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METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
June 13, 2007

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 2007 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

**ACTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED DECEMBER 2007
SERVICE CHANGES AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF THE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. Schedule Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 5:00pm as the hearing date and time to receive public comment on the proposed service changes to be implemented in December 2007.
- B. Authorize publication of the Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

A Notice of Public Hearing is scheduled for publication on Sunday, July 1, 2007. Service changes will be considered on the following lines and routes.

- Line 38-71 (WLA Transit Terminal - CSULA via Jefferson Bl - City Terrace Dr)
- Line 68-368 (WLA Transit Terminal - Montebello via Washington Blvd. - Chavez Av.)
- Line 728 (Downtown LA - Century City via W. Olympic Blvd.)

In compliance with federal public hearing requirements and adopted MTA policy, the Governance Council is required to conduct a public hearing and consider public testimony before approving significant modifications to the bus system. As part of this process, the Governance Council is also required to consider potential impacts these changes may have on the community.

The changes are proposed to improve the efficiency of bus operations within the sector, and to ensure a balanced budget for next fiscal year. In an effort to move forward with projects that will improve service quality and increase operating efficiencies, staff proposes to initiate the service changes contained in the public hearing program as early as December 16, 2007. The proposed Westside/Central changes are consistent with the Los Angeles Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Metro Connections Program. The changes proposed are part of a broader service improvement program designed to improve travel times, simplify routes, and reduce service duplication.

The Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) gives the time, date, and location of the public hearing and a brief summary of the changes under consideration.

SUMMARY OF STAFF PROPOSALS

The proposed Westside/Central service plan includes modifications to four routes and implementation of one new Rapid service. Following is a brief description of the individual proposals.

Line 38-71 (WLA Transit Terminal - CSULA via Jefferson Bl. - City Terrace): Restructure Line 38 to operate from Downtown LA (Grand Station) to WLA Transit Terminal. Incorporate Line 71 service into Line 70. San Gabriel Valley Sector will be responsible for scheduling and planning Line 71.

Line 68-368 (WLA Transit Terminal - Montebello via Washington Blvd. - Chavez Av.): Restructure route due to implementation of new Cesar-Garvey Rapid 770. Line 770 will operate from Downtown LA to El Monte Station via Cesar Chavez Av and Garvey Av. Cancel Line 368. Proposed new line 35-335 operating from Downtown LA (Broadway/Washington) to WLA Transit Terminal. Discontinue service from Broadway/Washington to Broadway/1st. Retain Line 68 service from Broadway/1st to Montebello Town Center. Line 68 segment would be tied into Line 84 and San Gabriel Valley Sector would be responsible for this service.

Line 728 (Downtown LA - Century City via W. Olympic Blvd.) Implement new Rapid service on W. Olympic Bl. At present, San Gabriel Valley is responsible for Line 28-328-83-84. Westside/Central will plan and schedule Line 28 and new Rapid Line 728.

NEXT STEPS

Following the public hearing, staff will return to the Governance Council with a report summarizing all public comments received along with specific staff recommendations.

Attachment A: Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment B: Metro Westside/Central Maps

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold three public hearings in August 2007 to receive community input on proposed modifications to Metro's bus services. Approved changes will become effective December 16, 2007 or later. Details of the hearing dates, times, and locations are listed at the end of this notice.

The upcoming public hearings are being held in conformance with federal public hearing requirements outlined in Section 5307 (d) 1 of Title 49 U.S.C., and public hearing guidelines adopted by the MTA's Board of Directors in 1993, as amended.

Listed below are the service proposals to be considered at the hearings, and the respective service sectors that will host the public hearings. In general, the proposed modifications will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the public transportation system through a better use of resources. The public can attend any of these hearings and comment on proposals of interest to them.

METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SERVICE SECTOR

LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
35-335 NEW	Downtown LA - WLA Transit Terminal via Washington Bl	Proposed new line 35-335 operating from Downtown LA (Broadway/Washington) to WLA Transit Terminal. See Line 68-368.
38-71	WLA Tran Terminal - CSULA Via Jefferson Bl - City Terrace Dr	Restructure Line 38 to operate from Downtown LA (Grand Station) to WLA Transit Terminal. Incorporate Line 71 service into Line 70.
68-368	WLA Transit Terminal - Montebello Via Washington Bl - Cesar Chavez Av	Restructure route due to implementation of new Cesar-Garvey Rapid 770. Proposed new line 35-335 operating from Downtown LA (Broadway/Washington) to WLA Transit Terminal. Discontinue service from Broadway/Washington to Broadway/1 st . Retain Line 68 service from Broadway/1 st to Montebello Town Center. Cancel Line 368 (see San Gabriel Valley Line 770).
728 NEW	Downtown LA - Century City via Olympic Bl	Implement new Olympic Rapid service from Century City to Downtown LA

Metro Public Hearing Notice (Continued)

WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SECTOR

August 8, 2007, 5 PM
La Cienega Tennis Center
325 So. La Cienega Bl.
Beverly Hills

Additional details about these proposals will be available for public review after July 17 2007. To obtain this information contact the address listed below, or visit your nearest Metro customer relations center. Information can also be accessed at: www.metro.net

These proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearings. Approved changes may also include other alternatives derived from public comment. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming hearings and provide testimony on any service change proposal (public comments will not be restricted to just the bus routes operating in one geographical area). All public comment received will be forwarded to the responsible Sector Governance Council to be considered prior to taking action on the service change proposals. Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through August 13, 2007. All written testimony should be addressed to:

**Metro Customer Relations
One Gateway Plaza, 99PL4
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932
Attn: Service Changes June 2007**

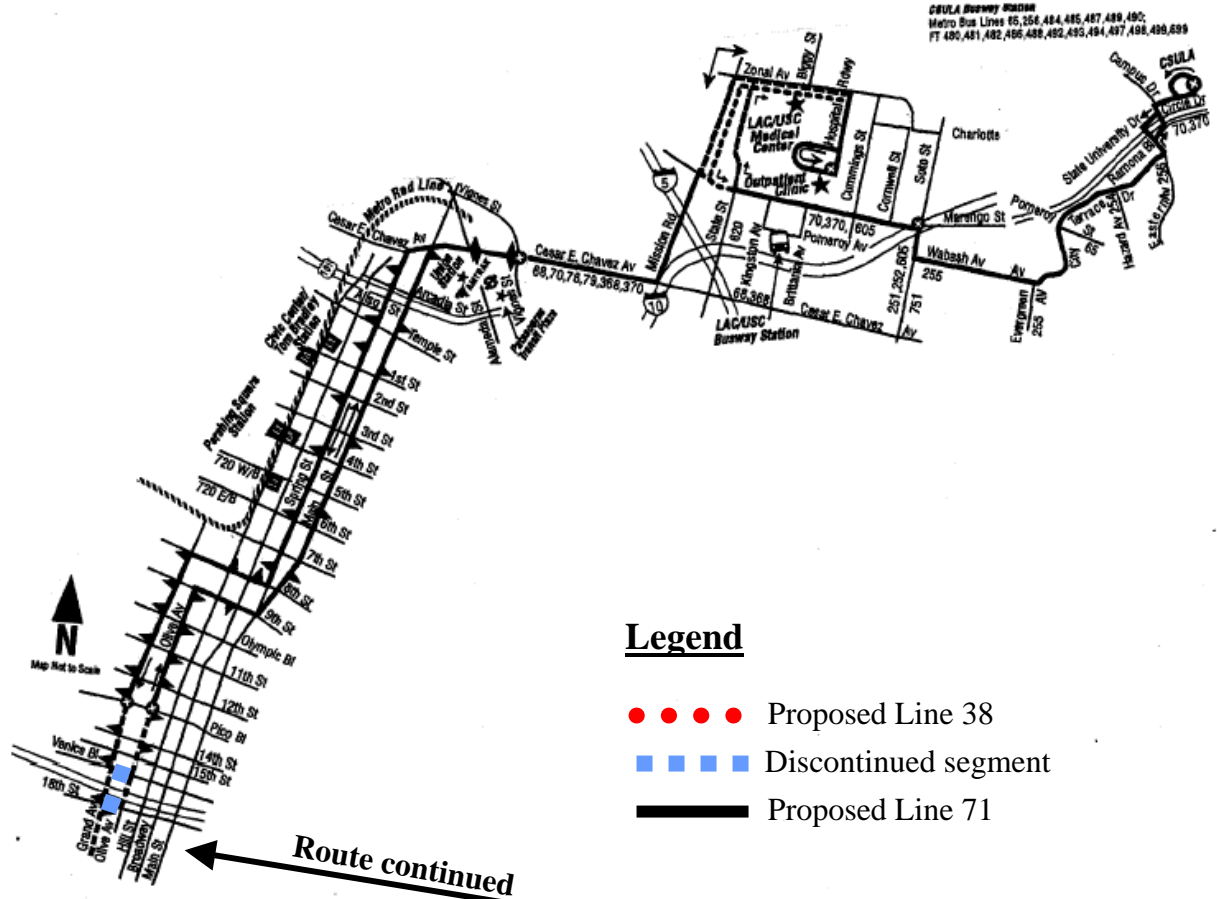
Comments can also be sent via e-mail with Service Changes December 2007 as the subject to:

