



**GATEWAY CITIES GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 14, 2006**

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 2007 SERVICE CHANGES**

**ACTION: APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS TO GATEWAY CITIES BUS LINES**

**BACKGROUND**

As part of the upcoming June 2007 Shake-up, staff proposes to implement several service modifications to bus lines operating within the Gateway Cities sector. Some of these modifications are considered to be major as defined by federal public hearing guidelines and MTA policy. As such, the Governance Council is required to hold public hearings, and to solicit and consider public input prior to approving changes of this magnitude

The following sections of this report identify the affected bus lines and the type of service modification to undergo public review. Also discussed is the timeline for the public hearing process, which details the steps to be undertaken by staff over the next few months, including a date when the Governance Council is recommended to act on this matter.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET**

The final service plan to be adopted by the Governance Council in March of next year will be addressed at that meeting, and consist of a yet to be defined subset of service proposals listed in the attached draft service plan. Resources from unproductive or duplicated lines are proposed to be fully reinvested in other bus lines to address unmet needs, expand travel opportunities, and provide new incentives to use public transit.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed service modifications are consistent with the goals and objectives of the MTA's Long Range Plan. Overall, they provide for improvements in public access to transit as well as improvements in operating efficiency.

## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Attachment A shows the draft service plan proposed for implementation in June 2007. The plan includes six existing bus lines whose routes and/or schedules are proposed to be modified in some way to make them more effective. The draft plan also calls for the establishment of one new rapid bus line, and the cancellation of one limited stop line associated with the start-up of rapid service.

It is important to note that the service proposals listed here will be combined with proposals from the other four service sectors into one public hearing notice. The combined notice will list the respective hearing dates, times and locations for each service sector. The legal notice is recommended to be published on **Sunday, January 7, 2007** in the Los Angeles Times. Following the initial printing, the notice will be reprinted in newspapers throughout Los Angeles County, including foreign language newspapers. Notice will also be placed on all MTA buses and trains informing riders of the proposed changes to the bus system, and how they can comment on them.

Staff recommends the Gateway Cities Governance Council hold a public hearing to receive community input on these proposals on **Thursday, February 8, 2007**. The hearing is proposed to be held at The Gas Company in the City of Downey following the regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Governance Council. The suggested time to conduct the public hearing is 5 pm.

In addition to the February 8 public hearing date, staff was directed last month by the Governance Council to investigate the feasibility of holding a joint public hearing on a Saturday involving all or some of the service sectors. Some interest was expressed to consider this option in the future, however, it is not recommended at this time due to various coordination and logistical issues that would need to be worked out. Should the Gateway Cities Governance Council wish to hold a Saturday public hearing it would need to be scheduled no later than February 10 so as not to compromise the timeline needed to implement the June 2007 service changes.

In general, the proposed service changes proposed for the Gateway Cities Sector will affect few riders overall. Most existing riders will maintain their current travel patterns since they will have continued access to either the bus line they now ride, or to other bus lines that operate along the affected route segments. The proposed new Rapid Bus Line 760 will improve travel for current riders, and encourage new ridership growth by providing high speed travel along corridors where none exists today. Staff plans to return to the Governance Council in January with more details of the service proposals to be discussed at the February public hearing.

## **PUBLIC HEARING TIMELINE**

Outlined below is the public hearing timeline and associated events leading to the successful implementation of approved service changes later this year. Key dates are highlighted for the reader.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event/Activity</u></b>
<b>Dec 14</b>	Council receives staff report requesting public hearing on February 8, 2007 along with preliminary review of service proposals for June 2007.
<b>Jan 7</b>	Initial legal notice published in major metropolitan newspaper
Jan 11	Council receives additional details on service proposals for June
Jan 7- Feb 6	Formal notification to cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders
Jan 23-Feb 6	Special rider notices describing proposals placed on buses systemwide
<b>Feb 8</b>	Gateway Governance Council conducts public hearing
Feb 15–28	Preparation of final staff report detailing findings and recommendations
<b>March 8</b>	Council acts on staff recommendations
March 16	MTA news release announcing approved service modifications
May 10	Council receives staff update on June Shakeup Program
May 17	Cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders receive final written notice of approved changes
June 11	Rider notices placed on all buses describing approved changes
June 24	Implement approved service changes.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff proposes to publish the public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, January 7, 2007. Publication of the legal notice will officially begin the public hearing process. Additional notification of the public hearings will follow later in the month in other local and foreign language newspapers, and to specific stakeholders as shown in the timeline above.

