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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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**SUBJECT: MINOR ROUTE MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED DURING
THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1996**

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This is the July-September 1996 quarterly report of minor service modifications implemented by staff in accordance with a policy adopted by the Board of Directors in March, 1996. The adopted policy delegates authority for minor route changes not requiring a public hearing (e.g., revised turnaround loops, layover zones, minor re-routings) to staff. The cumulative impact of such changes cannot exceed \$25,000 annually, and a report to the Board is to be submitted quarterly. Board members may request that any item described in this report be brought forward for discussion at a future Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

During the period of July through September 1996, MTA staff implemented 5 minor route changes covered by the adopted policy involving MTA Lines 177, 225, 232, 444 and 561. Each of these changes involved the modifications of routes, and are described in greater detail in Attachment A. Modifications to these routes are illustrated in Attachment B.

These modifications were made to respond to changes in the operating environment, to improve operating efficiency, and to maintain or enhance passenger convenience. Budget impacts associated with these modifications resulted in no change to service hours or miles, and are therefore cost neutral.

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT A

MINOR SERVICE MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF FY 97

This report outlines service modifications implemented during the period of July - September 1996.

- **Line 177 (Glendale-La Canada-Pasadena-Monrovia-Duarte) - Modify Access Route to Verdugo Hills Hospital in the City of La Canada-Flintridge**

Effective July 29, 1996, the route of Line 177 from Foothill Boulevard to Verdugo Hills Hospital was modified to operate along Alta Canyon Road on all eastbound trips and Verdugo Road on all westbound trips.

Reason for Change:

Staff has received numerous complaints from La Canada-Flintridge city officials requesting that the number of bus trips be reduced on Verdugo Road. Before this change Line 177 made 53 trips each weekday along Verdugo Road between Descanso Drive and Foothill Boulevard, and 19 trips on Alta Canyon Road between Foothill Boulevard and Verdugo Road. This change will more closely equalize the impacts of the bus travel on these two street segments to 34 and 38 trips, respectively (see Figure 1).

Passengers Impacted:

As a result of this change, the eastbound stop at Verdugo Boulevard and Descanso Drive was eliminated. There were 3 boardings and 6 alightings at this stop daily. These patrons will now use the bus stop at Verdugo Hills Hospital, located approximately .25 mile away.

Budget Impact:

No additional service hours or miles were required to implement this change; therefore, the change is cost neutral.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 177 will be recorded on 5th Revised Page 177 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

- **Line 225 (Aviation Boulevard-Palos Verdes Peninsula) - Modify Route in the City of El Segundo**

Effective September 29, 1996, the route of Line 225 was modified to operate via Maple Avenue, Lairport Street, Continental Boulevard, El Segundo Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard in the City of El Segundo.

Reason for Change:

The City of El Segundo implemented a one-way couplet on Nash Street (southbound) and Douglas Street (northbound) between El Segundo Boulevard and Imperial Highway. Line 225, operated by ATE Ryder, Inc. under contract to the MTA, previously operated two-way service on both Douglas and Nash Streets, serving the Mariposa/Nash Metro Green Line Station. However, the establishment of one-way service on Douglas and Nash Streets would adversely impact service operation in the area by prohibiting two-way bus service to the Mariposa/Nash Metro Green Line Station. A new routing was developed to minimize these impacts, which now provides direct service to the Metro Green Line via El Segundo/Nash Station (see Figure 2).

Passengers Impacted:

Approximately 24 weekday patrons previously accessing service on Douglas and Nash Streets will have to walk 1-2 blocks to access Line 225. Because Line 225 Saturday service is lightly used in this area, patronage impacts are minimal. In addition, Line 225 now serves the El Segundo/Nash Metro Green Line Station instead of the Mariposa/Nash Metro Green Line Station.