customerrelations@mta.net
Facsimile at: 213-922-6988

Upon request, foreign language translation, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats and other accommodations are available to the public for MTA-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please telephone (213) 922-4600 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

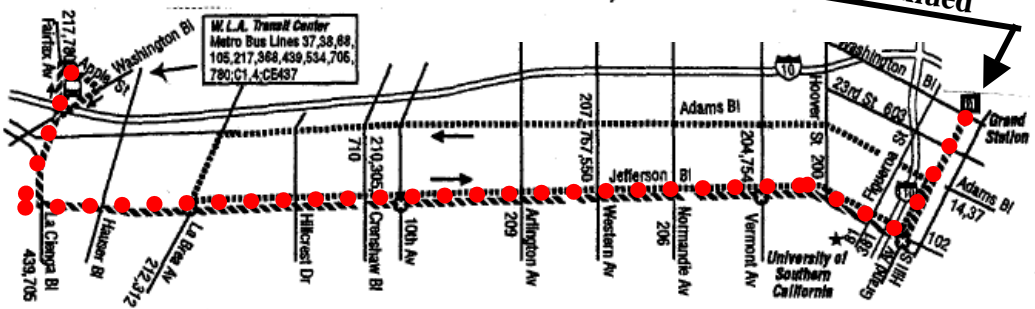
Metro Connections Line 38-71

Restructure route – Line 38 terminates at Grand Station, incorporate Line 71 into Line 70



