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METRO SERVICE COUNCILS
June 1, 2014

SUBJECT: DECEMBER 2014 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

ACTIONS: APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED DECEMBER 2014 SERVICE CHANGES AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Approve a Public Hearing to be held during the month of August 2014 at the scheduled Service Council meetings in those regions where proposed service changes are to be implemented in December 2014 or later, to receive public comment.
- B. Authorize publication of the Notice of Public Hearing, **Attachment A**, to be advertised beginning Sunday, June 29, 2014.

BACKGROUND

In compliance with federal public hearing requirements and MTA's administrative code, each Service Council is required to conduct a public hearing and consider public testimony before approving significant modifications to the bus system within their jurisdiction. As part of this process, each Service Council is also required to consider potential impacts these changes may have on the community.

Each year Metro service development staff reviews the performance of all routes to identify opportunities to improve productivity, cost effectiveness, capacity utilization, and service quality. During this round of public hearings, a minor route modification is intended to improve safety and reduce accidents, and Line 534 is re-examined for improved bus/rail interface. Staff proposes to initiate the service changes contained in the public hearing program in December 2014, or later.

The draft Notice of Public Hearing (**Attachment A**) gives the proposed time, date, and location of each public hearing to be held during the month of August at each of the regularly scheduled Service Council meetings in those regions where the proposed changes are to be implemented. A brief summary of the changes under consideration is also included. The official notice of public hearing will be finalized after the June Service Council meetings and will be published in local newspapers beginning on Sunday, June 29, 2014.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

The proposed December 2014 service changes focus on the following service and/or route modifications:

- Minor route modification to improve operations and reduce accidents on Route 91 of Line 90; and
- Revise previous recommendation to modify service on Line 534 in conjunction with the opening of Expo Rail Phase II.

The following describes the individual proposals:

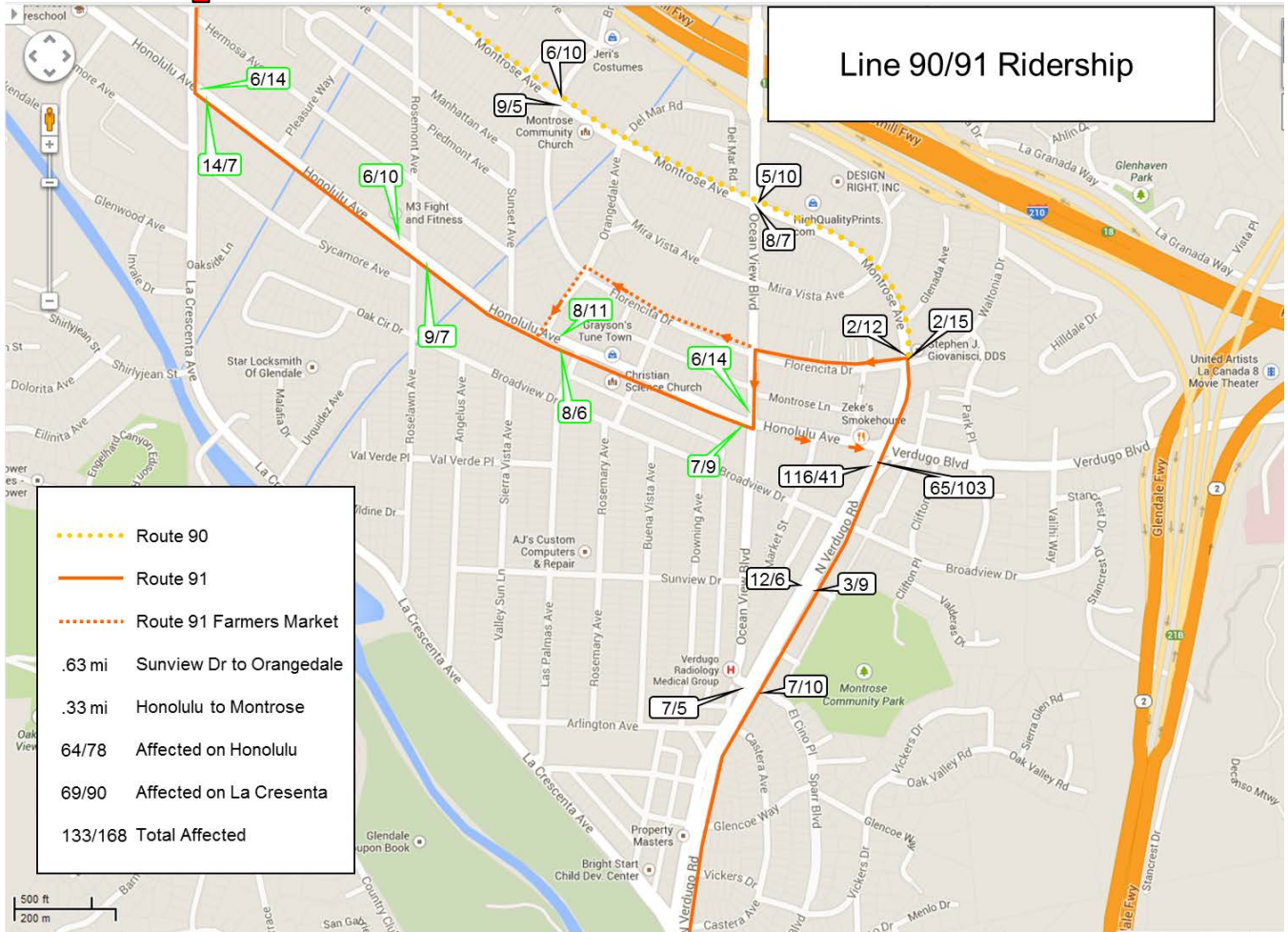
Minor Route Restructuring

- Line 90, Route 91 (Downtown LA – Sylmar via Glendale Av – Foothill Bl)
Discontinue service on the Honolulu Av portion of Route 91

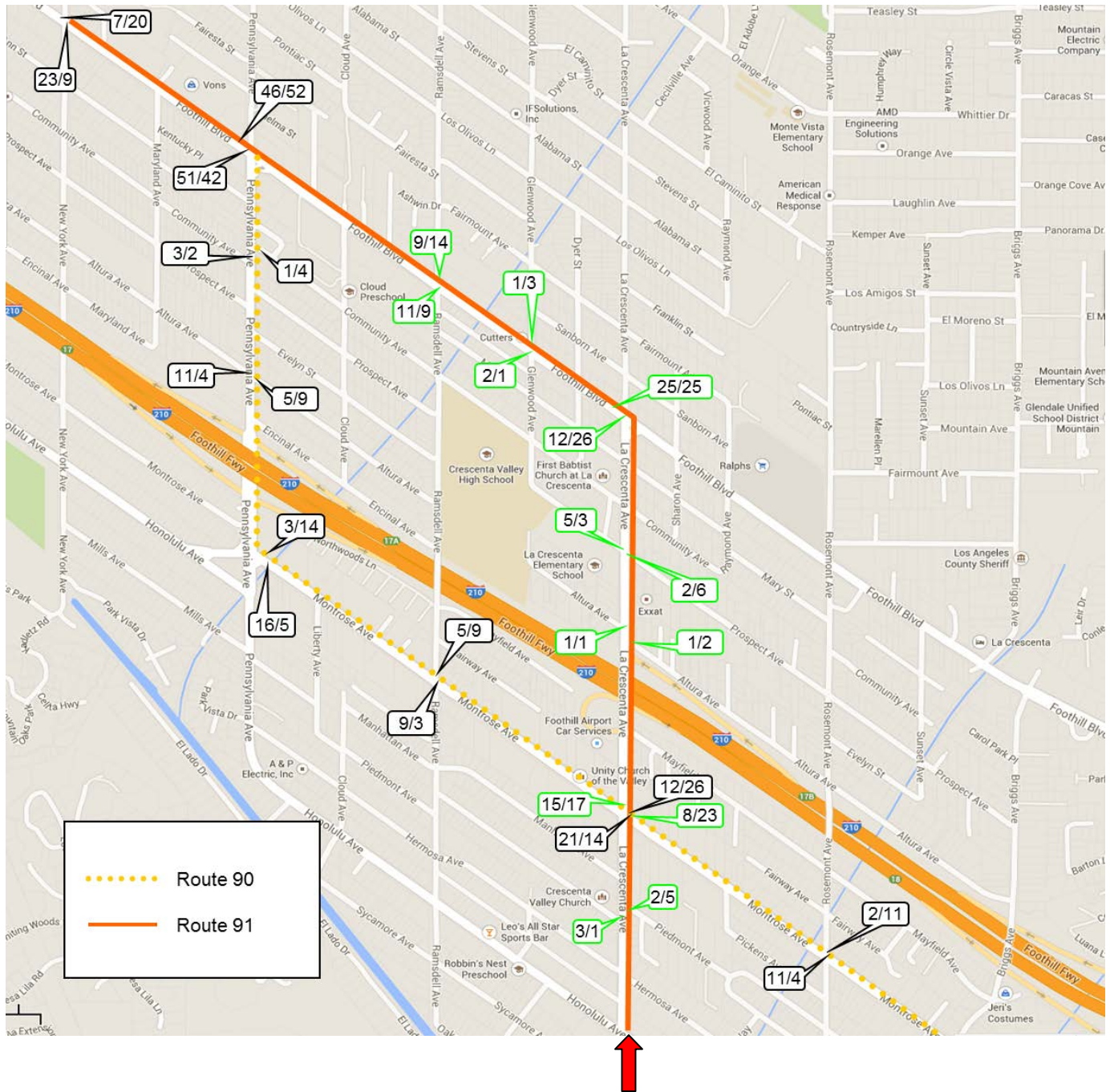
In the Montrose area of Glendale, Routes 90 and 91 split service between portions of Honolulu Av (Route 91) and Montrose Av (Line 90). Approximately 15 years ago, the City of Glendale implemented sidewalk and parking improvements on Honolulu Av in the Montrose business district, which includes bump-outs at most intersections, short bus cut-outs, and angle parking. The bump-outs reduce the distance needed to cross the street, but have also reduced intersection lane widths and turning radius such that newer 45 foot buses cannot safely complete the right turn from southbound Ocean View Bl to westbound Honolulu Av without either crossing into on-coming traffic or driving over the bump-out itself. If the bike rack is in use, the problem is much worse.