Budget Impact:

No additional service hours or miles were required to implement this change; therefore, the change was cost neutral.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 225 will be recorded on 4th Revised Page 225 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

- **Line 232 (Long Beach-LAX) - Modify Route in the City of El Segundo**

Effective September 29, 1996, the direction of travel of Line 232 on the route segment serving the Mariposa/Nash Metro Green Line Station was reversed on northbound trips.

Reason for Change:

The City of El Segundo implemented a one-way couplet on Nash Street (southbound) and Douglas Street (northbound). Line 232, operated by ATE Ryder, Inc. under contract to the MTA, could no longer access the Mariposa/Nash Metro Green Line Station traveling northbound on Nash Street. Therefore, the northbound routing was reversed to maintain access to the station (see Figure 3). Southbound Line 232 service is unaffected by the change.

Passengers Impacted:

The impact is minimal in that the northbound patrons previously boarding at the Mariposa/Nash Metro Green Line Station must now cross the street to board the bus.

Budget Impact:

No additional service hours or miles were required to implement this change; therefore, the change was cost neutral.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 232 will be recorded on 7th Revised Page 232 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

- **Line 444 (Los Angeles-West Torrance-Rolling Hills-Rancho Palos Verdes Express) - Modify Route to Add Limited Stop Service on Artesia Boulevard and Serve the Harbor Transitway.**

Prior to this route change, Line 444 operated on the San Diego (I-405) Freeway between Artesia Boulevard/Prairie Avenue and the Harbor (I-110) Freeway. With this modification, effective August 1, 1996, Line 444 added 6 limited stops along Artesia Boulevard between Prairie Avenue and Vermont Avenue, entering/exiting the Harbor Freeway at the Artesia Transit Center located on 182nd at Vermont Avenue.

Reason for Change:

This route modification was made to increase passenger access to Harbor Transitway express bus services for local patrons using Line 130, and to those residents living along Artesia Boulevard. Due to traffic on the Harbor (I-110) Freeway and the San Diego (I-405) Freeway in the afternoons, bus operators were already authorized to use this routing. Additionally, a stop was added at the new Harbor/I-105 Station Metro Green Line/Harbor Transitway Station, providing bus patrons additional access to the Metro Green Line (see Figure 4).

Passengers Impacted:

Passenger impacts are positive. With the addition of the limited stops on Artesia Boulevard and the Harbor/I-105 Station, patrons can now choose a transit option that best suits their travel needs.

Budget Impact:

No additional service hours or miles were required to implement this change; therefore, the change was cost neutral.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 444 will be recorded on 4th Revised Page 444 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

- **Line 561 (Green Line-LAX-Van Nuys Boulevard Limited Express) - Modify Route at Getty Center Drive.**

Effective August 25, 1996, Line 561 was modified to travel on Sepulveda Boulevard instead of the San Diego (I-405) Freeway between Getty Center Drive and Sunset Boulevard. The route modification parallels the previous route on the I-405 Freeway.

Reason for Change:

This change was implemented in response to a request from the office of the Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3rd District, to extend service to the new Getty Center located on Getty Center Drive at Sepulveda Boulevard (see Figure 5).

Passengers Impacted:

Passenger impacts are positive. The Getty Center currently employs approximately 800 construction and administration personnel. Once the Center opens in 1997, Line 561 will provide future employees and tourists a natural link between LAX, the Westside/UCLA area, and the San Fernando Valley to the Getty Center.

Budget Impact:

No additional service hours or miles were required to implement this change; therefore, the change was cost neutral.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 561 will be recorded on 1st Revised Page 561 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