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- Proposed Line 71

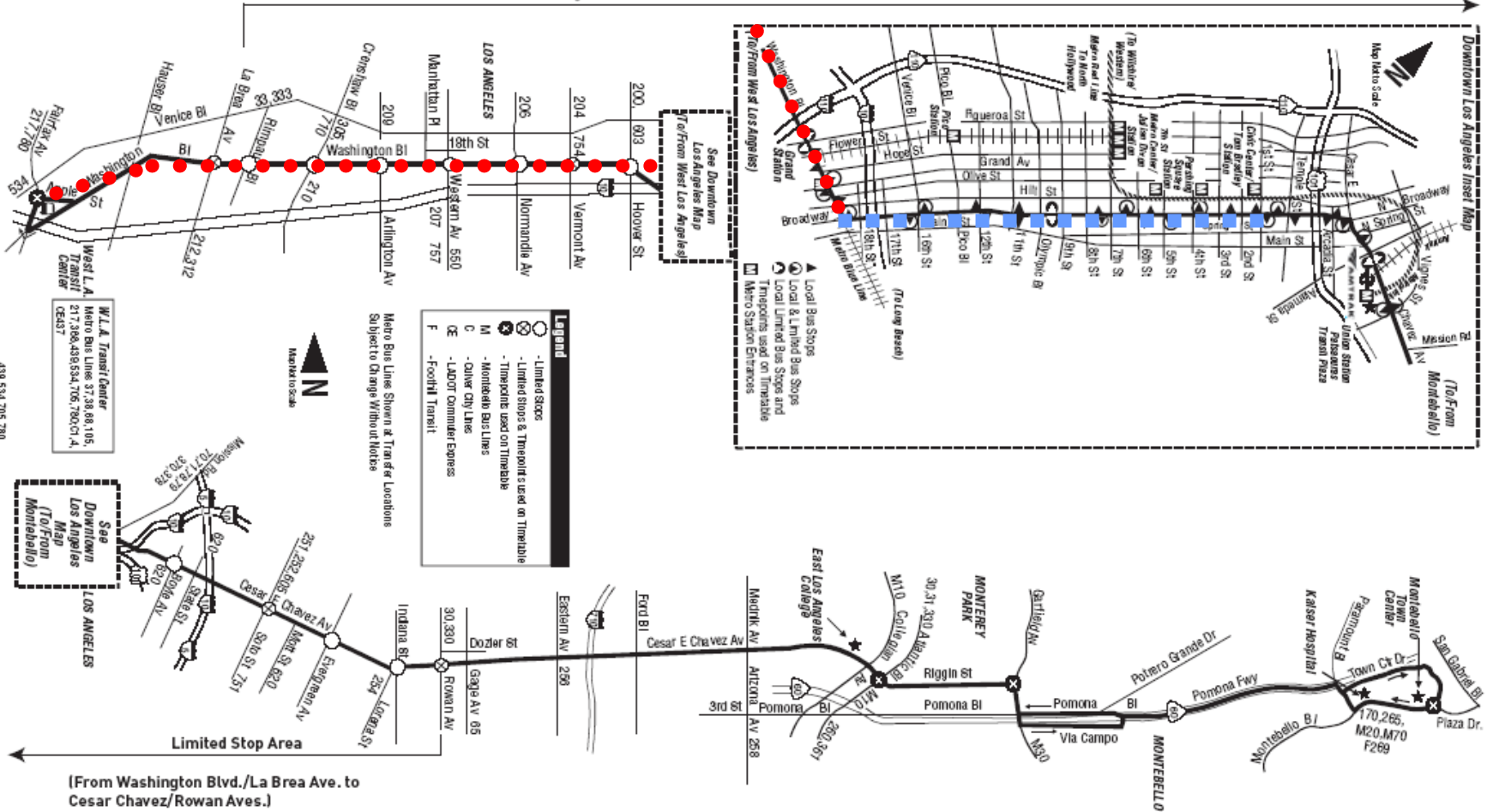


Metro Connections Line 68 - 368

Restructure route – Line 68 Montebello to Broadway/1st , new Line 35-335, WLA Transit to Broadway/Washington

2007

Limited Stop Area
(From Washington Blvd./La Brea Ave. to Cesar Chavez/Rowan Aves.)



