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ITEM 9

**METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
December 10, 2008**

SUBJECT: JUNE 2009 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED JUNE 2009 SERVICE CHANGES AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Schedule Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 5:00pm as the hearing date and time to receive public comment on the proposed service changes to be implemented in June 2009.
- B. Authorize publication of the Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

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 in late June of 2009. In June 2008, the Board approved Metro Rapid Expansion Program was completed in accordance with the Consent Decree's New Service Plan. That plan stipulated that new Rapid routes and service levels must operate for one year before changes can be made. The changes proposed are part of a service improvement program designed to eliminate low performing service, improve capacity utilization, and interface with the Gold Line Eastside rail extension.

The draft Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) gives the proposed time, date, and location of the Westside/Central sector public hearing and a brief summary of the changes under consideration. The official notice of public hearing will be finalized after the December sector meetings and will be published in local newspapers on Sunday, January 4, 2009. This notice will contain the dates, times, and locations of all public hearings.

SUMMARY OF STAFF PROPOSALS

The proposed Westside/Central service plan includes modifications to six routes, and elimination of one route. Following is a brief description of the individual proposals.

Line 14 (Downtown LA – Beverly Hills via Beverly Bl): Improve service from Line 714 resources

Line 30-31 (Pico/Rimpau – Monterey Park via Pico Bl & East 1st St): Restructure service for the Eastside Gold Line Extension Bus Rail interface. Line 30 is proposed to terminate at Dozier/Rowan terminal. Remainder of the service (on Hammel St and Floral Dr) is proposed to be served by restructuring of Line 287. Reduce service frequency on First St. between Alameda St. and Atlantic Bl.

Line 220 (West Hollywood - Culver City via Robertson Bl): Cancel service due to low ridership

Line 704 (Downtown LA – Santa Monica via Santa Monica Bl): Adjust service levels. Consider short line terminal at Santa Monica/Sepulveda

Line 714 (Downtown LA – Beverly Hills via Beverly Bl Rapid): Adjust service levels and reallocate resources to local Line 14

Line 730 (Downtown LA - Pico/Rimpau via West Pico Bl Rapid): Restructure service for the Eastside Gold Line Extension Bus Rail interface. Propose downtown terminus to end at the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

Line 920 (Santa Monica – Wilshire/Vermont via Wilshire Bl Rapid Express): Adjust service levels. Consider short line terminal at Wilshire/Westwood

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 public hearings in February 2009 to receive community input on proposed modifications to Metro’s bus services. Approved changes will become effective June 2009 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
14	Downtown LA – Beverly Hills via Beverly Bl	Improve service from Line 714 resources
30-31	Pico/Rimpau – Monterey Park via Pico Bl & East 1 st St	Restructure service for the Eastside Gold Line Extension Bus Rail interface. Line 30 is proposed to terminate at Dozier/Rowan terminal. Remainder of the service (on Hammel St and Floral Dr) is proposed to be served by restructuring of Line 287. Reduce service frequency on First St. between Alameda St. and Atlantic Bl.
220	West Hollywood - Culver City via Robertson Bl	Cancel service due to low ridership.
704	Downtown LA – Santa Monica via Santa Monica Bl	Adjust service levels. Consider short line terminal at Santa Monica/Sepulveda
714	Downtown LA – Beverly Hills via Beverly Bl Rapid	Adjust service levels and reallocate resources to local Line 14
730	Downtown LA - Pico/Rimpau via Pico Bl Rapid	Restructure service for the Eastside Gold Line Extension Bus Rail interface. Propose downtown terminus to end at the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station

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LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
920	Santa Monica – Wilshire/Vermont via Wilshire Bl Rapid Express	Adjust service levels. Consider short line terminal at Wilshire/Westwood

WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SECTOR

February 11, 2009, 5:00PM
La Cienega Tennis Center
325 S. La Cienega Bl.
Beverly Hills

Additional details about these proposals will be available for public review after January 26, 2009. 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 February 14, 2009. All written testimony should be addressed to:

**Metro Customer Relations
One Gateway Plaza, 99PL4
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932
Attn: Service Changes June 2009**

Comments can also be sent via e-mail with Service Changes June 2009 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.

