

Metro San Fernando Valley Rapid Bus Update Lines 94, 794, 224 & 724

Metro San Fernando Valley
Governance Council
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SFV Metro Rapid Update



Summary of New Service Plan Related Changes Implemented June 29, 2008.

Metro Rapid Bus Service

- Rapid Line 724 (Universal City – Sylmar via Lankershim Bl. & San Fernando Road.)

Weekdays only – 10 min. peak & 20 min. off-peak frequencies.

- Rapid Line 794 (Los Angeles – Burbank via San Fernando Rd. & Brand Bl.

Weekday only – 10 min. peak & 20 min. off-peak frequencies.

Line 724 Metro Rapid

Sylmar – N. Hollywood
Sta. via Lankershim &
San Fernando

Route Implemented
June 29, 2008.

Line 224: Underlying
local headways reduced
to fund new Rapid Bus
service.



NEW LINE 724 - SYLMAR-NORTH HOLLYWOOD STATION VIA SAN FERNANDO RD, LANKERSHIM BL



Line 794 Metro Rapid

Los Angeles – Burbank
via San Fernando Rd.
and Brand Bl. Route

Route Implemented
June 29, 2008.

Underlying Limited Line
394 trips canceled and
reallocated to Line 794.



San Fernando Metro Rapid

Effective June 2008

Phase II-E

- San Fernando Metro Rapid and Stops
- Other Metro Rapid Lines



Countywide Planning and Development
July 2006

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Underlying Local Service Changes

- Line 94 (Los Angeles – Sylmar via San Fernando Road). Extended route along San Fernando Rd. between Lankershim Bl. & Sylmar Station. Canceled Limited Line 394 & reallocated Hrs.

Weekday headways equal 12 min. peak & 25 min.

- Line 224 (Universal City – Olive View Med. Ctr via Lankershim Bl. & San Fernando Rd.) Reduced weekday service levels & reallocated service hours to Line 724.



Weekday headways equal 10 -15 min. peaks and 30 min. off-peak.

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Comparison of Pre and Post
June 29, 2008 Ridership Levels

Rapid & Local Ridership Impacts

- Weekday Ridership is provided on a line basis using ATMS data.
- Ridership data from June 2008 & August 2008 are included in comparison.

No growth resulted from the introduction of Rapid Bus service in both corridors.

Line	June 2008	August 2008	Diff.	%
92	6,378	5,537	(841)	(13%)
94-394	13,691	10,657	(3,034)	(22%)
794	-----	3,871	3,871	N/A
Sub-Total	20,069	20,065	(4)	(0%)
224	10,834	7,623	(2,750)	(25%)
724	-----	2,968	2,968	N/A
Totals	10,834	10,591	218	(2%)

