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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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**SUBJECT: MINOR ROUTE MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED DURING
THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 1997**

ISSUE

This is the October-December 1997 quarterly report of minor service modifications implemented by staff in accordance with a policy adopted by the Board of Directors in March 1996, and revised in December 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 \$100,000 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 October through December 1997, MTA staff implemented 4 minor route changes covered by the adopted policy involving MTA Lines 65, 71, 243, and 260. These changes involve modifications to routes, layover zones, and turnaround loops, and are described in greater detail in Attachment A. The route modifications are illustrated in Attachment B.

These modifications were made to respond to changes in the operating environment and to enhance passenger convenience. All modifications implemented during this period were cost neutral, resulting in no change to annual operating costs. The cumulative cost impact for the period between July 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997 is a net increase of \$5,600.

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT A

MINOR SERVICE MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF FY 98

This report outlines service modifications implemented during the period of October - December 1997.

- **Line 65 (Washington Boulevard-Indiana Street-Gage Avenue-CSULA) - Minor Route Modification in the City Terrace area**

The route of Line 65 was modified on the campus of California State University, Los Angeles.

Reason for Change:

To accommodate the addition of Line 71 to the California State University, Los Angeles bus layover area, the layover for Line 65 was relocated from the campus to Eastern Avenue north of Ramona Boulevard. Previously, Line 65 service on the campus operated via Paseo Rancho Castilla, Campus Road, and Circle Drive. With this change, service now operates into the campus via Ramona Boulevard, Campus Road and Circle Drive, and exits the campus via State University Drive (see Figure 1).

Impact on Budget:

The modification to Line 65 requires no change in service hours and is, therefore, cost neutral.

Impact on Passengers:

Approximately 35 weekday passengers, 7 Saturday and 6 Sunday passengers previously alighting at Paseo Rancho Castilla and State University Drive are required to either alight .2 miles south at Eastern Avenue and Ramona Boulevard, or remain on the bus an additional 5 minutes through the campus loop and alight at Eastern Avenue and State University Drive.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 65 will be recorded on 1st Revised Page 65 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

- **Line 71 (City Terrace-CSULA) - Relocate Layover and Turnaround Loop in the City Terrace area**

The terminal for Line 71 was relocated from Sybil Brand Institute to California State University, Los Angeles. Service accesses the campus via Eastern Avenue, Ramona Boulevard, Campus Road, Circle Drive, and State University Drive (see Figure 2).

Reason for Change:

Recently, the County of Los Angeles closed Sybil Brand Institute for a long-term remodeling project. Due to the subsequent reduction in patronage to Sybil Brand, the terminal for Line 71 was relocated to California State University, Los Angeles.

Impact on Budget:

The modification to Line 71 requires no change in service hours and is, therefore, cost neutral.

Impact on Passengers:

Approximately 132 weekday passengers, 198 Saturday and 213 Sunday passengers boarded and alighted Line 71 service on Eastern Avenue and Sheriff Road, with the majority of these patrons destined to Sybil Brand. As a result of the closure, these passengers no longer patronize Line 71, which is the basis for the route change.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 71 will be recorded on 2nd Revised Page 71 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

- **Line 243 (De Soto Avenue-Ventura Boulevard-Winnetka Avenue) - Establishment of Supplementary Route to Chatsworth High School**

Effective December 14, 1997, a supplementary route was implemented to provide direct access to Chatsworth High School.

Reason for Change:

This change was requested by Councilman Bernson's office and the Los Angeles Police Department to mitigate complaints associated with students boarding at bus stops along De Soto Avenue at Lassen Street and Vintage Street. Previously, various measures were taken in an attempt to mitigate allegations of disruptive student behavior at bus stops located in front of Carl's Jr. Restaurant at Lassen Street and a condominium complex at Vintage Street. However, due to continued complaints, two afternoon trips were rerouted via a supplementary route to pick up students directly in front of Chatsworth High School on Lurline Avenue (see Figure 3).

Impact on Budget:

The one-way route miles will increase by .5 miles on the supplementary route. The impact on operating costs is insignificant, however, since only two trips each school day are impacted.

Impact on Passengers:

Patrons on board the two afternoon trips will be impacted slightly, primarily by the slight increase in travel time caused by the minor increase in distance.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 243 will be recorded on 3rd Revised Page 243 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

- **Line 260 (Artesia Station-Pasadena-Altadena via Atlantic Boulevard) - Establishment of Supplementary Route to Blair High School**

Effective November 10, 1997, a supplementary route was implemented to provide direct access to Blair High School.