### **ATTACHMENT**

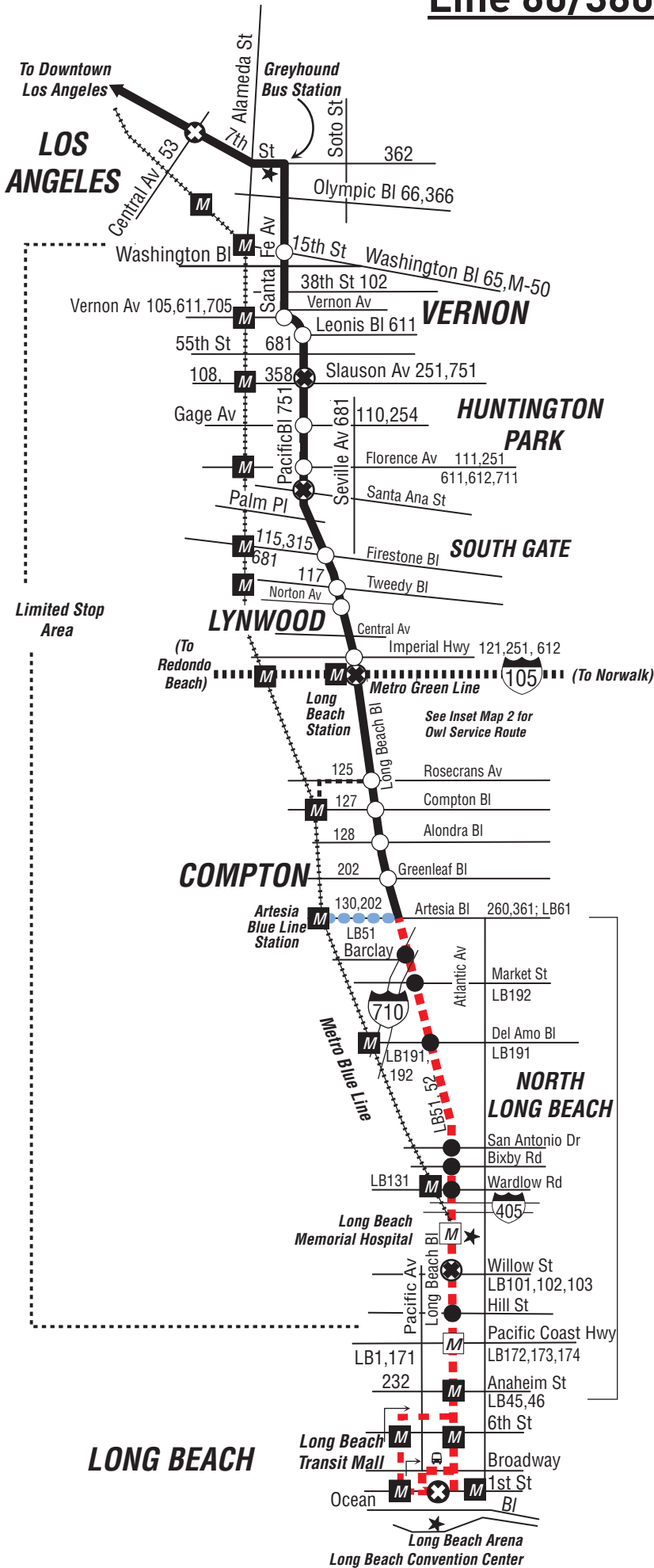
- A. Proposed June 2007 Service Modifications
- B. Line Maps

