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**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CHANGES TO METRO TIER 1 BUS SERVICE

ACTION: APPROVE PROPOSED CHANGES TO METRO TIER 1 BUS SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION

Approve service changes to Tier 1 bus lines scheduled to be implemented in December 2007.

ISSUE

The existing Service Sector Governance Council Policy states that service changes to Tier 1 bus lines must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors prior to implementation. The Sector Governance Councils have reviewed and approved proposed service changes for December 2007 (Attachment A), and staff is seeking board approval so the changes may be implemented as scheduled.

DISCUSSION

In preparation for the December 2007 Service Change, the Metro Service Sectors have developed proposed modifications to bus lines operating within their service area. The key themes of the December 2007 program are attracting new riders by providing faster service and improving efficiency by reducing service in those corridors where there is low ridership and/or duplicative service. The changes being proposed for December 2007 include modifications to 15 of Metro's Tier 1 bus routes, as summarized below:

- Implementing Metro Rapid service on Olympic Blvd. between Downtown LA-Century City
- Implementing Metro Rapid ~~Express~~ service in Downtown LA-El Monte via Garvey Ave & Cesar Chavez Ave.
- Reducing, restructuring or canceling service due to low ridership and/or service duplication on 8 routes (200: Alvarado St, 70: Downtown LA-El Monte, 83: Downtown LA-Glassell Park, 84: Downtown LA-Eagle Rock, 260: Altadena-N. Long Beach; 370:Downtown LA-El Monte, 38/71: WLA Tran Terminal-CSULA, 68/368: WLA Transit Terminal-Montebello)
- Minor routing changes or terminal changes on 2 other services (45/46 Rosewood Montecito Hts-Downtown LA via Broadway, 28:Downtown LA Century City.

- Two new local service Lines 262: ELA-N. Long Beach, replacing Line 260 service south of East LA College and Line 35/335: Downtown LA-WLA Transit Terminal (new service to take over segment of Line 68/368).

Consistent with Federal requirements and agency policy, the proposals have been reviewed by the public during hearings held the week of August 07, 2007 and have subsequently been approved by their respective Governance Council.

OPTIONS

The Board may decide to approve a subset of the recommended changes or not to approve the recommended service changes. However, this is not recommended as the proposals have been reviewed and approved by the Sector Governance Councils, and would have a negative impact on the FY 08 Operating Budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The proposed changes have been included in the FY08 budget proposal and are consistent with the FY08 Ten-Year Forecast. If not implemented as presented, there would be an increase in annual operating costs or an offsetting reduction would be required elsewhere to mitigate budget impact. The impact would vary according to the specific proposals that were not approved.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The review process was conducted in accordance with the Service Sector Governance Council Policy, and ensures that the proposed service changes are consistent with Metro's Operating Budget, agency plans, agency policy and federal requirements.

NEXT STEPS

With Board approval, the service changes will be effective December 16, 2007. Staff will notify customers with on-board brochures describing service changes. Also, new timetables with schedule and route modifications will be available on Metro buses in early December.