ATTACHMENT B - MAPS OF BUS LINES

BUS LINES

Line 14 (Downtown LA - Beverly Hills Via Beverly Bl)

Line 30-31 (Pico/Rimpau - Monterey Park Via Pico Bl & East 1st St)

Line 220 (West Hollywood - Culver City Via Robertson Bl)

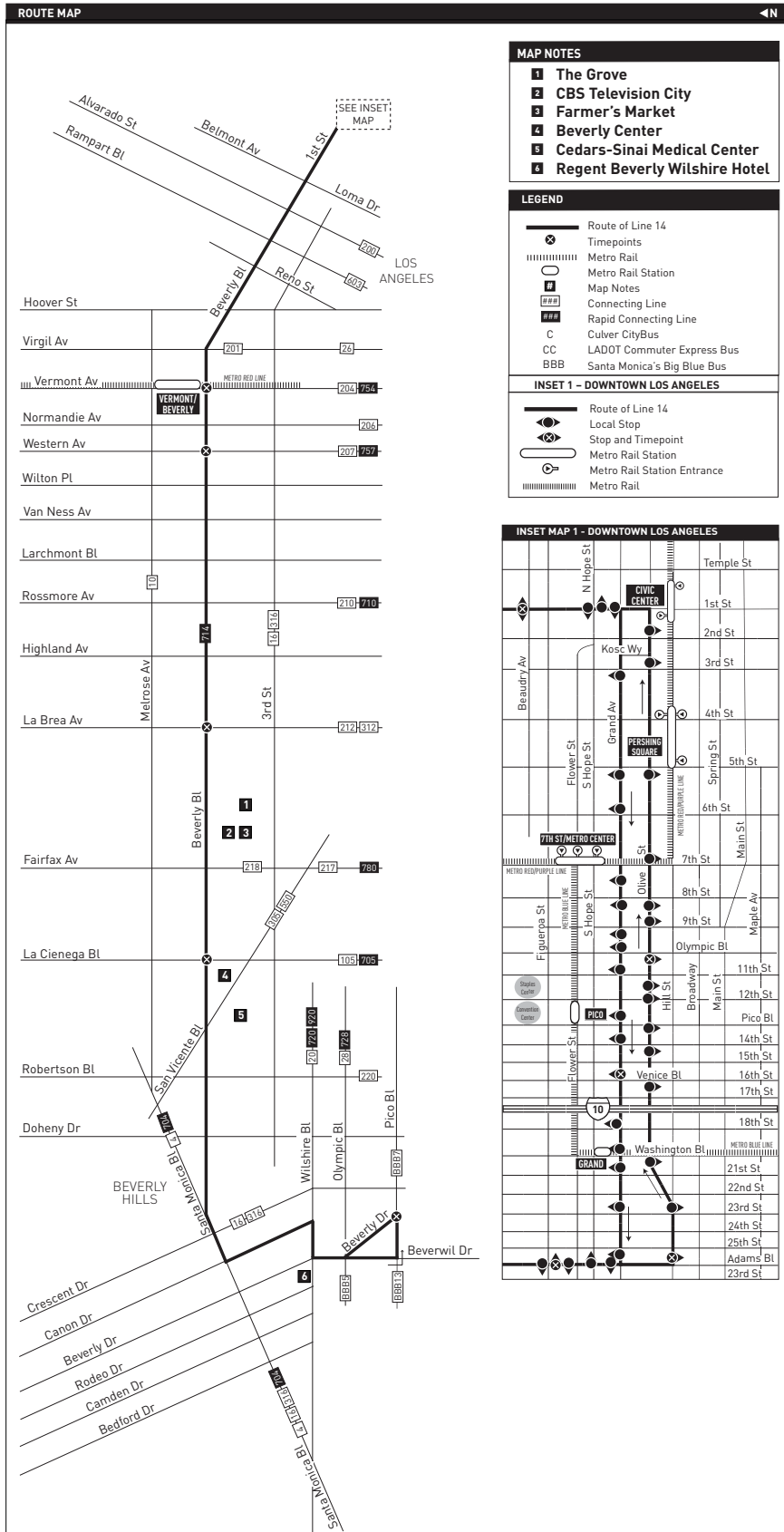
Line 704 (Downtown LA – Santa Monica Via Santa Monica Bl Rapid)

