

**METRO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 2006**

**SUBJECT: SCHEDULE AUGUST 2006 PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER
2006 SERVICE CHANGES**

ACTION: APPROVE

RECOMMENDATION

Approve August 2, 2006 at 6:30PM at the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center as the date and location for Sector service changes to be implemented December, 2006 or later.

BACKGROUND

Staff is proposing to implement the first phase of Metro Connections service changes in December 2006 or later. The first phase consists primarily of implementing two new rapid bus lines and shortening or simplifying routes. Some of the changes are considered major as defined by federal public hearing guidelines and MTA policy, requiring the Governance Council to hold a public hearing to solicit/consider public input prior to approval.

The proposed changes will be included in a consolidated service change public hearing notice for all participating Service Sectors. The notice is slated to be published on July 2 and requires a 30-day notification period. Staff is requesting the Governance Council to set a public hearing date as August 2, 2006 at 6:30 PM at the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center.

The public can attend, make or submit comments on any or all service change proposals at any of the Service Sector public hearings. SFV staff will compile summaries of all comments related to our service area and provide recommendations for approval at the regular September 6, 2006 Governance Council Meeting.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

The proposed changes in bus service will not incur additional cost as resources will be reallocated to improve service effectiveness and efficiency.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed service modifications are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Long Range Plan, Metro Connections, and the Consent Decree. The overall impact of the changes is to improve public access to transit and maximize the efficient use of available resources.

DRAFT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Metro San Fernando Valley service change proposals will be included in the consolidated Notice of Public Hearing for all participating sectors. These proposals are contained in Attachment A and are briefly discussed below:

Lines 94, 152 and 166 are proposed to be shortened to meet the Metro Connections guiding principle of simplifying service. This guideline suggests shortening routes with one-way route lengths in excess of 20 miles. All three of these lines are among the longest bus lines in the Metro system and are more difficult to manage in terms of service reliability.

The route of each line is proposed to be broken into two segments and each segment operated on its own or part of another stand-alone line. Line 94 is proposed to be split in Sun Valley. Line 94A is proposed to operate from Olive View Medical Center to Sun Valley, then via Lankershim Boulevard to the North Hollywood Station. Line 94B is proposed to operate between Sun Valley and Downtown Los Angeles along the existing route.

Line 152 is proposed to be split at the North Hollywood Station, with no substantial route change on each stand-alone line, except for a proposed minor reroute. Some or all trips may be rerouted from Glenoaks Boulevard to San Fernando Road between Tuxford Street and Sunland Boulevard / Glenoaks Boulevard to improve access to the Sun Valley Metrolink Station. In this case, a new branch Line 153, in contrast to Metro Connections principles, is necessitated.

Line 166 is proposed to be broken in Sun Valley, but the segment south of Sun Valley is proposed to be canceled and the segment operating along Lankershim Boulevard replaced by proposed Line 94A. The Chatsworth to Sun Valley segment is proposed to be shortened near Glenoaks Boulevard and Branford Street and new limited stop Line 366 is proposed to operate along this route on weekdays.

Lines 741 and 766 are two new rapid bus lines that are proposed to be implemented in December 2006. New Line 741 is proposed to operate along Reseda Boulevard between Northridge and Tarzana. Some trips on local Line 240 are proposed to be converted to this new service.

New Line 766 is proposed to operate primarily along San Fernando Boulevard and Lankershim Boulevard between Sylmar/San Fernando Metrolink Station and North Hollywood Station. Some resources from the proposed Line 94A are proposed to be

converted to Line 766. In addition, Line 394 is proposed to be canceled and resources reallocated towards Line 766. An alternate proposal for Line 766 is to implement proposed Line 794 Metro Rapid service along San Fernando Road between Sylmar/San Fernando Transportation Center and Downtown Los Angeles and restructure Line 394 to provide limited stop service along the proposed route of Line 94A between Sylmar Station to North Hollywood Station.

As part of simplifying service, Metro Connections discourages the operation of branch routes. Line 91 operates the same route as Line 90 except for a branch route in Montrose. The branch segment operating along La Crescenta Avenue and Honolulu Avenue is proposed to be canceled and all trips consolidated to operate via the route of Line 90 along Pennsylvania Avenue and Montrose Avenue.

Line 158 is proposed to be shortened slightly at the Chatsworth Transportation Center to consolidate service at that location. Finally, Line 156 owl service is proposed to operate as a stand-alone line since the owl route is substantially different from the all-day route of Line 156.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the public hearing dates for each participating sector, the consolidated Notice of Public Hearing will be scheduled to be published in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, July 2, 2006. Additional notification of the public hearing will follow later in the month in other local and foreign language newspapers.

A copy of final public hearing notice, including proposals from all participating service sectors, will be provided to the Council at the July Governance Council meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Draft Proposed Metro SFV Major Service Changes
- B. Draft Line Maps

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