ATTACHMENT

A. Tier 1 Bus Service Changes Proposed for December 2007

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SECTOR

Line No.	Line Name	Type	Description of Change
28	Downtown LA-Century City via W. Olympic Bl	1	Establish the eastern terminal in Downtown LA
70	Downtown LA-El Monte via Garvey Av	1	The proposal is to retain the route of local Line 70 and incorporate Line 71 into the Line 70 service as an alternate route to Line 71 past LAC/USC Hospital and City Terrace.
83	Downtown LA-Glassell Park via Pasadena Av & York Bl	1	Extend the route of Line 83 in Downtown LA to end at Hill St/Venice Bl.
84	Downtown LA-Eagle Rock via Eagle Rock Bl & Cypress Av	1	Change Line 84 to end in Downtown LA at Broadway/1st. Most Line 84 trips ending in Downtown LA will become Line 68 at Broadway/1st St and continue over the route of Line 68 to East Los Angeles College with selected trips continuing to Montebello Town Center.
260	Alhadena-N. Long Beach via Fair Oaks Av & Atlantic Bl	1	Shorten route of Line 260 by establishing the southern terminal at Atlantic Bl & Beverly Bl in East Los Angeles. The alternative service for the southern portion of this line would be a new local line 262 between East Los Angeles College and Artesia Blue Line Station.
262	East Los Angeles to N. Long Beach via Atlantic	1	Implement new local line between East LA College and Artesia Blue Line Sta. Over southern route of Line 260
328	Downtown LA - Century City via W. Olympic Bl	1	With the implementation of new Olympic Rapid service Line 728, this limited stop service will be replaced with the new implementation of Metro Rapid Line 728.
361	Pasadena-N. Long Beach via Fair Oaks Ave/Atlantic Blvd.	1	Expanding hours of operation on the Atlantic limited from peak hours to all day.
370	Downtown LA-El Monte via Garvey Av	1	With the implementation of new Garvey-Chavez Rapid service Line 770, this limited stop service will be replaced with the new implementation of Metro Rapid Line 770.
770	Downtown LA-El Monte via Garvey Av & Cesar Chavez Av	1	Implement new Garvey-Chavez Rapid service from El Monte to Downtown LA via El Monte Sta., Santa Anita Av, Garvey Av, Atlantic Bl, Chavez Av, Spring St, First St, Grand/Olive to Venice Bl
780	Pasadena-Glendale-Hollywood-Fairfax	1	Consider operating weekend service between Pasadena and Hollywood.

GATEWAY CITIES SECTOR

Line No.	Line Name	Type	Description of Change
45-46	Rosewood-Montecito Heights-Downtown Los Angeles-via Broadway & Mercury Av.	1	The proposal is to continue to operate Line 45 from its current south terminal at Rosecrans to Downtown LA. A new north terminal will be established at Broadway and Lincoln Park Ave. Service along Griffin Ave now provided on Line 46 and service east of Lincoln Park Ave to Monterey Hills, now provided on Line 45 would be replaced entirely by SGV Line 252, which will be extended over the route segments of these lines. Owl service on Line 45 south of Harbor Station will continue to be provided by this line.
200	Alvarado St	1	Discontinue service on the Echo Park Av segment. Only a few riders use these late night trips. Alternative service provided by City Ride for qualified patrons.

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WESTSIDE CENTRAL SECTOR

Line No.	Line Name	Type	Description of Change
35-335	Downtown LA-WLA Transit Terminal via Washington Bl	1	This is a new line 35-335 operating from Downtown LA (Broadway/Venice) to WLA Transit Terminal. This new line would service the portion that Line 68 would previously serve from Downtown LA to WLA Transit Center. See Line 68-368.
38-71	WLA Tran Terminal-CSULA Via Jefferson Bl-City Terrace Dr	1	Change Line 38 to operate from Downtown LA (Grand Station) to WLA Transit Terminal. Line 71 will be operationally combined with Line 70; as a result Line 71 service will be rerouted from Main/Spring to Olive/Grand. Line 71 will continue to service LAC/USC County Hospital during the weekday and City Terrace as it currently does.
68-368	WLA Transit Terminal-Montebello Via Washington Bl-Cesar Chavez Av	1	Change route due to implementation of new Garvey-Chavez Rapid 770. The proposal is to have new line 35-335 operating from Downtown LA (Broadway/Venice) to WLA Transit Terminal. Service from Broadway/Venice to Broadway/1st will be discontinued. Alternative service on this portion would be Lines 2, 4, 40, 42, 45, 740, & 745. Service on Line 68 would remain from Broadway/1st to Montebello Town Center. With implementation of new Garvey-Chavez Rapid Line 770, service on Line 368 will be discontinued.
728	Downtown LA-Century City via Olympic Bl	1	Implement new Olympic Rapid service from Century City to Downtown LA