ATTACHMENT B

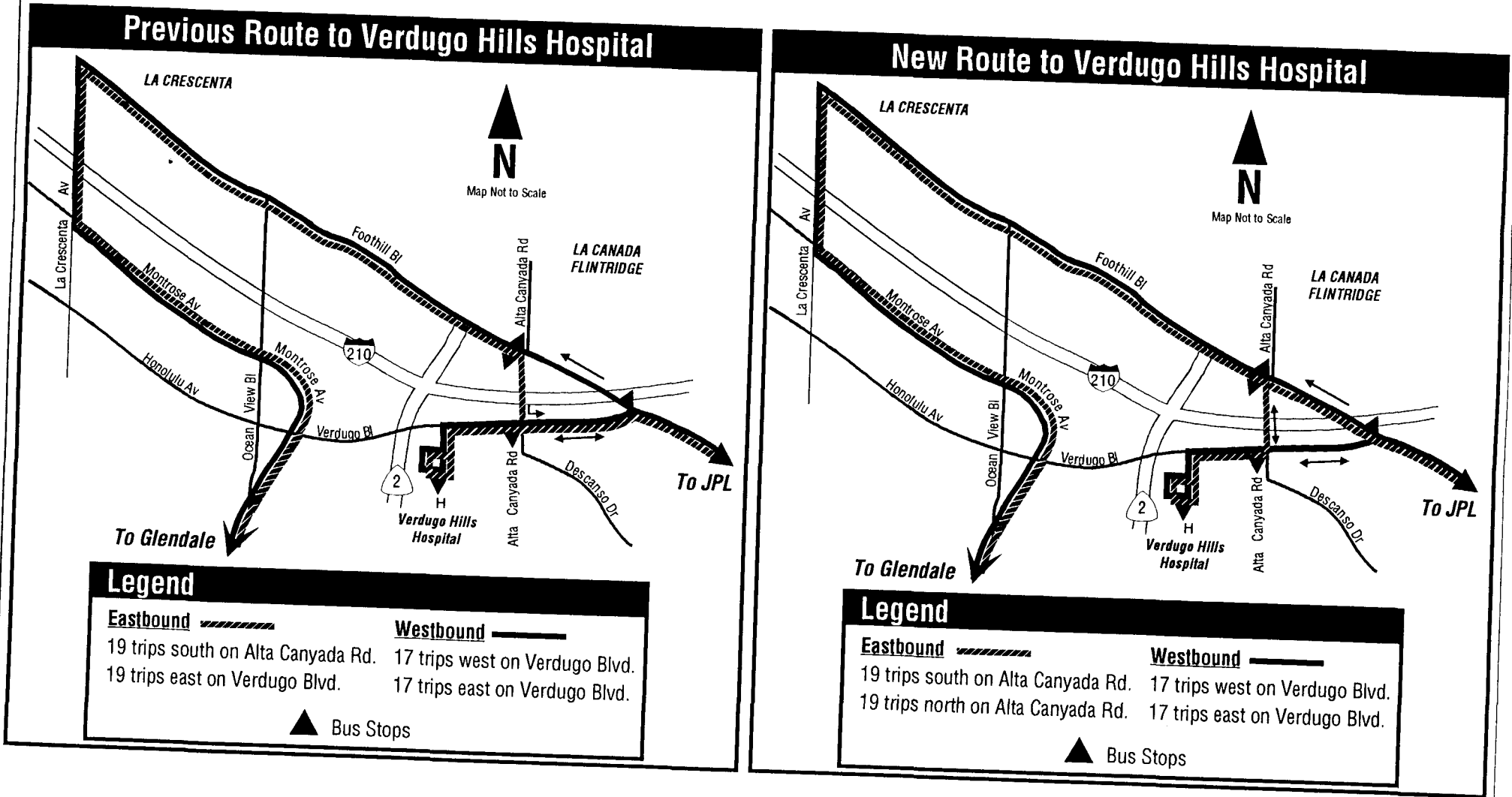
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Line 177