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**PROPOSED JUNE 2007 ROUTE CHANGES REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

LINE	PROPOSED SERVICE MODIFICATION	ISSUES TO CONSIDER
<b>60/360</b>	Service to be restructured as part of operation of new Rapid Bus Line 760. Line 60 to operate between Artesia Blue Line Station and downtown Los Angeles. No change in the route in downtown Los Angeles. Limited Line 360 discontinued.	Coordination with Long Beach Transit on schedules, security, fares, transfers and Owl Service operation.
<b>65</b>	Cancel line due to excessive duplication. Eastern segment to be replaced by extending Line 254 over affected segment to CSLA; western segment to be replaced by Montebello Line 50.	Consider Montebello as alternative service provider along Washington Bl and Soto St. Replacement service on Sunday.
<b>254</b>	Modify northern route to take over segment of Line 65 from 1st St to Cal State LA. Consider serving the Indiana Gold Line Station in the future. Consider adding Sunday service .	Replacement service on Sunday. Coordination with Montebello.
<b>265</b>	Discontinue route between Montebello Mall and Pico Rivera due to low productivity. Northern route to end in Pico Rivera at Washington Bl and Durfee Rd. Increase peak hour headways on weekdays to every 30 minutes	Advise Montebello of the pending change
<b>275</b>	Discontinue route due to low productivity.	Consider Norwalk Transit as possible alternative provider
<b>577X</b>	Extend route to serve the Long Beach Transit Mall. Service proposed to operate in limited-stop mode via 7th St, Atlantic Ave and 1st St. Eliminate night service after 8 pm and consider midday reductions due to low ridership.	Extension recommended in Metro Connections. Long Beach Transit advised of proposal and MTA is awaiting feedback.
<b>760</b>	New Rapid Bus line to operate over route of local Line 60 seven days a week. South terminal to be established at the Artesia Blue Line Station.	Same comment as Line 60/360

# Line 60/360






**Legend**

- Route of Line 60
- Proposed Extension/Re-Route
- Discontinued Segment

Metro Bus Lines Shown at Transfer Locations Subject to Change Without Notice

# Line 65

**Legend**

-  - Route of Line 65
-  - Propose Segment to be Assumed by Montebello Line 50
-  - Replaced by Line 254



**Pico Station**  
 Staples Center  
 L.A. Convention Center  
 Olive St. Connecting Service  
 14,37,38,55,76,78,79,603  
 Broadway Connecting Service  
 2,3,4,30,31,40,42,45,46,68,302,304,740,745

**San Pedro Station**  
 San Pedro St  
 51,52,352

**Washington Station**  
 Metro Bus Lines  
 58,65,M50

**Other locations:**  
 L.A. Trade Tech College  
 Grand Station  
 18th St  
 Venice Bl  
 Grand Av  
 Hill St  
 Broadway  
 Main St  
 Maple St  
 Washington Bl