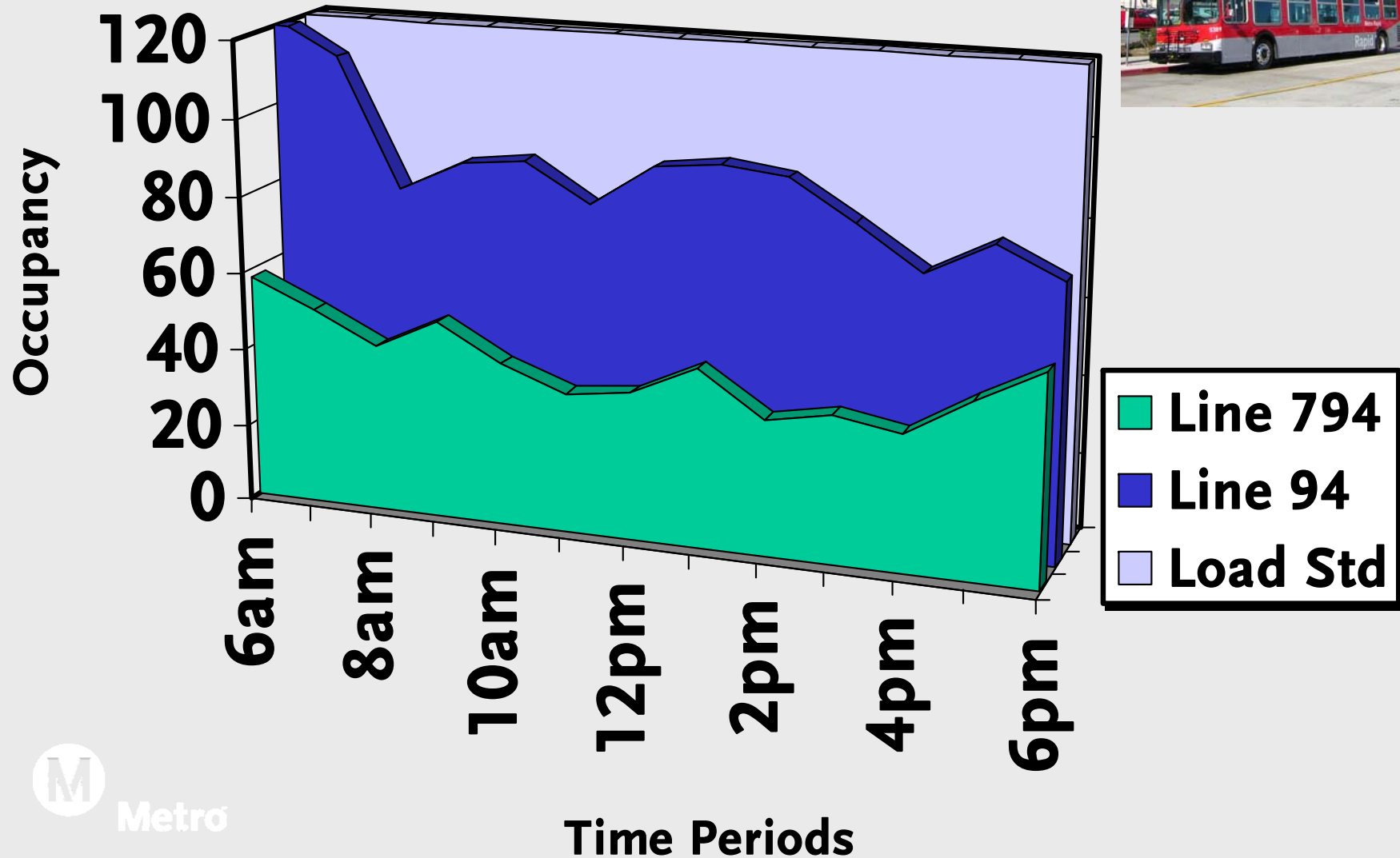
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Passenger load Standard

- Based on 40 seats per bus
- Maximum passengers onboard each trip
- 20 minute periods during peaks
- 60 minute period during off-peaks
- Calculate average riders per trip
- (40 Psgrs. onboard / 40 seat bus = 100% passenger load)
- Maximum passenger load standard = 120% (or 48 psgrs)

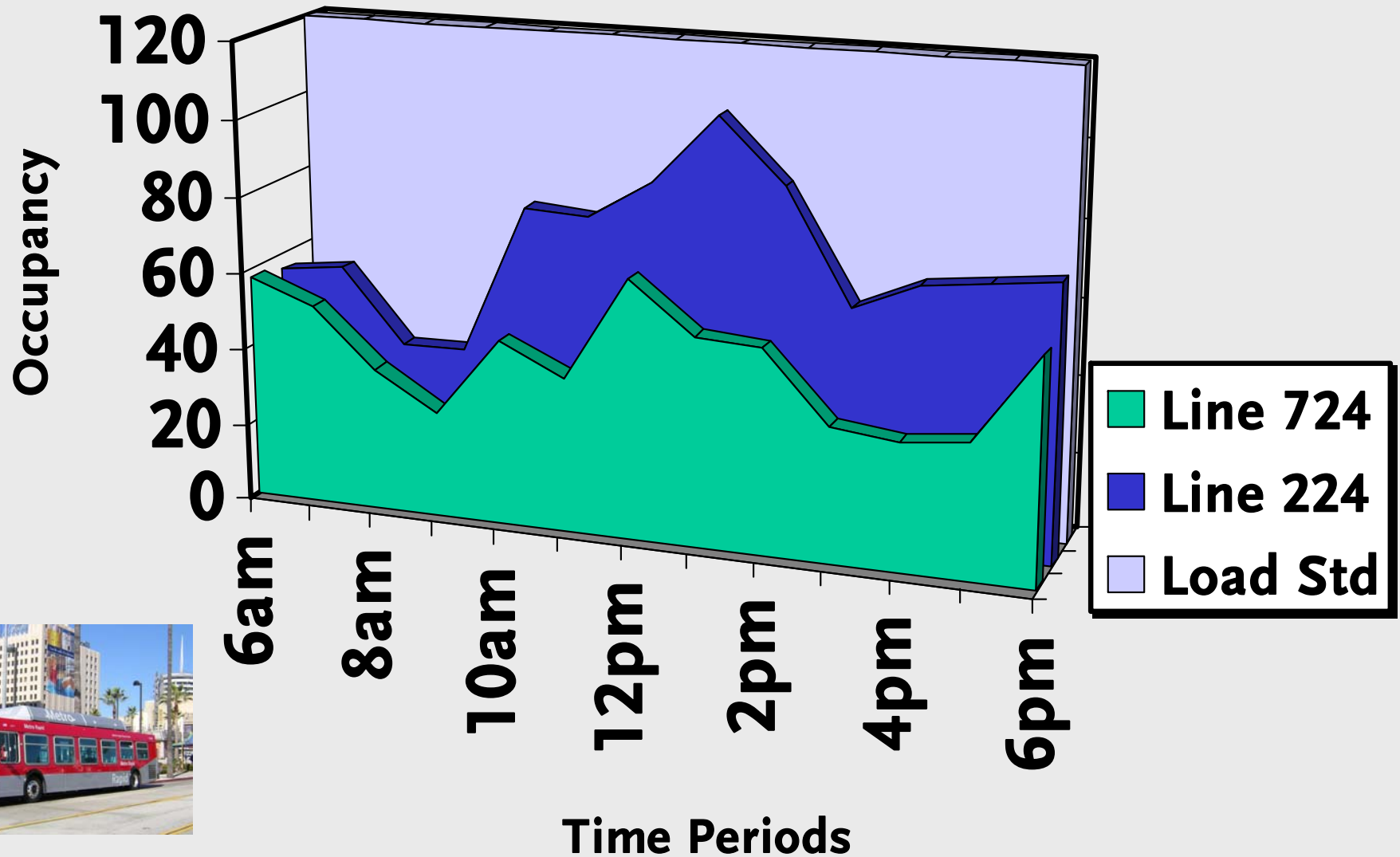
Comparison of Line 94 & 794 Passenger Loads