Minor Route Modification in La Cañada Flintridge to Verdugo Hills Hospital

Figure 1

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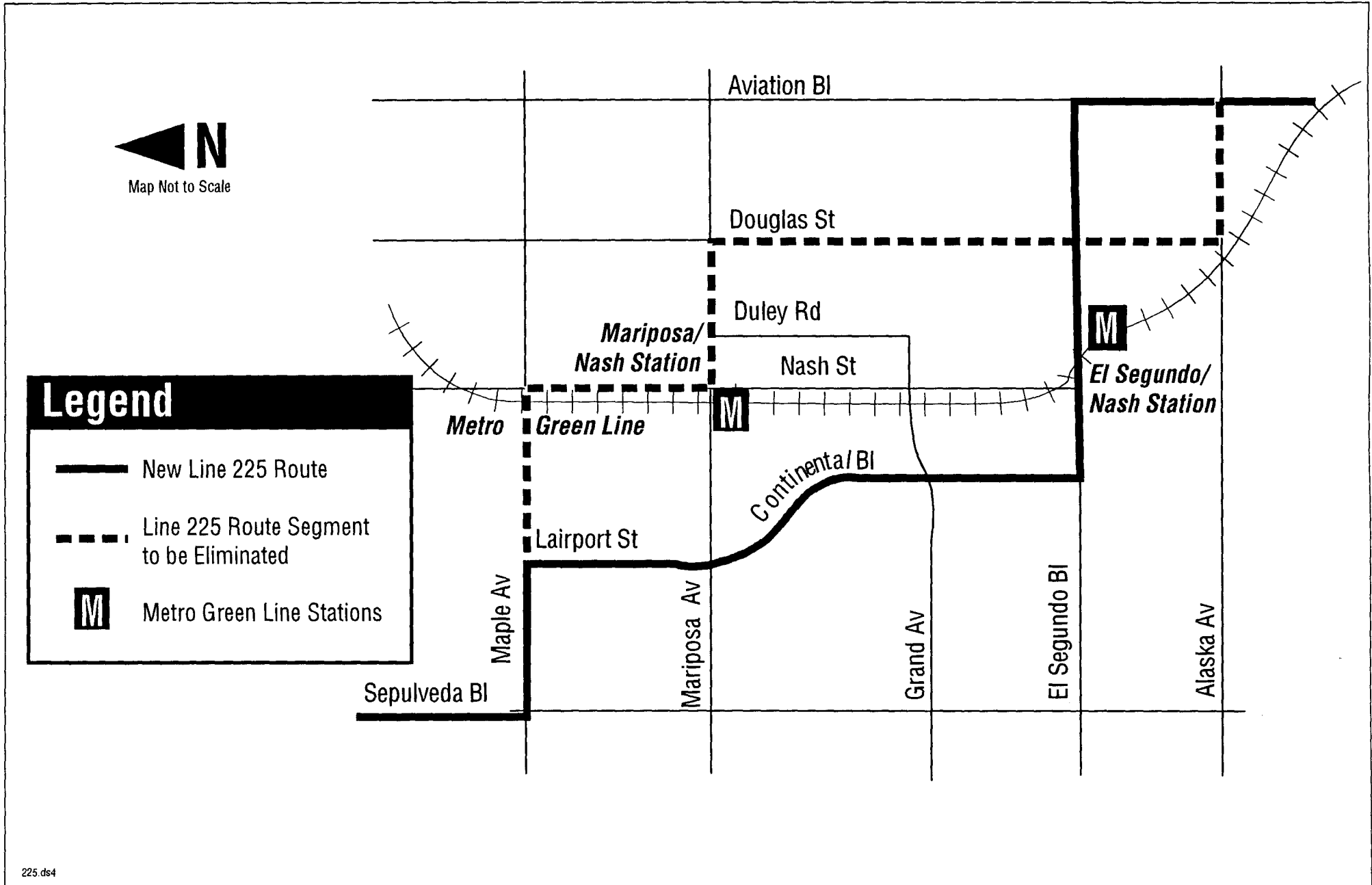