Line 714 (Downtown LA - Beverly Hills Via Beverly Bl Rapid)

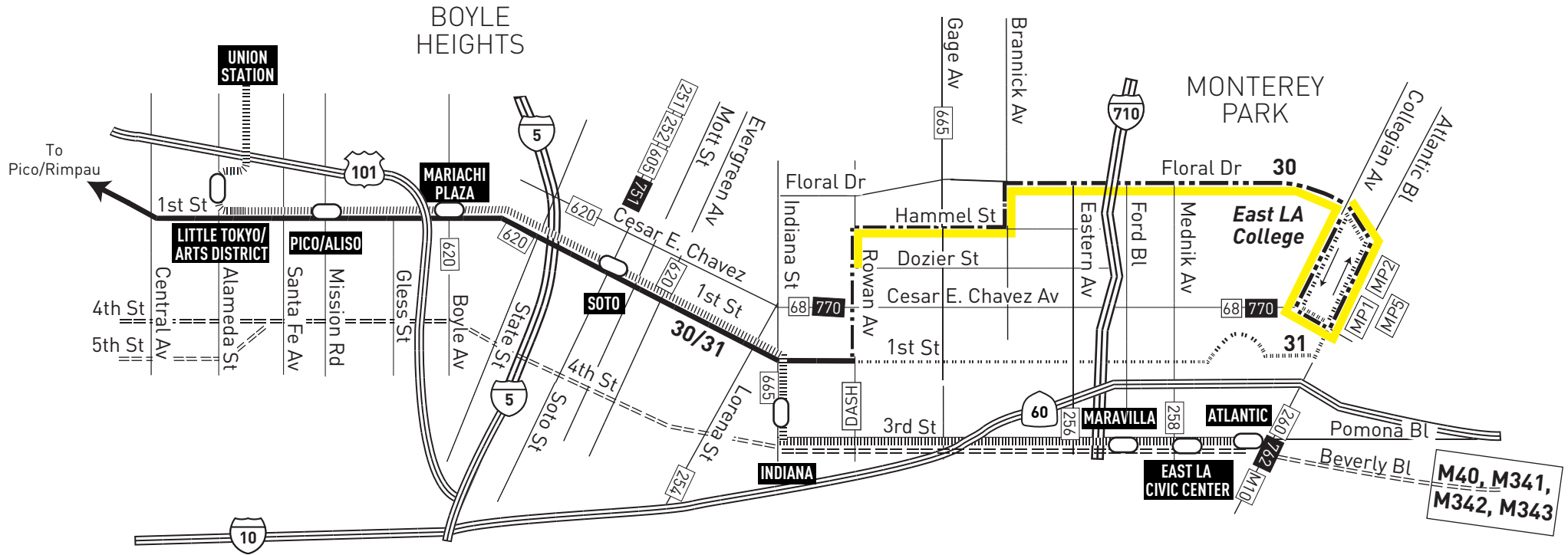
Line 730 (Downtown LA - Pico/Rimpau Via Pico Bl Rapid)

Line 920 (Santa Monica – Wilshire/Vermont Via Wilshire Bl Rapid Express)