Staff has worked with the City to find an alternative routing, but none are available due to bus stop lengths in existing cut-outs on Honolulu Av. Alternative service is available on Montrose Av served by Line 90, which is .25 miles north of Honolulu Av. Ridership impacts are shown below. Also, Glendale Beeline Route 3 operates over the same Honolulu Av route segment, Monday through Saturday.

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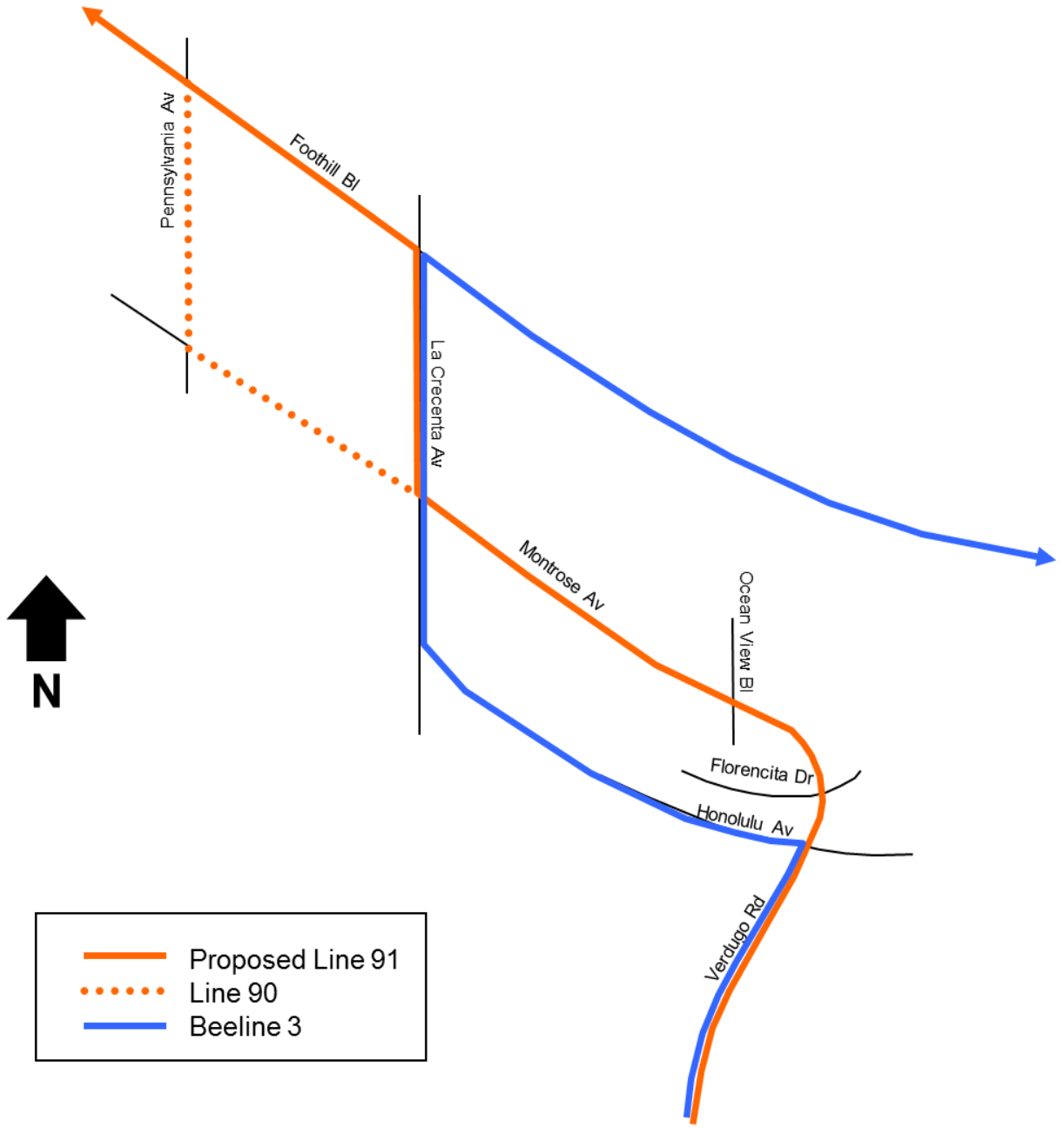


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Based on the low Honolulu Av patronage, and that patrons may walk up to Montrose Av to board Line 90, and that the Glendale Beeline Route 3 traverses the same route segment (Mon-Sat only), it is proposed that Route 91 continue north on Verdugo Rd, onto Montrose Av to La Crescenta Av and regular route. The proposed route maintains service on La Crescenta Av and Foothill Bl, as shown below.