Line 225

Minor Route Modification in The City of El Segundo

Figure 2

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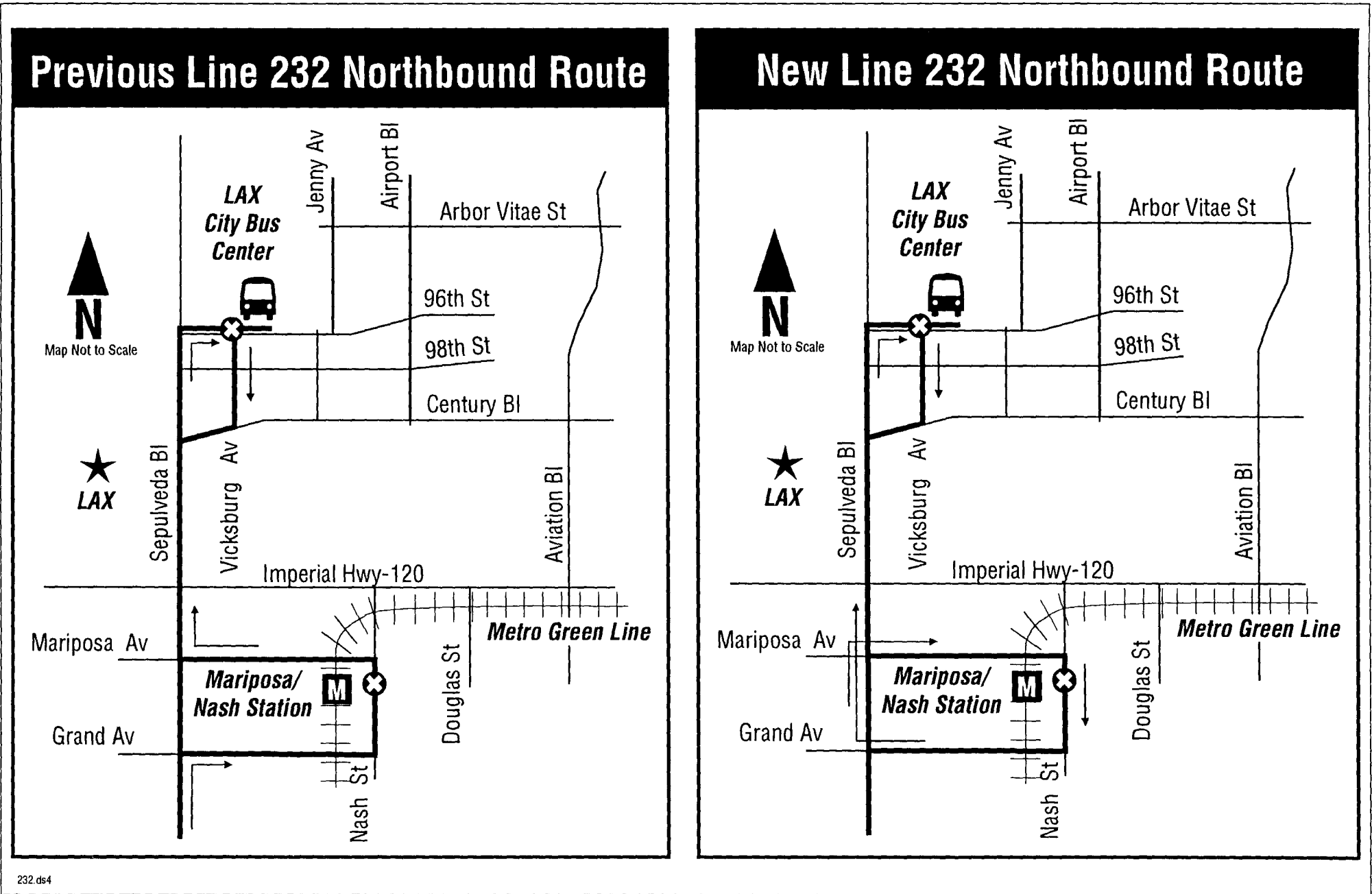