LINE 14 - IMPROVE SERVICE WITH RESOURCES FROM LINE 714

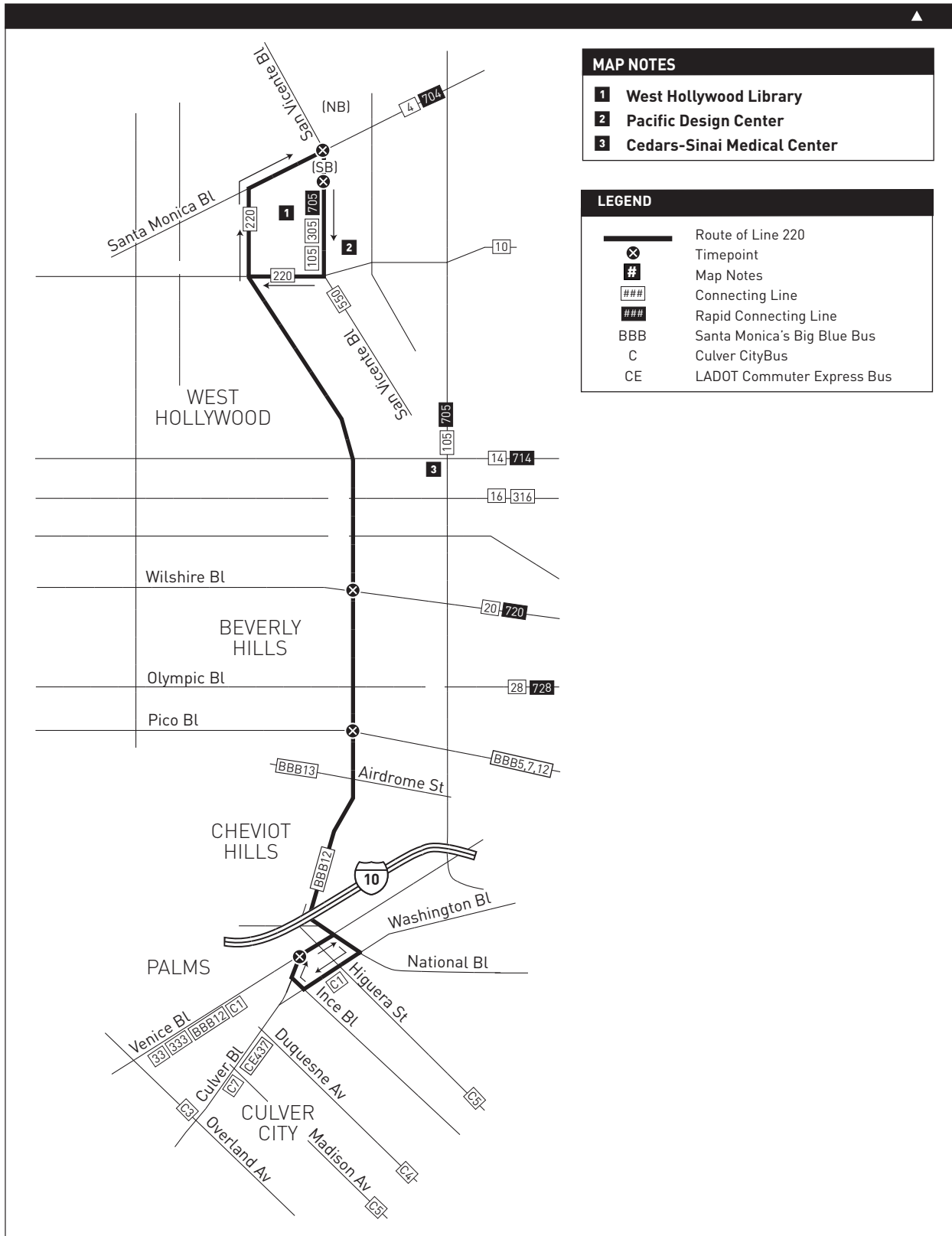


LINE 30-31 - RESTRUCTURE SERVICE FOR THE EASTSIDE GOLD LINE EXTENSION BUS RAIL INTERFACE. LINE 30 IS PROPOSED TO TERMINATE AT DOZIER/ROWAN TERMINAL. REMAINDER OF THE SERVICE IS PROPOSED TO BE SERVED BY RESTRUCTURING OF LINE 287. REDUCE SERVICE FREQUENCY ON FIRST ST. BETWEEN ALAMEDA ST. AND ATLANTIC BL.