Bus Ridership Profile



Comparison of Line 224 & 724 Passenger Loads

Bus Ridership Profile



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Service Productivity Ranking
based upon
(Boardings / Revenue Service
Hour)

- New Metro Rapid Lines 724 and 794 rank 28th & 30th respectively out of 35 Metro San Fernando Valley Lines
- Both Lines rank in the bottom 22% of Metro SFV's 35 lines.

		Boardings/ Rev. Hr.
Rank	Lines	
28	724	29.4
29	156	26.8
30	794	25.8
31	161	25.3
32	222	23.1
33	154	22.6
34	168	16.9
35	645	16.5

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Strategies for Improving Metro Rapid Performance

- Consider relocating a segment of Line 794 from Brand Bl. to San Fernando Rd. and extending route from Burbank to Sylmar Station via San Fernando Rd. (Original recommendation of SFV Governance Council)
- Consider canceling Line 724 and increasing service frequencies on underlying local Line 224.
- Consider retaining Lines 724 & 794 and adjusting service frequencies to improve productivity and utilize resources more efficiently.
- Hold a Public Hearing to evaluate alternatives for improving new Rapid Lines 724 and 794 and implementing changes in June 2009.

Line 794 Metro Rapid

Los Angeles – Sylmar via
San Fernando Rd.

Recommended by SFV
Governance Council but
not implemented.



LINE 794 - DOWNTOWN LA - DOWNTOWN BURBANK VIA SAN FERNANDO RD RAPID



ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

Option 2-New Rapid from Downtown LA to Sun Valley operating primarily via San Fernando Rd. South terminal of Line 794 to be located at Vignes St and Cesar Chavez Av under Options 1 or 2.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Modify proposal to operate between Downtown LA and Downtown Burbank primarily via San Fernando Rd.

Maintain downtown route.

Operate weekdays and weekend. (Terminal to be determined.)



Line 724 Metro Rapid

Los Angeles – Sylmar via
San Fernando Rd.

Approved by Metro Board
of Directors and mandated
by Consent Decree.

NEW LINE 724 - SYLMAR-NORTH HOLLYWOOD STATION VIA SAN FERNANDO RD, LANKERSHIM BL



Public Hearing Time Line for June 2009 Service Program

- November 3, 2009 – Governance Council Meeting to discuss Line 724 & 794 Rapid bus Service Options and possible budget related service changes for June 2009.
- December 3, 2009 - Governance Council Meeting to approve public hearing dates for February 2009. Approve Sunday, January 4th as date to publish hearing notice.
- January 4, 2009 – Public hearing notice published in Los Angeles Times and other local area newspapers.
- February 4, 2009 – SFV Governance Council to hold public hearing.
- March 4, 2009 – SFV Governance Council to act on staff recommendation and approve modifications to be implemented June 28, 2009.

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Next steps and other items:

- Approve Line 724 and 794 service alternatives to be included in the SFV Sector public hearing for February 2009.
- Consider and approve public hearing date and timeline.
- Continue to monitor Line 724 and 794 performance and update SFV Governance Council Members as required.