

Metro Connections Update

Metro Service Planning Department
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Background

- **Restructuring of the Metro Bus System.**
- **Goals are to increase ridership and operating efficiency.**
- **Key themes are faster service, increased use of capacity, and better service to major activity centers.**
- **Majority of the changes phased in between June 2007 and June 2009.**

Service Change Themes

June 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce Duplicative/Unproductive Service• New Rapid/Rapid Express Service• Articulated Bus Deployment
December 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapid/Rapid Express• Bus Stop Consolidation• Complete Articulated Bus Deployment
June 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Rapid Expansion• Downtown Restructuring• Schedule Efficiencies
December 2008	<p>New Point-to-Point Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement New Metro Liner Service
June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor Restructuring• Fine Tuning

Current Status

- December 2007 program approved.
- Initial planning for the June 2008 program underway.

December 2007 Proposals

- Implementing Metro Rapid service on Olympic Blvd. and along 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 Transit Terminal-CSULA, 68/368: WLA Transit Terminal-Montebello)

December 2007 Proposals (Cont'd)

- Two new local service Lines 262: ELA-N. Long Beach, and Line 35/335: Downtown LA-WLA Transit Terminal (new service to take over segment of Line 68/368).
- Deploying 95 articulated buses (704: Santa Monica Metro Rapid, 728: Olympic Metro Rapid, and 760: Long Beach Metro Rapid)

June 2008 Program Objectives

- Restructure downtown bus service
- Improve schedule efficiency
- Meet New Service Plan Requirements
 - Rapid implementation
 - Peak seat increase
- Improve poorly performing bus routes
- Achieve 215,000 annual hours of efficiencies (net savings).

Key Strategies

- Scheduling efficiencies
- Cancellation of service on 25 worst performing lines.
- Service restructuring

Scheduling Efficiencies

- Using APC data to identify opportunities to address over crowded and under utilized trips, and to adjust running time.
- Focus will be on high frequency lines, so that changes do not significantly impact passenger wait times.
- Will also use APC data to better align running time and scheduled time.

Metro Rapids and Exceptions

- 5 Metro Rapids (715, 753, 762, 724, and 794) and 3 Muni Rapids (Torrance, S. Sepulveda and Pico) in June 2008.
- Using all 5 of the allowed exceptions to the span and frequency requirements (Lincoln Rapid, 704, 705, 714, 770)
 - 3 of the 5 Metro Rapids proposed for June 2008 do not meet the span and frequency requirements, nor do any of the remaining Muni Rapids.

Proposed Rapids June 2008

Route	Local Route	DX Peak	DX Off-Peak	SA	SU
715-Manchester	115	15			
724-San Fernando-Lankershim	224	10	20		
753-Central	53	8-9			
762 – Atlantic	260	15			
794-San Fernando (South)	94	9-10	20		

Next Steps

- **Governance Councils and Metro Board reviewed and approved the proposed service changes for December 2007.**
- **Finalizing targets for the June 2008 Service Change and approach to scheduling efficiencies.**
- **Begin developing route specific recommendations for the poor performing bus routes and service restructuring.**
- **Publish public hearing notice for the June 2008 shake-up in December.**