**CITY TERRACE**

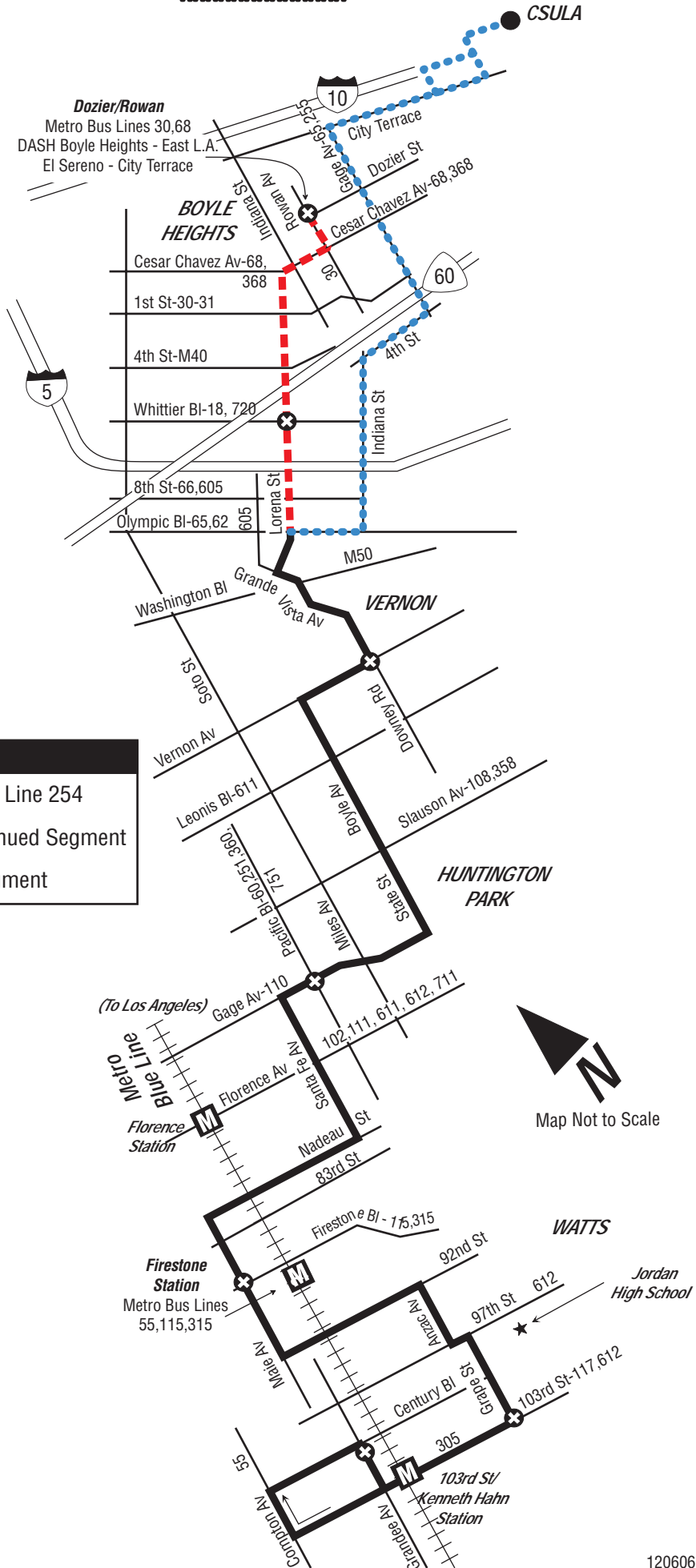
**Washington Station**  
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 58,65,M50

**San Pedro Station**  
 San Pedro St  
 51,52,352

**Washington Station**  
 Metro Bus Lines  
 58,65,M50




**Other locations:**  
 Santa Fe Av  
 Alameda St  
 Long Beach Av  
 Hooper Av  
 Central Av  
 Olympic Bl  
 8th St  
 Whittier Bl  
 4th St  
 1st St  
 Cesar E. Chavez Av  
 Soto St  
 66,362  
 251,252,751,M50  
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 Rowan Av  
 3rd St  
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 Pomeroy St  
 Blanchard St  
 Marengo St  
 City Terrace Dr  
 Ramona Bl  
 Eastern Av 256  
 University Dr  
 Campus Rd  
 Circle Dr  
 170 Paseo Rancho Castilla  
 Student Union  
 CSU Los Angeles  
 CALSTATE Metrolink Station  
 CSULA Busway Station  
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# Line 254