LEGEND	
	Route of Lines 30 & 31
	Route of Line 31 only
	Route of Line 30 only
	Deleted Portion -Restructure Service (see Line 287 proposal)
	Metro Gold Line
	Montebello Municipal Bus Lines 40, 341, 342, 343
	Montebello Municipal Bus Monterey Park Spirit
	Boyle Heights/East LA Route

LINE 220 CANCEL SERVICE DUE TO LOW PRODUCTIVITY



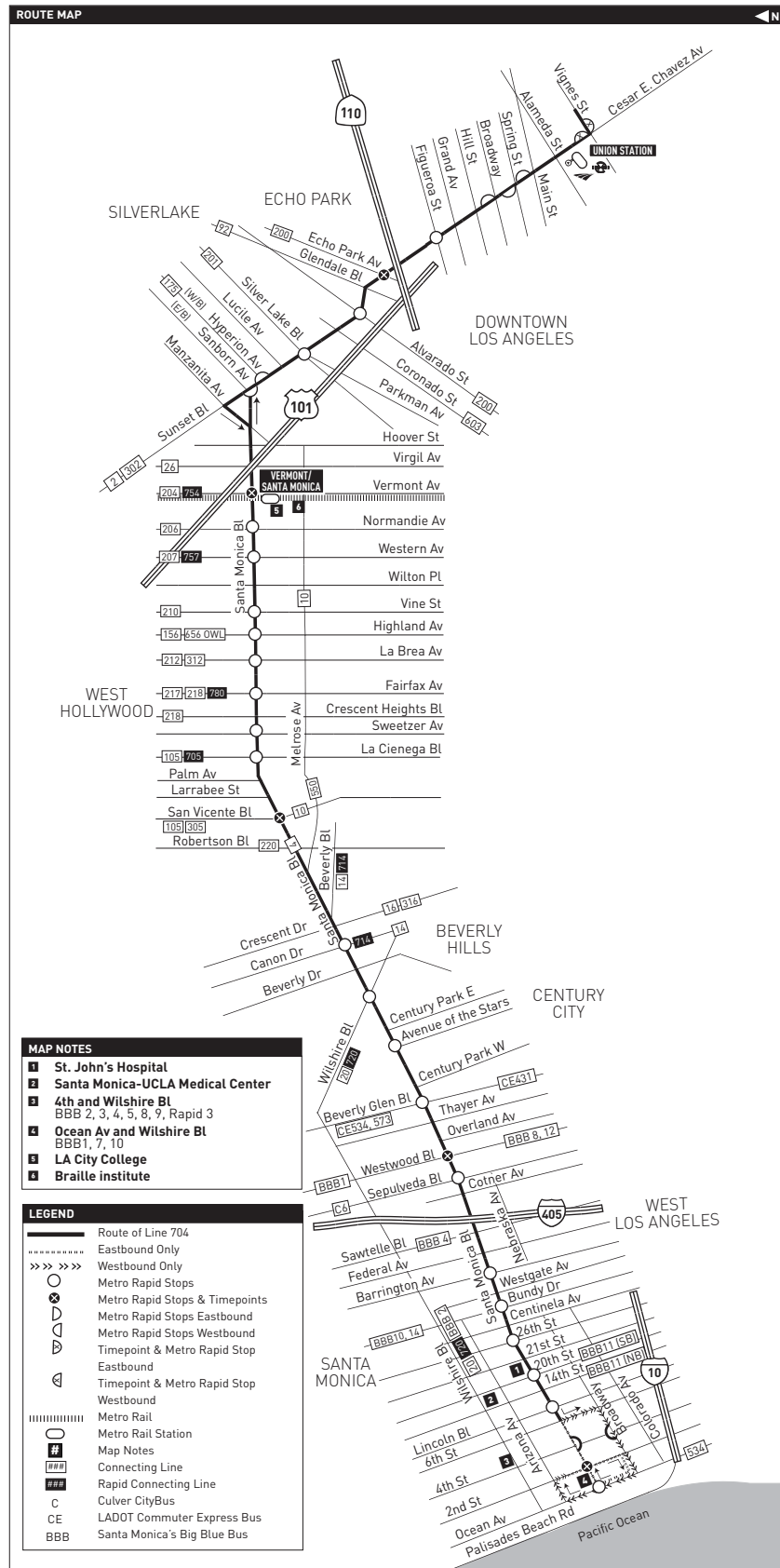
MAP NOTES

1	West Hollywood Library
2	Pacific Design Center
3	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

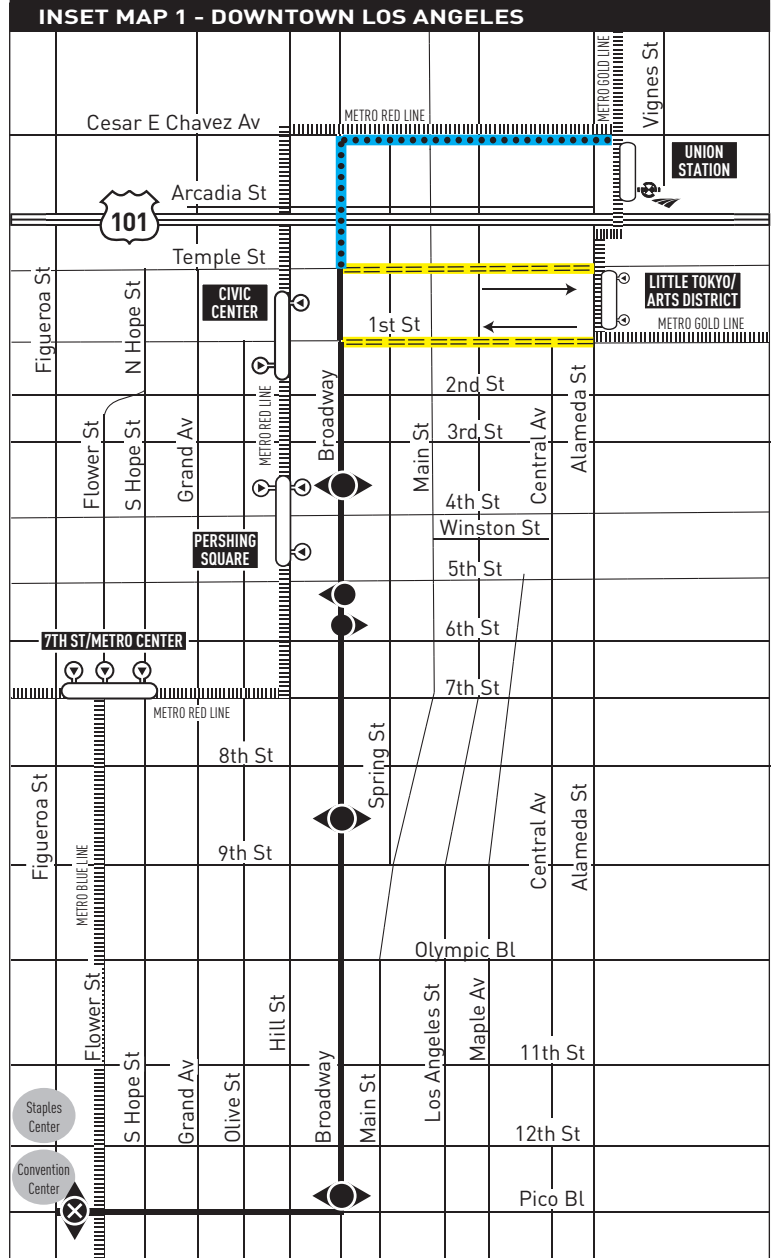
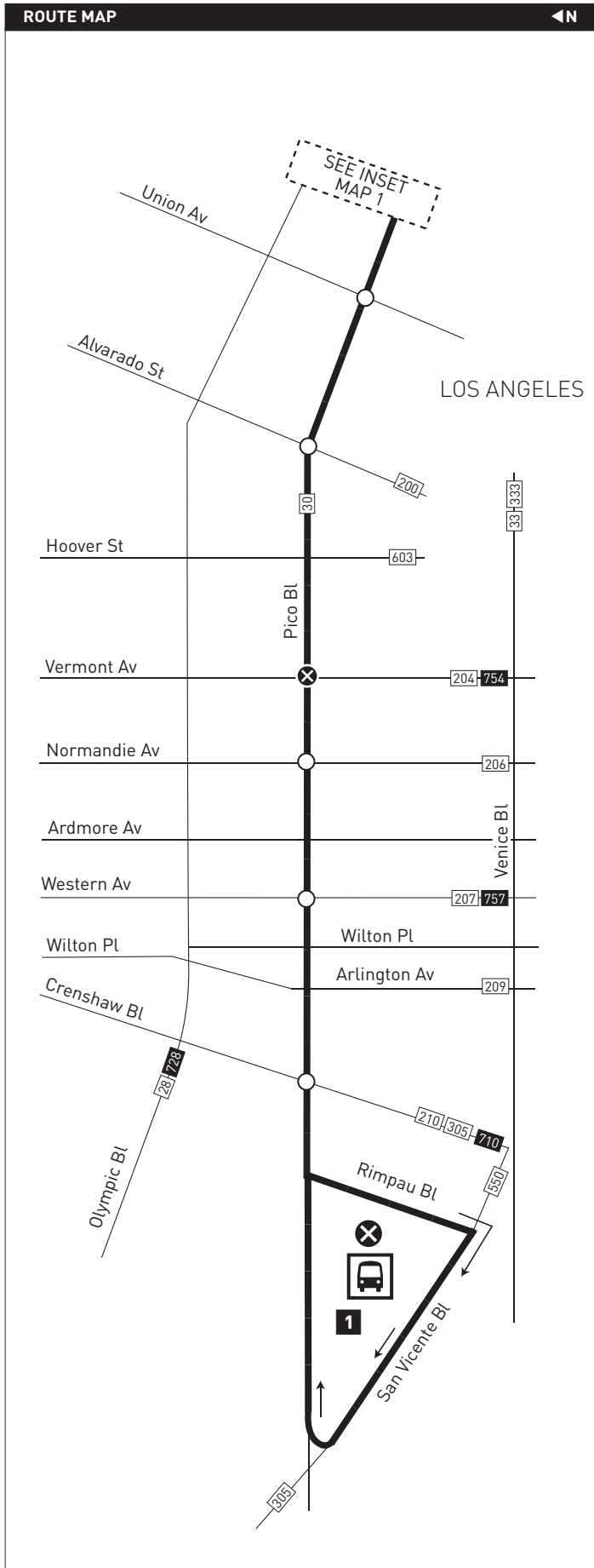
LEGEND

