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SUBJECT: JUNE 2003 BUS SERVICE CHANGE

ISSUE

With changes made in the June 2003 Service Change, directly operated Bus Trips will increase 5.5% above current service levels. The Transit Planning staff at each of the five Sectors restructured the bus service such that Revenue Hours will increase just 1.0%. The restructuring of bus service reduces the distance traveled on an average Bus Trip and increases In-Service travel speed of the bus.

DISCUSSION

In his December 9, 2002 Order, the Special Master outlined the methodology to be used to determine MTA compliance with the 1.25 and 1.20 load factor targets required by the Consent Decree. Applying this methodology to point check data collected during the period of June 30, 2000 through September 30, 2002 indicated that 320 units of additional capacity were required during the AM peak and 448 units of additional capacity were required during the PM peak. The Joint Working Group (JWG) reached agreement on the number of service capacity units on January 21, 2003. The initial analysis of service units required equated to approximately 185 buses and roughly 400,000 revenue hours annually.

Attachment A depicts over 100 improvements to the bus system incorporated in the June 2003 Service Change. The increase in service on 62 routes, due primarily to Consent Decree compliance, represents, by far, the greatest number of changes. Beyond the service expansion driven by the Consent Decree, new services were added to another 14 routes. Taken together, these changes mean that 269,110 more Bus Trips will be operated over the course of the next year. The additional Bus Trips will reduce overcrowding and improve customer access to MTA's bus system.

NEXT STEPS

Sector staff will continue to review and evaluate the productivity of Metro Bus Operations. Additional service adjustments will be made based on such analysis. Changes identified through this process will be included in the December 2003 Service Change.

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Highlights of June 2003 Service Change

Line-Route	Sector	Corridor	Description of Change
2-3-302	W	SUNSET BLVD. - BEVERLY DR.	Add 6 AM trips to improve service quality.
4-304	W	SANTA MONICA BLVD.	Add 2 AM and 8 PM trips for service improvements
10-11-48	W	MELROSE-TEMPLE-SAN PEDRO ST	Add 3 trips to improve service
14-37	W	BEVERLY BLVD.-WEST ADAMS	Add 5 AM and 6 PM trips during peak periods.
16-316	GW, W	WEST THIRD ST.	increase evening service, add PM service eastbound from Fairfax to Downtown.
18	GW	W. SIXTH ST.-WHITTIER BLVD.	Add 8 A.M. trips and 5 P.M. trips to improve service.
20-21	W	WILSHIRE BLVD.-U.C.L.A.-SANTA MONICA	Add 4 AM and 3 PM peak trips
26/51/52 /352	GW	SEVENTH ST.-VIRGIL AVE.-AVALON BLVD.	Add 6 A.M. trips and 7 P.M. trips to improve service.
28-83- 84-85-328	SG	W. OLYMPIC BL.-YORK BL.-EAGLE ROCK BL.	Add 8 trips to enhance service to improve passenger comfort.
30	W	W. PICO BLVD.-E. FIRST ST.-FLORAL DR.	Add 4 AM and 7 PM trips to improve service quality.
33-333	W	VENICE BLVD.	Add 6 AM and 5 PM trips; implement all day limited service to terminate at Maple Lot with locals to T31.
38-71	W	W. JEFFERSON BLVD.-CITY TERRACE	Add 2 AM and 3 PM peak trips
40-340-442	W	HAWTHORNE-LAX-LOS ANGELES	Add seven AM and eleven PM trips to improve service.
42	W	L.A.-WESTCHESTER-LAX	Add eight AM and six PM trips to improve service.
53	SB	CENTRAL AVE.	Add three and three PM trips to improve service.
60	GW	LONG BEACH BL.-SANTA FE AVE.	Add 11 A.M. trips and 16 P.M. trips to improve service.
68	W	WEST WASHINGTON BLVD. - CHAVEZ AVE.	Add 4 AM and 4 PM peak trips to improve service.
70	SG	LOS ANGELES-EL MONTE VIA GARVEY AVE.	Add necessary trips to improve service quality.
76	SG	L.A.-EL MONTE VIA VALLEY BLVD.	Add 3 peak trips to enhance service
78-79	SG	L.A.-ALHAMBRA-SO. ARCADIA-ARCADIA	Add 13 peak trips to improve service .
81	SB	FIGUEROA ST.	Add 5 trips to improve passenger comfort.
90-91	SF	LOS ANGELES-SUNLAND-SYLMAR	Add 1 northbound trip in the 6:56 - 7:16am and 1 southbound trips in both the 7:50 - 8:10 and 8:29 - 8:49am time periods at San Fernando & Fletcher
105	GW	VERNON AVE.-LA CIENEGA BLVD.	Add 5 A.M. trips and 4 P.M. trips to improve service.