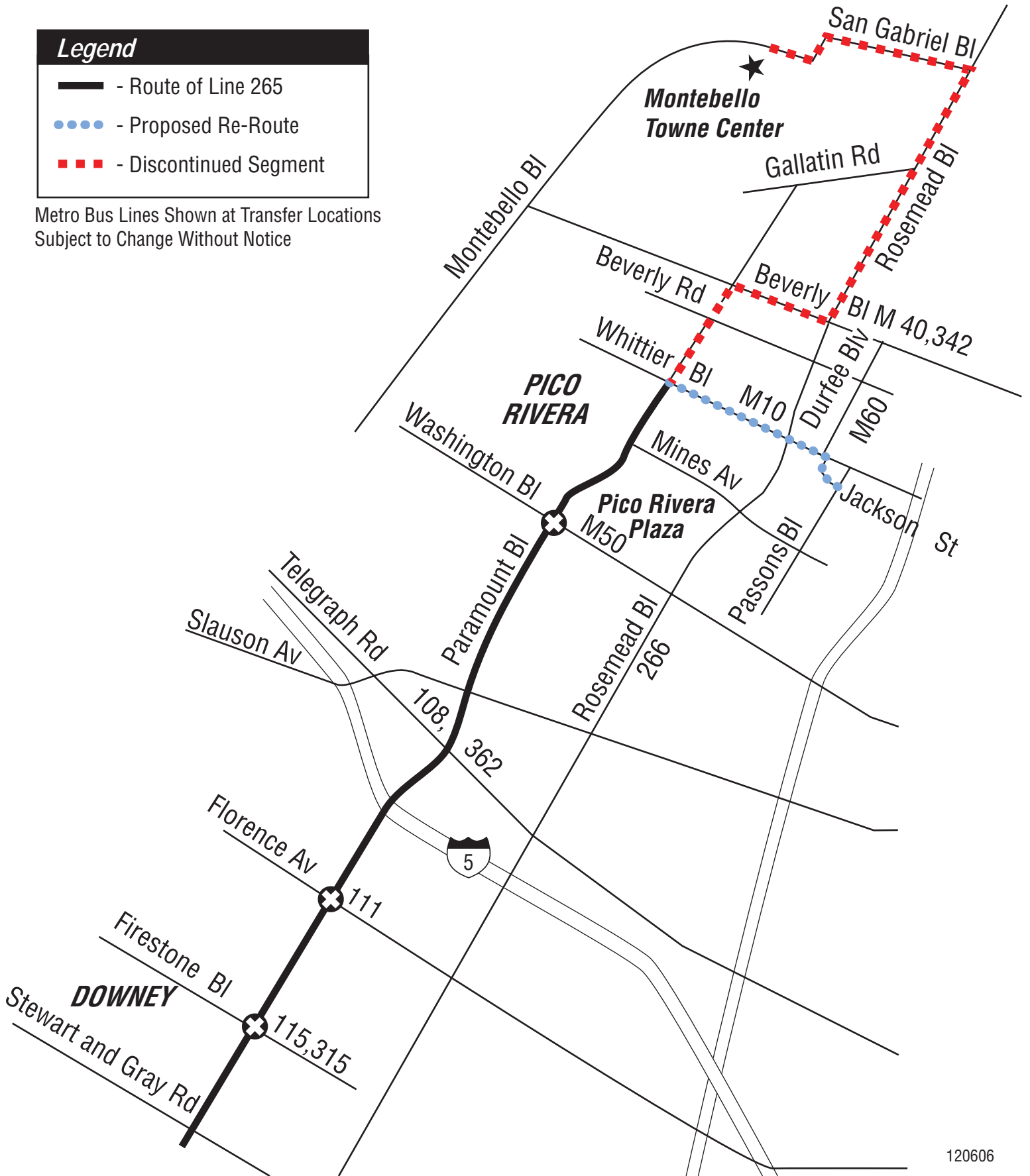


# Line 265

**Legend**

-  - Route of Line 265
-  - Proposed Re-Route