Reason for Change:

This change was requested by the Pasadena City Council to mitigate complaints associated with students boarding at the bus stop on Los Robles Avenue at Glenarm Street. Previously, various measures were taken in an attempt to mitigate allegations of disruptive student behavior taking place after school between Blair High School and Los Robles Avenue. However, due to continued complaints, three northbound trips between 3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. were rerouted via Marengo Avenue and Glenarm Street to pick up students directly in front of Blair High School (see Figure 4).

Impact on Budget:

The one-way route miles will increase by .5 miles on the supplementary route. The impact on operating costs is insignificant, however, since only three trips each school day are impacted.

Impact on Passengers:

Operation of the supplementary route will eliminate northbound service to one bus stop at Los Robles Avenue and Oakland Avenue between 3:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on school days only. There are no passengers impacted at this stop during that time period.

Patrons on board the three afternoon trips will be impacted slightly, primarily by the slight increase in travel time caused by the minor increase in distance.

Official Route Descriptions:

The modification to the route of Line 260 will be recorded on 6th Revised Page 260 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.

ATTACHMENT B

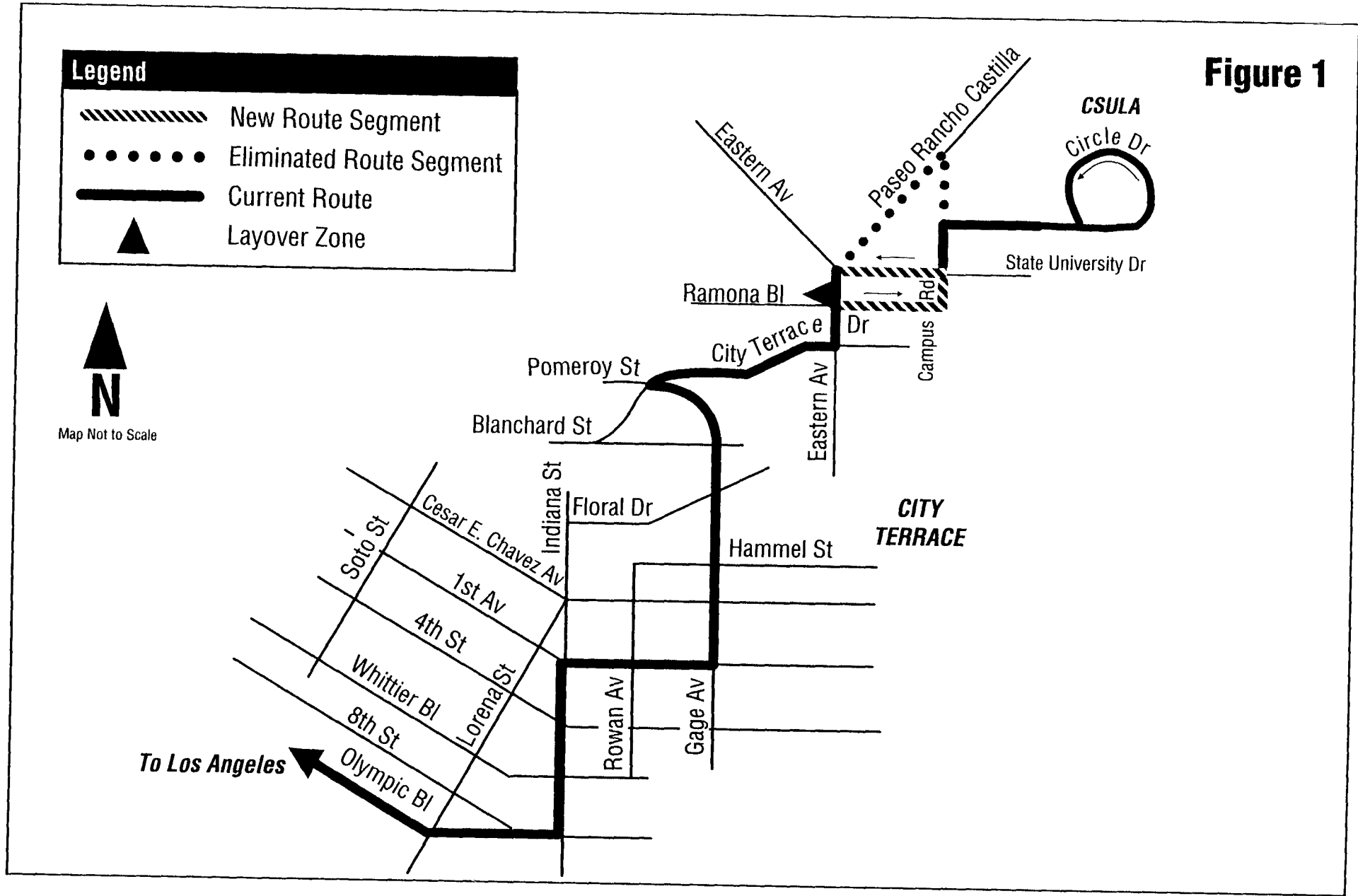
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Line 65 - (Washington Bl. - Indiana St. - Gage Ave. - CSULA) Minor Route Modification