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206	SB	NORMANDIE AVE.	Add thirteen PM trips to improve service quality
207-357	SB	WESTERN AVE.	Add four AM & thirteen PM trips to improve service quality
210-310	SB	VINE-CRENSHAW	Add eleven PM trips to improve service quality
211-215	SB	PRAIRIE AVE.-INGLEWOOD AVE.	Add three AM trips to improve service quality
212	SB	LA BREA AVE. - HAWTHORNE GREEN LINE STA	Add five AM & four PM trips to improve service quality
217	W	HOLLYWOOD - FAIRFAX	Add 4 AM and 8 PM trips.
230-239	SF	LAUREL CANYON-WHITE OAK-ZELZAH-RINALDI	Add 1 northbound trip in the 3:38 - 3:57pm, 3:57 - 4:24pm, 4:43 - 5:13pm, and 5:25 - 5:45pm time periods at Laurel & Victory
232	SB	LONG BEACH - LAX	Add 6 A.M. trips and 7 P.M. trips to comply with Consent Decree Load Factors.
234-183	SF	SEPULVEDA BL-MAGNOLIA BL-KENNETH ROAD	Add 1 northbound trip in the 6:43 - 7:03am and 7:04 - 7:20am time periods at Sepulveda & Parthenia
234-183	SF	SEPULVEDA BL-MAGNOLIA BL-KENNETH ROAD	Add 1 southbound trip in the 7:10 - 7:29ama and 7:30 - 7:46am time periods at Sepulveda & Parthenia
234-183	SF	SEPULVEDA BL-MAGNOLIA BL-KENNETH ROAD	Add 1 northbound trip in the 3:10 - 3:39, 4:09 - 4:37pm & 4:48 - 5:08pm time periods and 1 southbound trip in the 3:28 - 3:48pm & 3:48 - 4:07pm time periods at Sepulveda & Parthenia (5 trips added)
243	SF	DE SOTO AVE.-VENTURA BLVD.-WINNETKA AVE.	Add 1 northbound trip in the 7:02- 7:22am & 7:31 - 7:51 time period at Balboa & Vanowen
243	SF	DE SOTO AVE.-VENTURA BLVD.-WINNETKA AVE.	Establish new Saturday Service over the entire Route of Line 243. Service will be provided on a 1 hour headway and will have a 12 hour span of service.
251-252	SG	SOTO ST.-DALY ST.-CALIFORNIA AVE.	Add 16 trips where necessary.
260	SB	ARTESIA STA.-PASADENA-ALTADENA- VIA ATLANTIC	Add 3 trips.
266	SG	LAKEWOOD BL. - ROSEMEAD BL.	Additional midday and night service.
268	SG	WASHINGTON BLVD.-BALDWIN AVE.	Add one trip to improve service.
268	SG	WASHINGTON BLVD.-BALDWIN AVE.	Extend weekday mid-day trippers as well as SA, SU in/out JPL
434	W	LOS ANGELES-SANTA MONICA-MALIBU-TRANCAS EXP.	Add 4 AM and 8 PM peak trips to improve service quality.
444	SB	L.A.-W. TORRANCE-ROLLING HILLS	Add three AM trips to improve service quality
446-447	SB	LOS ANGELES-CARSON-WILMINGTON-SAN PEDRO EXP.	Add three AM trips to improve service quality
484	SG	L.A.-EL MONTE-LA PUENTE-POMONA	Add 2 trips to improve service quality