-  - Discontinued Segment

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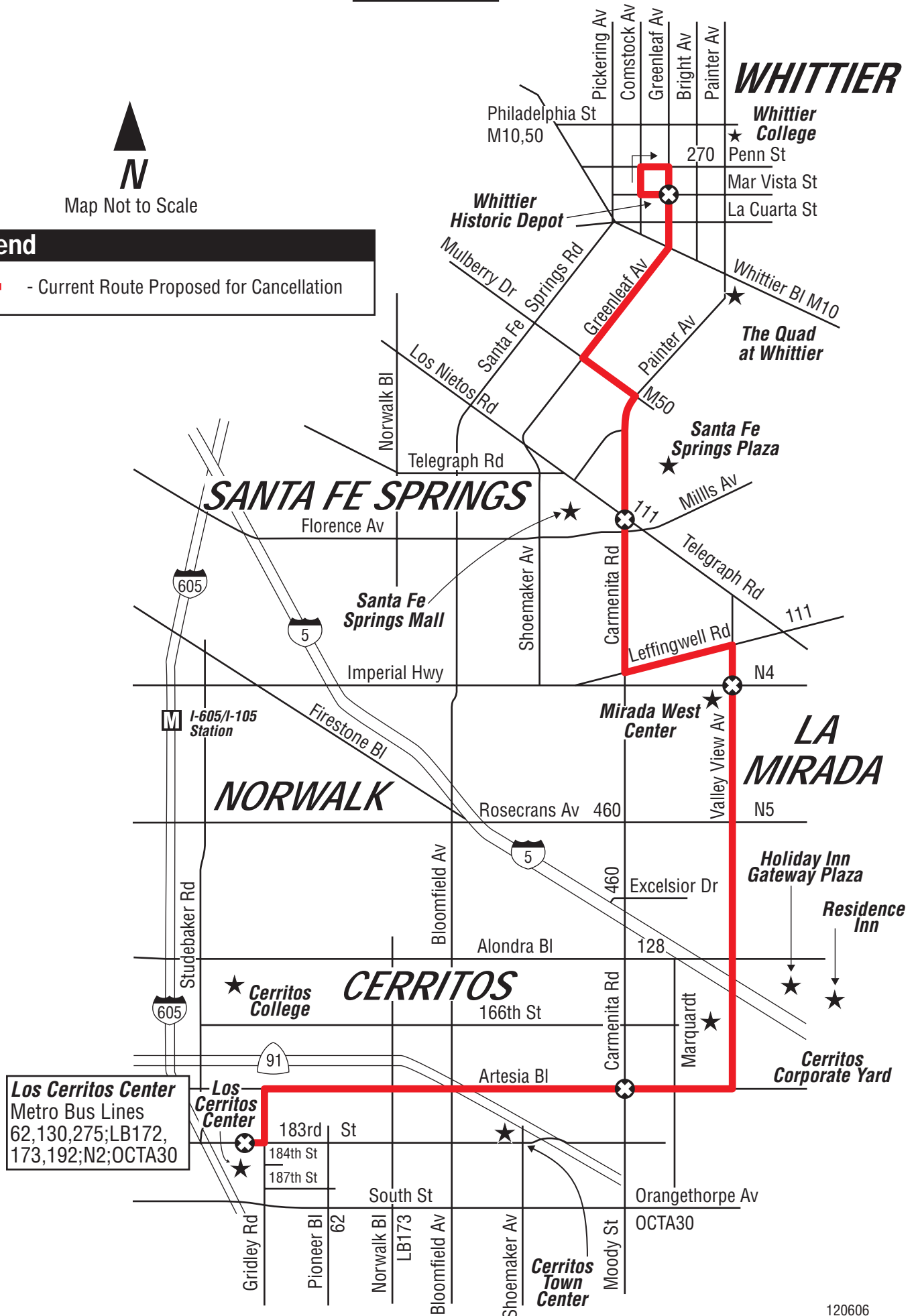
# Line 275