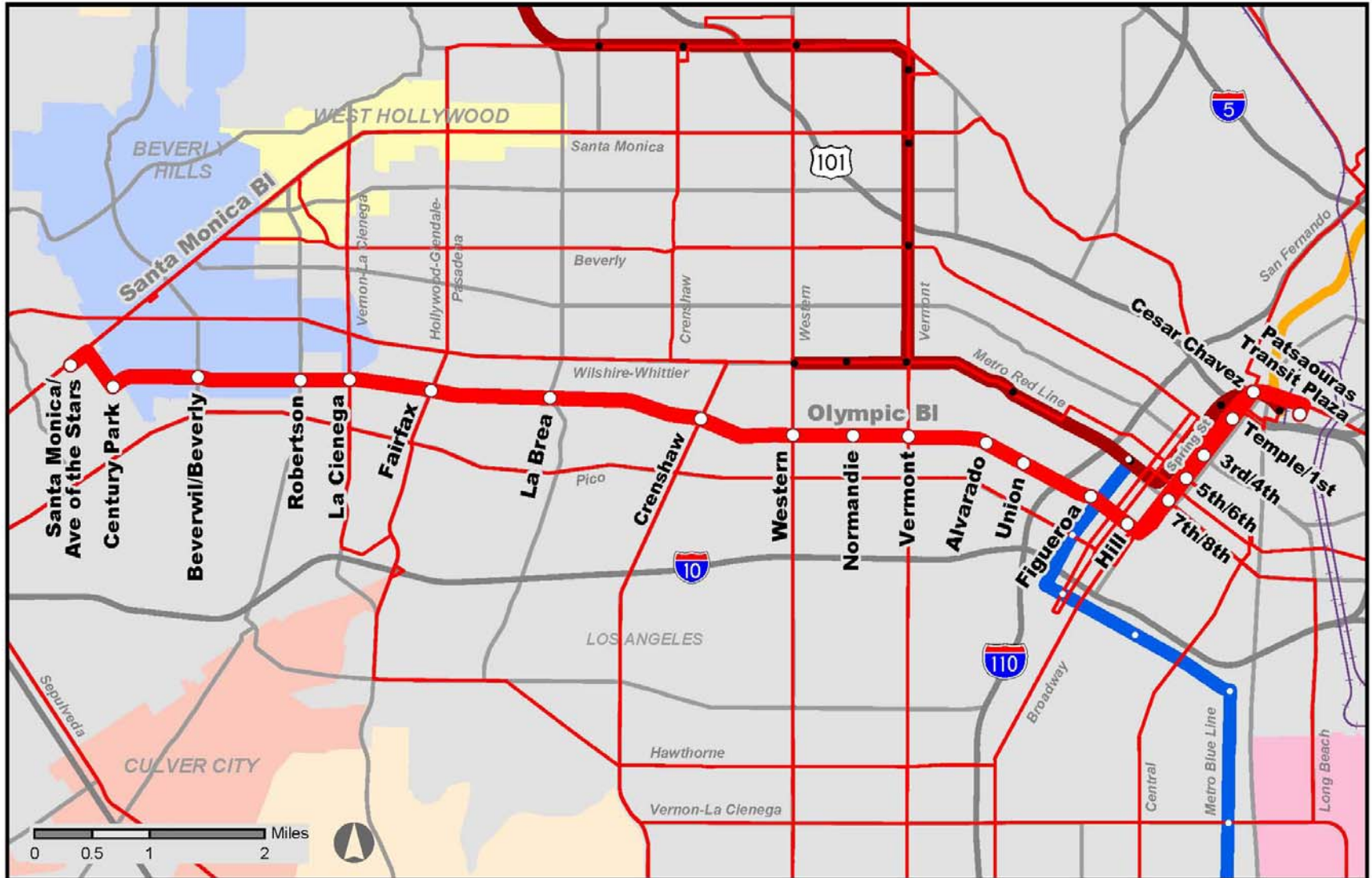
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Legend



- ● ● ● Proposed new Line 35-335
- Proposed discontinued segment
- Proposed Line 68

Metro Rapid Line 728



West Olympic Metro Rapid
Effective December 2007

Phase II-E

-  West Olympic Metro Rapid and Stops
-  Other Metro Rapid Lines

Rapid
Attachment B