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Figure 1

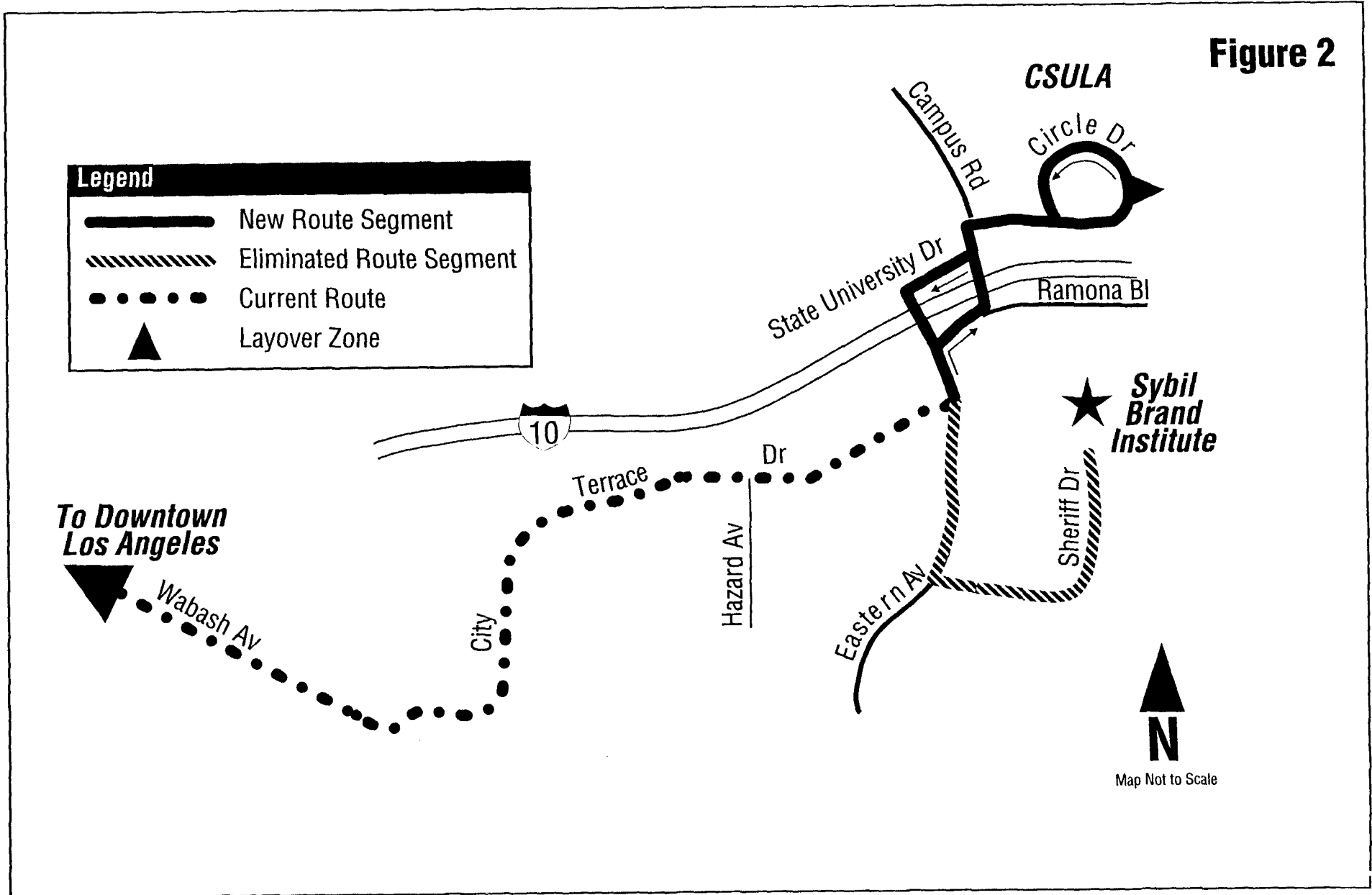


Line 71 (City Terrace - CSULA) Change in Layover Zone and Turnaround Loop

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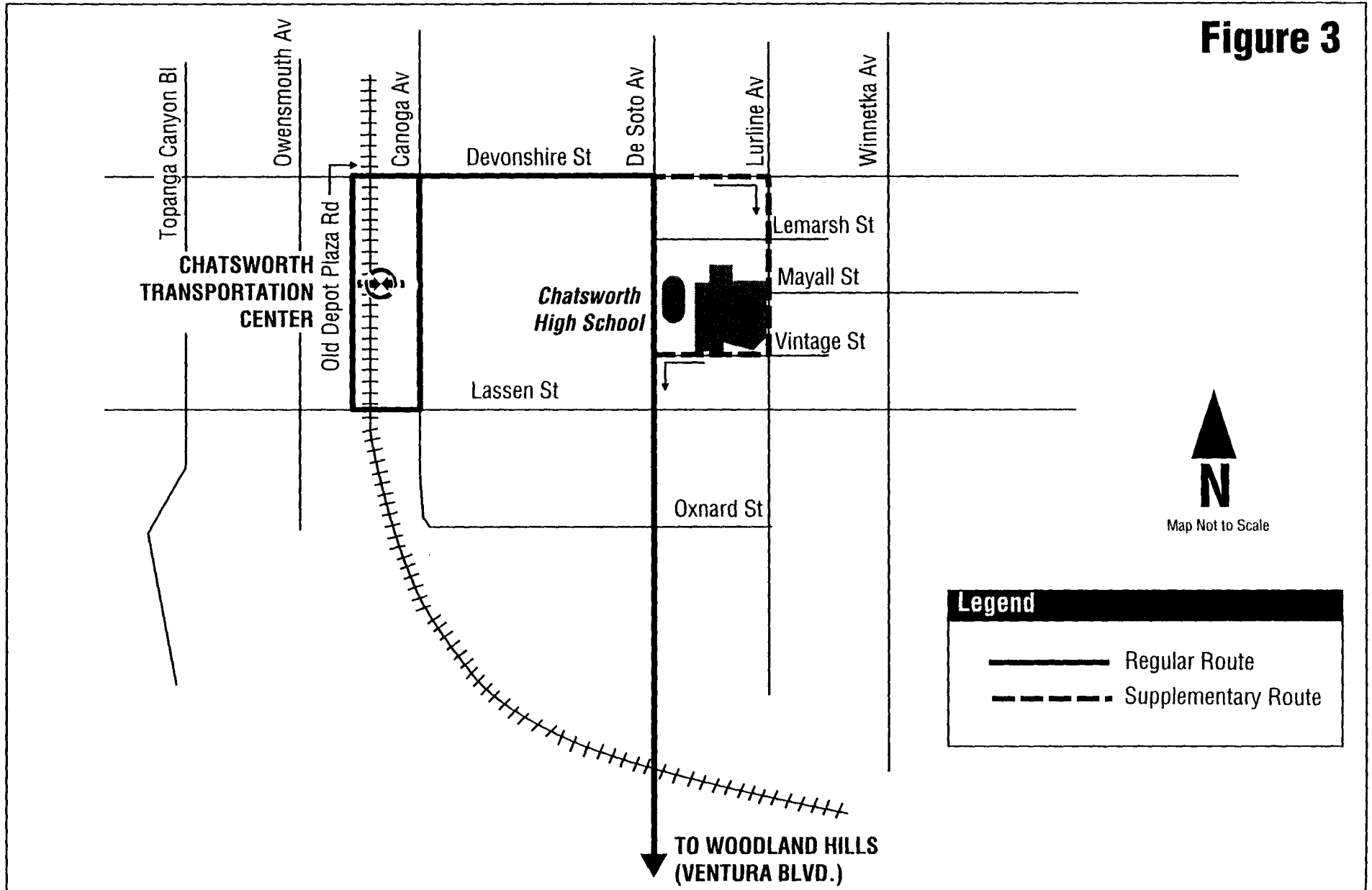
Figure 2



Line 243 (De Soto Av-Ventura Bl.-Winnetka Av) Supplementary Route to Chatsworth High School Southbound P.M. Trips Only



Figure 3



Lines 260 (Artesia Station-Pasadena-Altadena via Atlantic Boulevard)

Supplementary Route to Blair High School Northbound

PM Trips Only

