



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
June 11, 2007

SUBJECT: UPDATE OF PROPOSED DECEMBER 2007 SGV SERVICE CHANGES

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

BACKGROUND

The Metro bus system implements major service changes twice each year, in December and June. For the December 2007 service changes, the San Gabriel Valley Sector focus will be the implementation of up to three new Metro Rapid Lines and the continued implementation of the Metro Connections program.

The three new Metro Rapid Lines are W. Olympic Bl. (728), Garvey Av.-Chavez Av. (770), and possibly Atlantic Bl.-Fair Oaks Av. (762). There would also be significant modifications made to the underlying local bus lines, with some of them being terminated at or near the LA downtown area. Metro San Gabriel Valley staff will be developing these proposed changes in close partnership with Westside Central Sector staff. The SGV public hearing for the Metro San Gabriel Valley Sector will be held on Monday, August 13, at 6 PM, following the regular Governance Council meeting.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

There could be a significant savings in service hours caused by the truncating of local lines. The majority of these savings would be available to improve service levels on other SGV Sector bus lines.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed service modifications are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Long Range Plan and Metro Connections Program. Overall, they provide for improvements in public access to transit, improved travel speeds, as well as improvements in operating efficiency.

For the San Gabriel Valley, staff is proposing major service changes to eight of our bus lines.

- **Line 728 (Century City – Downtown LA via W. Olympic Bl)** This new Metro Rapid Line would operate weekdays and possibly Saturdays. Because this line will only operate in the Westside Central Service Sector, it will become the planning and scheduling responsibility of that sector. The implementation of this line will require route and service modifications local Lines 28/83/84 and cancellation of limited Line 328.

- **Line 28 (W. Olympic Bl)** This line is currently operationally tied to Line 83 & 84. The proposal is to end Line 28 in downtown LA.
- **Line 328 (W. Olympic Bl Limited)** The proposal is to cancel this limited stop line.
- **Line 770 (El Monte – Downtown LA via Garvey Av & Chavez Av)** This new Metro Rapid Line would operate weekdays only. This line would operate along Garvey Av., Atlantic Bl., Chavez Av., and the Grand/Olive street couplet in downtown LA to Venice Bl.
- **Line 68 (W. Washington Bl-Chavez Av)** This local line operates from the Fairfax/Washington Transit Center to Montebello Town Center via downtown LA. The Westside Central Sector (WSC) is responsible for this line. The proposal is to break this line into two segments. The western segment would operate from the Fairfax/Washington Transit Center to Washington Bl. & Grand Av. and continue to be planned and operated by WSC. This would be renumbered Line 35. The eastern segment would operate from Montebello to Union Station, and become the responsibility of SGV. This segment would remain as Line 68 and would be tied into Line 84.
- **Line 70 (Garvey Av)** The route of this line would remain unchanged, but Line 71 (City Terrace-Cal State LA), now the responsibility of WSC, would be tied to Line 70, and become a part of SGV.
- **Lines 368 and 370** the present limited stop variant of local Lines 68 along Chavez Av. & 70 along Garvey Av. will be recommended for cancellation and replaced by Rapid Line 770.
- **Line 762 (Pasadena – North Long Beach via Atlantic Bl & Fair Oaks Av)** This new Rapid Line is proposed for implementation, but may not be implemented until mid 2008 or later. This is due to the need for traffic signal controller modification in the 13 jurisdictions that this line would travel through.
- **Line 260 (Atlantic Bl – Fair Oaks Av)** It is proposed that when Line 762 is implemented, Line 260 be restructured into two separate local routes. One route (Line 260) operating from Altadena to the Gold Line terminal in East Los Angeles. The second route (Line 262) over the southern segment would run from North Long Beach to East LA College.
- **Line 361 (Atlantic Bl – Fair Oaks Av Limited)** The proposal is to cancel this limited stop line, when Line 762 is implemented.
- **Alternative Line 361 Proposal** If the implementation of Rapid Line 762 is projected to be delayed beyond June 2008, Limited Line 361 would be proposed to be expanded to provide service on weekdays from 6 am to 6 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING TIMELINE

Outlined below is the public hearing timeline and associated events leading to the successful implementation of approved service changes later this year. Key dates are highlighted for the reader.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 1	Initial legal notice published in major metropolitan newspaper
July 2-July 20	Formal notification to cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders
July 29	Special Rider Alert and notices describing proposals placed on buses
Aug 13	San Gabriel Valley Council conducts public hearing
Aug 13- Sept 4	Preparation of final staff report detailing findings and recommendations
Sept 10	Council acts on staff recommendations

Sept 30	MTA news release announcing approved service modifications
Nov 12	Council receives staff update on December Shakeup Program
Nov 19	Cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders receive final written notice of approved changes
Dec 1	Rider Alert and notices placed on all buses describing approved changes
Dec 16	Implement approved service changes.

NEXT STEPS

Staff proposes to publish the public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times and 13 other newspapers beginning Sunday, July 1, 2007. Publication of the legal notice will officially begin the public hearing process. Additional notification of the public hearing will follow later in the month in other local and foreign language newspapers, and to specific stakeholders as shown in the timeline above.

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