Line 232

Minor Route Modification in the City of El Segundo

Figure 3

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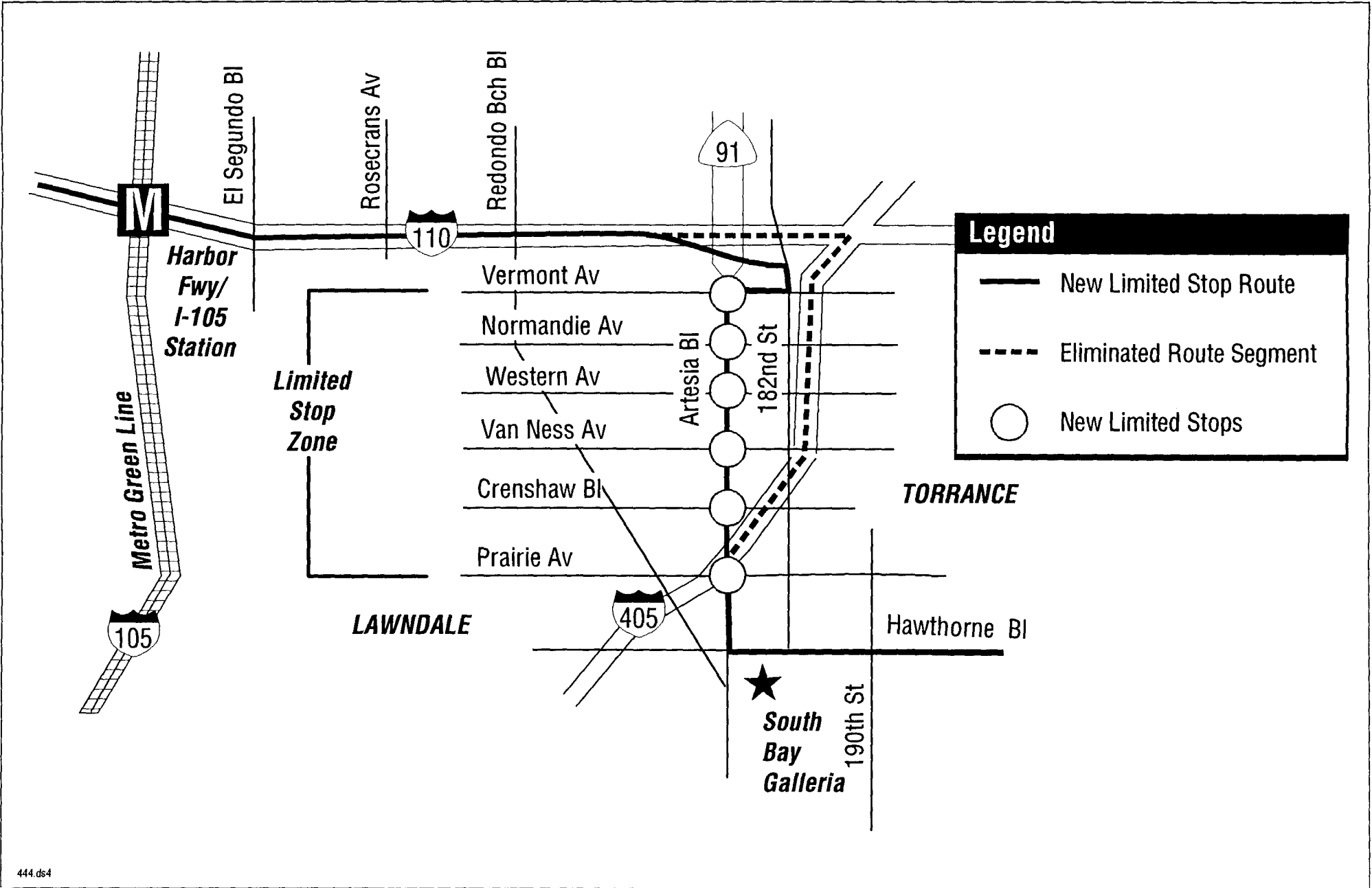


Line 444

Figure 4

New Limited Stop Service on Artesia Boulevard to Harbor Transitway

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Line 561

Minor Route Change to Serve New Getty Center

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