

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 18, 2005****SUBJECT: PROPOSED BUS SERVICE CHANGES IN DECEMBER 2005****ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE****RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file report on the proposed bus service changes scheduled for December 2005 (Attachment A).

**ISSUE**

Metro makes major service changes twice each year, usually in June and December. This report and attachments provide detailed information about the proposed December 2005 changes. The Board will be asked to approve the Tier 1 service changes at its September 2005 meeting. Tier 1 services include rail and high-demand corridors served by Metro Rapid or other frequent service. Tier 1 bus lines are not under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Governance Councils and require the concurrence of the Board.

**DISCUSSION**

Both the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Metro Board require that major service changes be reviewed in a public process prior to implementation. As communicated to the board in a July 8, 2005 board box, a public hearing notice was published in the Los Angeles Times on July 10, 2005 and also appeared widely in other newspapers, including sub-regional newspapers, community publications, foreign language newspapers, and on the Metro website. Four hearings were held during the week of August 8, 2005 at locations within each of the four sectors in which service changes were proposed. The public comment period ended on August 12, 2005.

Prior to the hearings, sector staff made presentations to their governance councils in July 2005 detailing the service changes. Further details of the proposed bus service changes can be obtained by contacting the Board Secretary's Office.

Staff is requesting to bypass the September 2005 Committee cycle and have the approval of the bus service changes agendized at the September 22, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. This will allow the Governance Councils to take action on the recommended service changes at their meetings on September 1st, 8th, 9th, and 13th. Agendizing the approval for the October 2005 Operations Committee is not ideal because if the Board is not in concurrence with all or part of the Governance Councils actions, it would delay implementation of the service changes.

The proposed Tier 1 service changes the Board will be asked to approve are:

Gateway Cities

- Line 26 7<sup>TH</sup> St. – Virgil Av. – Franklin Av
- Line 60 Long Beach Bl. – Santa Fe Av.
- Line 711 Florence Rapid
- Line 760 Long Beach Rapid

San Gabriel Valley

- Line 70-370 Garvey Av.
- Line 76-376 Valley Bl.
- Line 81-381 Figueroa St.
- Line 180-181 Pasadena-Glendale-Hollywood
- Line 260-361 Atlantic Bl.-Fair Oaks Bl

Metro South Bay

- Line 710 Crenshaw Rapid
- Line 711 Florence Rapid
- Line 754 Vermont Rapid
- Line 757 Western Rapid

Westside/Central

- Line 4-304 Santa Monica Blvd.
- Line 20-21 Wilshire Blvd. – UCLA
- Line 30 Pico Blvd. – E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. – Floral Dr.
- Line 33-333 Venice Blvd.
- Line 68 W. Washington Blvd. – Chavez Ave.
- Line 717 Fairfax Rapid

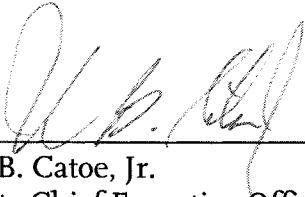
**NEXT STEPS**

The four Governance Councils will take action on the recommended service changes at their meetings on September 1st, 8th, 9th, and 13th. These actions will be presented to the Board for review and approval of Tier 1 service changes at the full board meeting on September 22, 2005. Staff will notify customers of the changes through notices, etc, etc. starting x. The service changes will be effective December 18, 2005

**ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Summary of Tier 1 Service Changes

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## ATTACHMENT A

### METRO GATEWAY CITIES

TIER	LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
1	26	7 <sup>TH</sup> St. – Virgil Av. – Franklin Av.	Relocate west terminal to Sunset Metro Red Line Station. Truncate route segment on Argyle-Franklin-Hillhurst due to duplication with DASH.
1	60	Long Beach Bl. – Santa Fe Av.	Reroute line to the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. Service on Long Beach Bl. south of Artesia Bl. replaced by Long Beach Transit except for Owl Service when Line 60 will continue to operate to downtown Long Beach
1	711	Florence Rapid	Extend line from Bell Gardens to Norwalk I-605 Station via Florence Av., Studebaker Rd. (also see western extension to LAX in South Bay)
1	760	Long Beach Rapid	Operate new Rapid Bus line between downtown Los Angeles and the Artesia Metro Blue Line Station. Service would operate along the route served by Line 60.

### METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

TIER	LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
1	70-370	Garvey Av.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
1	76-376	Valley Bl.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
1	81-381	Figueroa St.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
1	180-181	Pasadena-Glendale-Hollywood	Improve service levels and add time into schedule
1	260-361	Atlantic Bl.-Fair Oaks Bl.	Improve service levels and add time into schedule

### METRO SOUTH BAY

TIER	LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
1	710	Crenshaw Rapid	Implement new Saturday service
1	711	Florence Rapid	Reaffirm extension to LAX Transit Center via Century Bl. (also see eastern extension in Gateway Cities).
1	754	Vermont Rapid	Assign 60' buses and reschedule service with wider headways to reflect larger-capacity buses.
1	757	Western Rapid	Implement new Rapid service on Western Av. with 60' larger-capacity buses.

### METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL

TIER	LINE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
1	4-304	Santa Monica Blvd.	Shorten service from 2 <sup>nd</sup> St./Santa Monica Bl. to Santa Monica/Sepulveda Bls. due to service duplication with Santa Monica.
1	20-21	Wilshire Blvd. – UCLA	Shorten service from Main St. /Pico Bl. to Wilshire/Westwood Bls. due to service duplication with Santa Monica. Remove service to UCLA due to service duplication with Santa Monica and Culver City.
1	30	Pico Blvd. – E. 1 <sup>st</sup> St. – Floral Dr.	Implement weekday limited stop service between Pico/Arlington Bls. and 1 <sup>st</sup> /Soto Sts.
1	33-333	Venice Blvd.	Modify turning movements between Pico/Ocean Bls. and 2 <sup>nd</sup> St./Santa Monica Bl.
1	68	W. Washington Blvd. – Chavez Ave.	Implement weekday peak-hour limited stop service between Washington Bl./La Brea Av. and Cesar Chavez/Rowan Avs. Shorten service from Montebello Town Center to Cesar Chavez/Atlantic Bl. due to service duplication with Monterey Park and Montebello.
1	717	Fairfax Rapid	Review to determine if extension of existing Hollywood/Pasadena line should be implemented