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SUBJECT: METRO RAIL SPAN OF SERVICE

ISSUE

The MTA will increase the span of service delivery at night by up to one hour on all lines in the Metro Rail System, effective October 20, 2002.

BACKGROUND

In February 2000, responding to various community requests, the Board of Directors authorized a pilot program increasing the span of service at night on the Metro Rail System by approximately 30 minutes. The service change was implemented in April 2000, on all existing services, with additional changes in June for the opening of the Metro Red Line Segment 3 between the Hollywood/Vine and North Hollywood Stations. Subsequent review of the pilot program in October 2000 resulted in Board action to permanently adopt the changes. Continued community requests for additional late night service resulted in the inclusion of vehicle revenue service hours in the adopted Fiscal Year 2003 Budget for up to one hour of additional night service on all lines in the Metro Rail System.

DISCUSSION

The expansion of service hours on the Metro Rail system will allow communities serviced at the present time and in the future to realize new benefits and opportunities as a result of the changes.

- Improved opportunities for rail customers who currently have to use alternative methods of transportation for either returning home from or going to employment locations during hours in which the system is closed

- Improved employee recruitment opportunities for businesses requiring late night or overnight work shifts
- Transportation alternative for people attending late night entertainment venues
- New Amtrak passenger transfer connection opportunities at Union Station
- Extended law enforcement presence in and around system stations

The expansion of service will not disturb any present bus/rail or rail/rail transfer connections.

SERVICE CHANGE OUTLINE

- Metro Blue Line – Three additional end-to-end trips added in each direction. Some partial trips will be folded into the end-to-end trips. The new trips will operate on twenty-minute headways. The last northbound through train will leave Long Beach Transit Mall Station at 11:21pm. The last southbound through train will leave 7th St./Metro Center/Julian Dixon Station at 12:45am.
- Metro Red Line – Two additional end-to-end trips added in each direction on the Wilshire/Western Branch. Two additional end-to-end trips added westbound and three additional end-to-end trips added eastbound on the North Hollywood Branch. The new trips will operate on twenty-minute headways per branch, ten minutes between Wilshire/Vermont and Union Station. The last westbound train from 1) Union Station to North Hollywood Station will leave at 12:17am, and 2) Union Station to Wilshire/Western Station at 12:27am. The last eastbound train from 1) Wilshire/Western Station to Union Station will leave at 12:27am, and 2) North Hollywood to Union Station at 12:54am.
- Metro Green Line – One additional end-to-end trip added in each direction. The new eastbound trip will operate on a twenty-minute headway. The new westbound trip, an in-service pull-in, will operate on a ten-minute headway. The last eastbound trip from Marine/Redondo Beach Station to I-605/I-105 Station will leave at 12:55am. The last westbound trip from I-605/I-105 Station to Marine/Redondo Beach Station will leave at 1:34am.
- Metro Gold Line – Schedules will be synchronized with the Metro Red Line at Union Station for revenue operations.

All trip times are scheduled to minimize rail to rail transfer times at 7th St./Metro Center/Julian Dixon Station and Imperial/Wilmington/Rosa Parks Stations, subject to overnight Maintenance of Way requirements.

NEXT STEPS

The span of service change will be implemented on Sunday, October 20, 2002.