	Route of Line 220
	Timepoint
	Map Notes
	Connecting Line
	Rapid Connecting Line
BBB	Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus
C	Culver CityBus
CE	LADOT Commuter Express Bus

LINE 704 - ADJUST SERVICE LEVELS. CONSIDER SHORT LINE TERMINAL AT SANTA MONICA/SEPULVEDA.



LINE 730 - RESTRUCTURE SERVICE FOR THE EASTSIDE GOLD LINE EXTENSION BUS RAIL INTERFACE. PROPOSE DOWNTOWN TERMINUS TO END AT LITTLE TOKYO/ARTS DISTRICT STATION



- Deleted Portion
- - - - - Route Extension, Restructure Service

MAP NOTES

1 Pico Rimpau Transit Center
30, 31, 730; BBB 5, 7, 12, 13; Super 7

- LEGEND**
- Route of Line 730
 - Metro Rapid Stops
 - Timepoint & Metro Rapid Stops
 - Transit Center
 - Connecting Line
 - Rapid Connecting Line
 - Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus

- INSET 1 - DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES**
- Route of Line 730
 - Local Stop
 - Stop and Timepoint
 - Metro Rail Station
 - Metro Rail Station Entrance
 - Metro Rail

LINE 920 - ADJUST SERVICE LEVELS. CONSIDER SHORTLINE TERMINAL AT WILSHIRE / WESTWOOD