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## Legend




 - Current Route Proposed for Cancellation



# Line 577

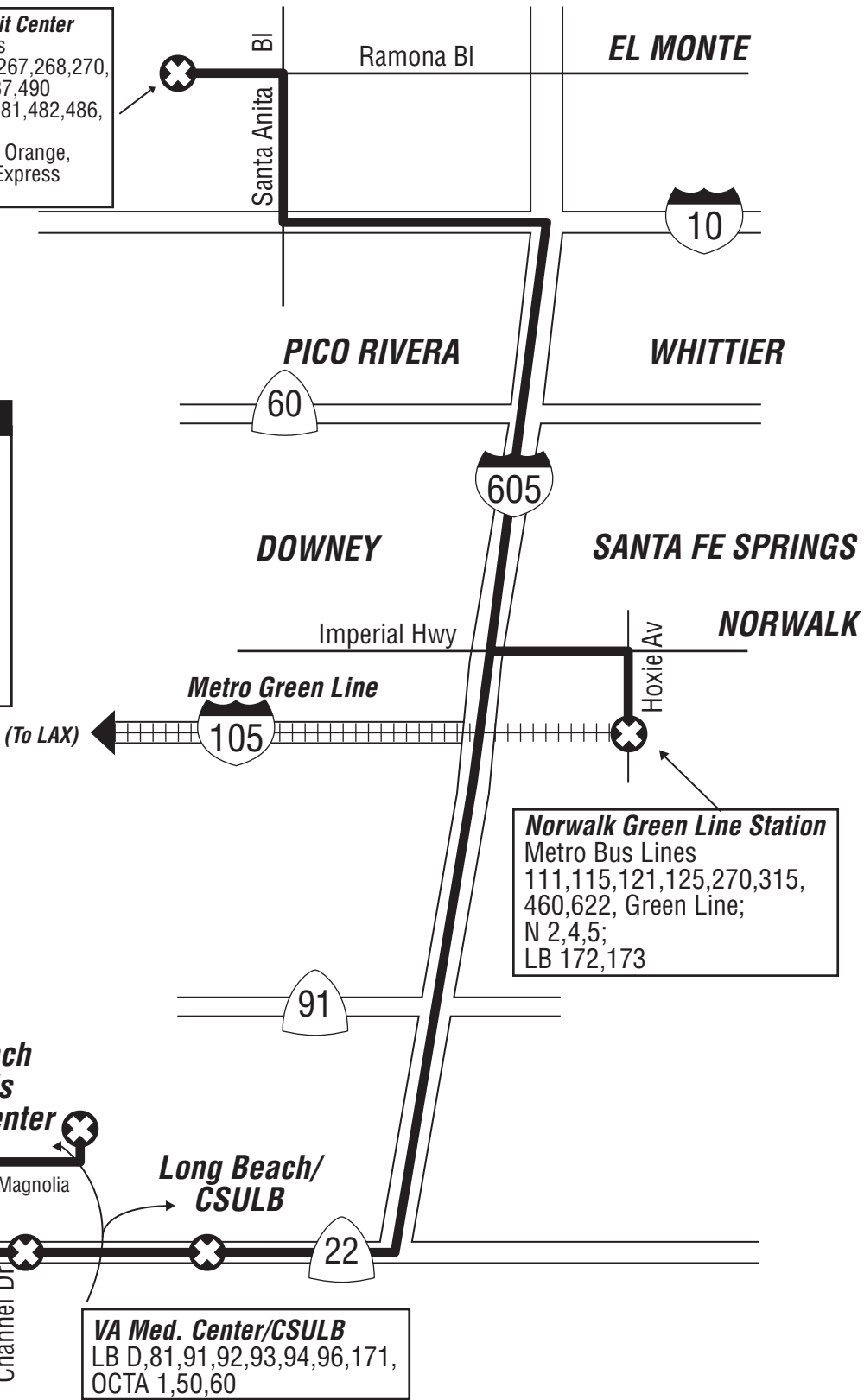
**El Monte Transit Center**  
 Metro Bus Lines  
 70,76,170,176,267,268,270,  
 370,376,484,487,490  
 F178,269,480,481,482,486,  
 488,492,494  
 ET Civic Center, Orange,  
 Green, Yellow, Express  
 Flair Park

