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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO DE LA VEGA REQUEST ON LINE 522

ISSUE

This report responds to the request from Director Jaime de la Vega to improve peak service to California State University at Northridge (CSUN) when express Line 522 is shortened at the Universal City Station on June 25, 2000. At that time, Line 522 will be renumbered to Line 240 and will provide local service between Northridge and the Universal City Station.

DISCUSSION

The MTA Board of Directors approved the FY 2000 Service Changes Board Report and Supplemental Board Report on March 23. The report outlined major service changes that will be implemented on June 25, 2000, including the bus/rail interface plan for the Red Line extension to North Hollywood. As part of the plan, Line 522 will be shortened at the Universal City Station and the express portion of the route to downtown Los Angeles eliminated. Service will be renumbered to Line 240 and will provide local service from the Station to CSUN and Northridge via Ventura and Reseda Boulevards. Based on public comment received at the March 23 meeting, Director de la Vega requested staff to improve peak service to CSUN when new Line 240 is implemented to mitigate the impact of this change.

To respond to Director de la Vega's request, staff evaluated the proposed schedule for new Line 240 and determined that students would receive the most benefit by improving travel to CSUN in the morning. To accomplish this, shuttle trips were extended to the Universal City Station, providing 10 minute service from the station to CSUN in the morning peak. These shuttle trips were originally proposed to augment service along the Reseda Boulevard segment of Line 240. Shuttle trips were also extended to provide a more consistent 12 minute service frequency where needed in all other peak periods. A total of 10 trips were extended to or from CSUN during the peaks. This is in addition to the extension of five peak period trips on December 5, 1999.