route alignment. Also, staff recommends the establishment of Line 645 Shuttle to serve Mulholland Dr., Valley Circle and West Hills Hospital)
- New Line 645(Warner Ctr.-Mulholland-Valley Circle Bl.) – Staff recommends establishing replacement shuttle bus service between Warner Ctr. and West Hills Hospital along Topanga Canyon, Mulholland and Valley Circle Blvd.
- Line S-1 (New Reseda Bl.-Orange Line Busway-Sepulveda Bl.-Westwood) - Staff originally proposed establishment of new Line S-1 which would provide express service between Northridge and Westwood. In response to public comment and the lack of available fundng, staff's recommendation is to withdraw this proposal at this time. However, elements of this proposal may be incorporated into future Reseda Metro Rapid service.
- Line 234 (Sepulveda Bl.–Brand Bl.-Sayre Bl.) In response to public comment, staff's recommendation is to withdraw the proposal to reallocate resources from Line 234 to establish the new Line 734 (Sepulveda Rapid). Moreover, staff recommends postponing the implementation of Sepulveda Metro Rapid service until June 2006 .
- Line 734 (Sepulveda Bl. Metro Rapid) In response to public comment and the lack of available funding, staff's recommendation is to withdraw the proposal to establish the new Line 734 (Sepulveda Rapid). Moreover, staff recommends postponing the implementation of the Sepulveda Metro Rapid service until June 2006 .
- Line S-643 (Pierce College Shuttle) In response to public comment and the lack of available funding, staff's recommendation is to withdraw the proposal to establish new shuttle Line S-643.
- Line 230 (Laurel Canyon Bl.) - Staff's recommendation is to withdraw the proposal to extend branch route 239 along Hubbard St. to Mission College. This change was subject to the approval and implementation of the Line 734 (Sepulveda Rapid), which will be postponed until June 2006.
- Line 168 (Lassen St. – Paxton St.) – staff previously recommended to cancel the entire line. Because of public comments, staff revised the proposal to modify the Line to provide weekday peak service only; Cancel weekday midday and Saturday service; implement two route deviations and shorten terminal to Chatsworth Transportation Center. Reroute from Arleta St., to Laurel Canyon Blvd. And reroute to Northridge Fashion Center from Tampa St.,

- Line 418 (Roscoe Blvd. – Laurel Canyon Blvd.. – limited to North Hollywood Station St) – staff previously recommended cancellation of the entire Line. Staff revised proposal is to maintain line and implement minor reroute from Laurel Canyon and Burbank Blvd. To Lankershim Blvd.; Reroute from Laurel Canyon blvd, to Burbank Blvd to Lankershim Blvd with new limited stop at ~~to~~ Saticoy St, Sherman Way, Vanowen St., Victory Blvd, Oxnard Blvd and Burbank Blvd. However, the Line number will be changed from 418 to 353.
- Line 156 (L.A. City College-Van Nuys-Panorama City) – Originally, staff proposed relocating the northern terminal from Van Nuys & Roscoe Blvds. to Burbank Blvd. and Kester St. and the southern terminal from Vermont & New Hampshire to Hollywood & Highland Blvds. This change is intended to reduce service duplication. In response to public concerns, staff's recommendation is to extend service from the proposed Hollywood & Highland terminal south on Highland Blvd. to Santa Monica Blvd. Staff is working with LADOT to establish the required turnaround loops and layover zones.
- Line 426 (Sherman Way-Victory Bl.-North Hollywood Station Limited) – Originally, staff proposed cancellation of the entire line. In response to public comment, staff's recommendation is to withdraw this proposal and to retain Line 426 and service levels. However, the Line number will be changed from 426 to 363.

4. RECEIVED Public Comment

5. ADOPTED Staff **recommendations for Service Changes**, to go into effect June 26, 2005, or later AS AMENDED BY Council Member Richards as follows:

- On Line 156 for staff to report back on the feasibility of combining Line 156 service to Hollywood with existing Line 163 to eliminate duplicative service and recover additional resources for reallocation; whether operating a shorter segment of Line 156 owl service is feasible (including the possibility of timed-transfer connections with Lines 4 and/or 217) to recover additional resources from presently duplicated service between Hollywood and downtown Los Angeles.
- Line 168 for staff to monitor the retained trips to determine whether ridership levels warrant continuing service on Lassen St.
- Line 183 for staff to monitor ridership in Burbank and Glendale to determine whether service would be better provided by Beeline and/or BLT
- Line 426 for staff to research feasibility of extending service o Sherman Way East of Van Nuys blvd., to provide a direct connection to North Hollywood Station

6. RECEIVED Council Member and Chair's Final Remarks

Council Members expressed their appreciation to outgoing Council Member David Fleming for his work at the San Fernando Governance Council Service Sector.

Mr. King expressed his appreciation to the Daily News for the exposure of the Service Sector public hearing and commended staff for their hard work and efforts on the Service Changes.

Ms. Leonard commented on the attendance and response of the public hearing. She expressed her appreciation to the Daily News for editorials regarding the Service Sector public hearing. She also expressed her appreciation to staff for their diligence and hard work.

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Council Secretary

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