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**SUBJECT: MINOR ROUTE MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED
DURING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 2001**

ISSUE

This is the January-March 2001 quarterly report of minor route 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 \$100,000 annually in added cost, and a report to the Board of Directors 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 January through March 2001, MTA staff implemented 1 minor route change covered by the adopted policy involving MTA Line 256. The change involves modifications to route. The change is described and illustrated in detail in the Attachment.

The modifications were made to respond to changes in the operating environment. The implementation of these modifications was cost neutral. The cumulative cost impact for the period between July 1, 2000 and March 31, 2001 is a net increase of \$76,032.

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Attachment

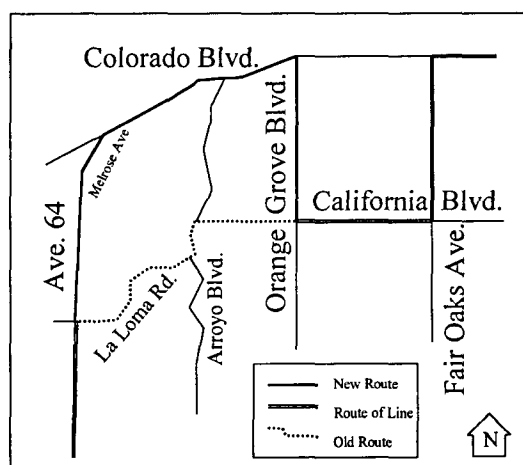
ATTACHMENT

MINOR SERVICE MODIFICATIONS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF FY 2001

This report outlines route modifications implemented during the period of January-March 2001

- **Line 256 (Eastern Ave. – Ave. 64 – North Hill Ave.) - Route Changes in the Vicinity of Ave. 64 and La Loma Rd. in Pasadena**

Segment of the route of Line 256 was modified between Ave. 64 at La Loma Rd. and Orange Grove Blvd. at California Blvd. in Pasadena. The modified route operates on Ave. 64, Melrose Ave., Colorado Blvd., and Orange Grove Blvd. Line 256 buses no longer operate on La Loma Rd., Arroyo Blvd., and California Blvd., between La Loma Rd. at Ave. 64 and California Blvd. at Orange Grove Blvd.



Line 256 Route Change

Reason for Change:

The minor reroute of Line 256 supports the City of Pasadena's 1996 Southwest Traffic Study which de-emphasized auto traffic on certain streets including La Loma Road. In a March 6, 2001 letter to the MTA, the Pasadena City Council reaffirmed their support for rerouting Line 256 off of La Loma Road. The minor reroute was implemented on March 25, 2001 with the transfer of contract service to a new provider. Service is operated with smaller vehicles.

Impact on Budget:

There is no impact on the operating budget.

Impact on Passengers:

The reroute will impact 38 boardings and 40 alightings on weekdays. Recent passenger data for weekend service is not available. The nearest new stops are no more than one half mile from the cancelled stops.

Official Route Description:

The modification to Line256 will be recorded on Second Revised Page 256 of the Official Route Descriptions, copies of which are on file with the MTA Secretary.