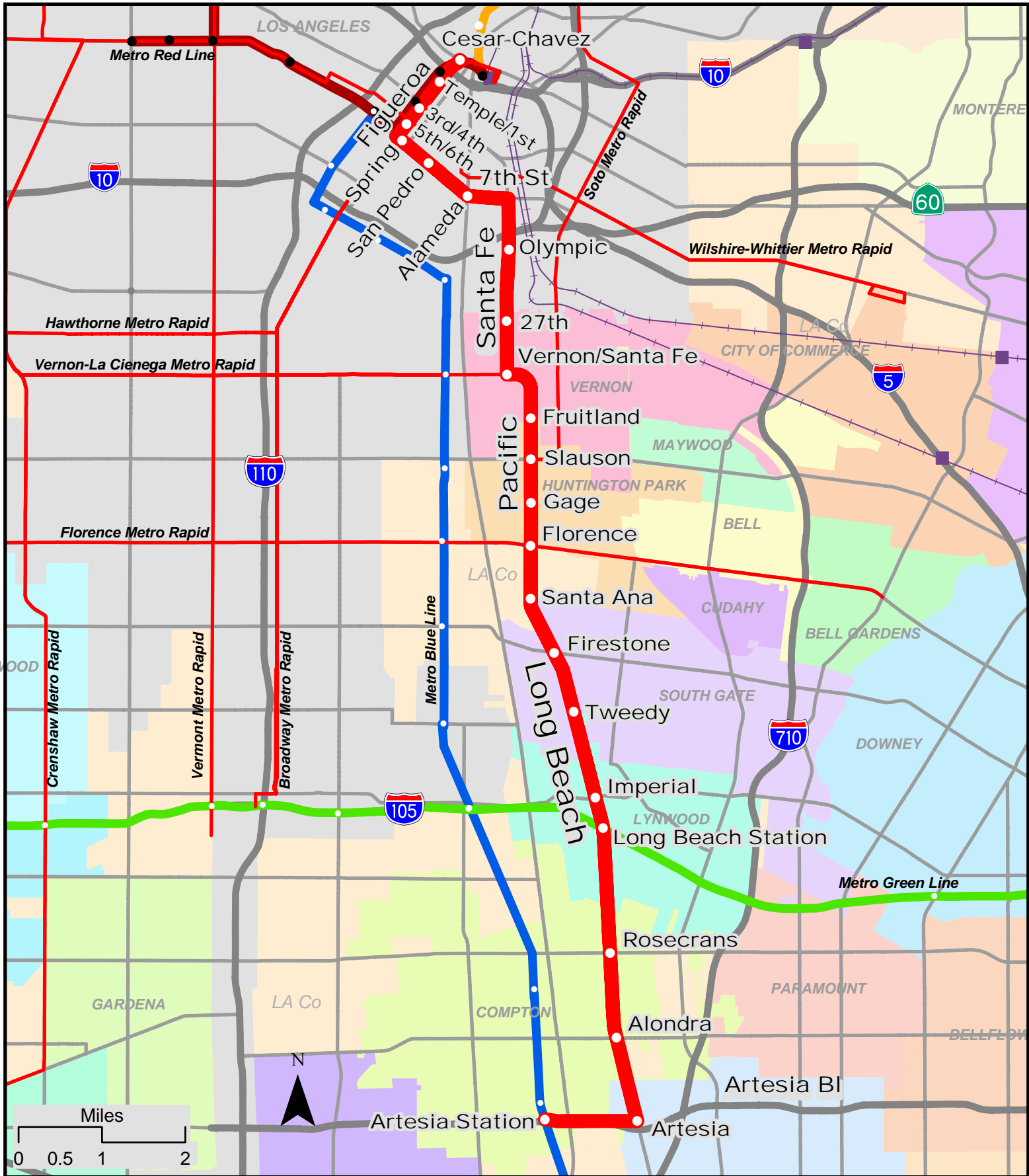
**Legend**

-  - Route of Line 577X
-  - Proposed Extension
-  - Stops on Line 577X
- F - Foothill Transit
- N - Norwalk Transit
- LB - Long Beach Transit
- OCTA - Orange County Transportation Authority



Map not to Scale





# Long Beach Metro Rapid Line 760

Effective June 2007



- Long Beach Metro Rapid and Stops
- Other Rapid Lines