Line 91 Proposed Route



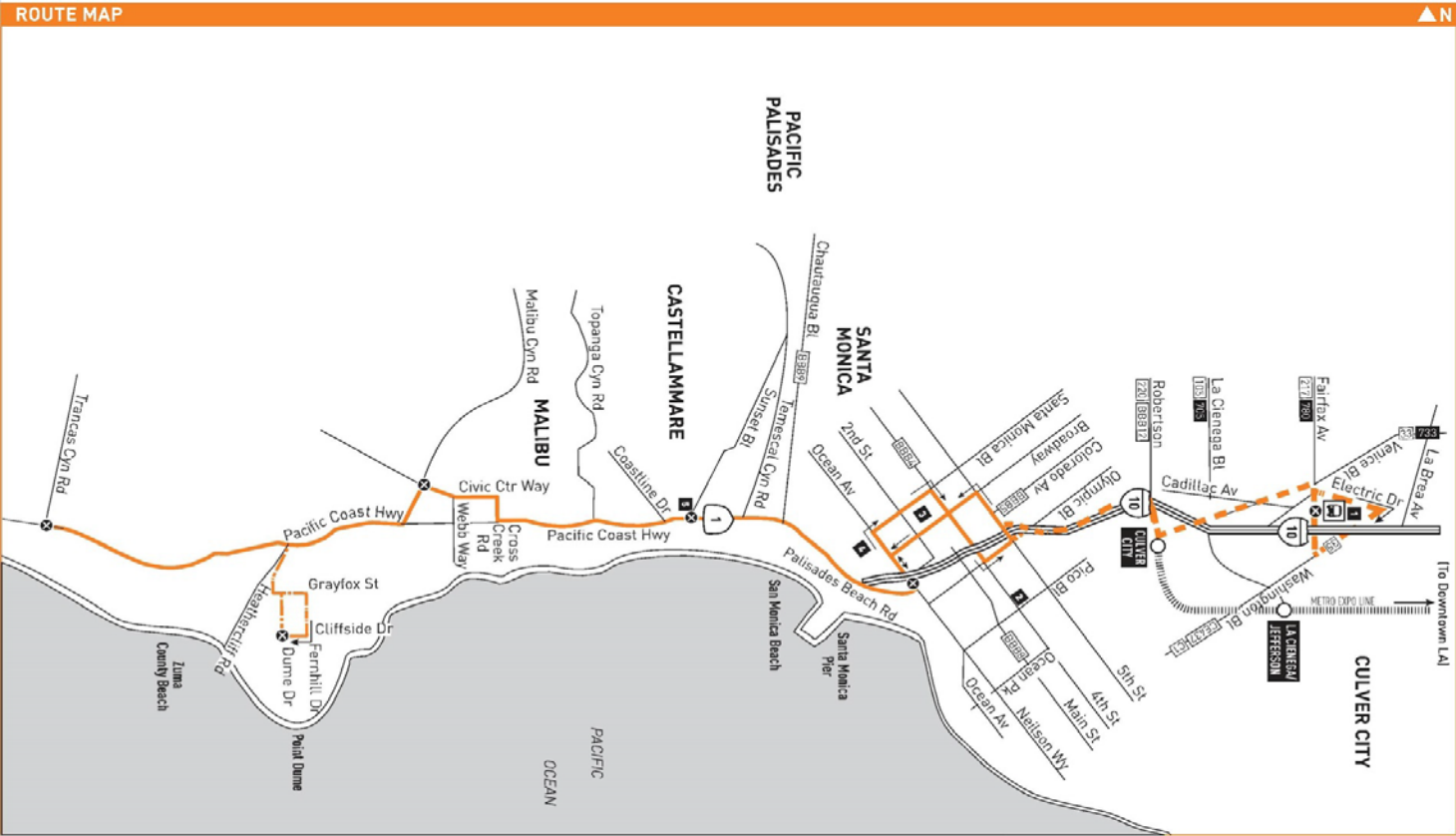
- Line 534 (Malibu – Washington/Fairfax Transit Hub via Pacific Coast Hwy)

Previously, it was proposed by staff and approved by the Westside Service Council to reduce service between the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Rail terminus and the Washington/Fairfax Transit Hub, with the opening of the Metro Expo Rail Phase II segment to Downtown Santa Monica.

However, a re-assessment of the service and the proposed Expo headway (6 minute peak, 12 minute base) shows that providing the bus service even at half of today's frequency (10 minute peak, 30 minute base) would cause longer wait times (proposed 20 minute peak, 60 minute base) than would be experienced if the patron took Expo Rail from Santa Monica and transferred to Lines 33/733 on Venice Bl at the Culver Station.

Currently, 3,119 patrons use Line 534, of which 982 (31%) board between the transit hub and downtown Santa Monica. Not operating the service on the highly congested Santa Monica -10- Fwy also continues Metro's policy of reducing service duplication when rail lines parallel a bus line. Patrons with destinations east of the Culver City Station on Venice Bl may transfer to Local Line 33 or Metro Rapid Line 733.

Line 534 – Discontinue Route from Santa Monica Expo Station to Washington-Fairfax Transit Hub



Route of Line 534	
Discontinued Segment	

Title VI Analysis of Proposed Changes

Title VI analysis of proposed changes will be prepared and presented prior to the beginning of each Public Hearing, the first scheduled to be held on August 6, 2014.

NEXT STEPS

Following the public hearing, staff will return to each Service Council in those regions where service changes are proposed in September with a report summarizing all public comments received along with specific staff recommendations.

Attachment A: Draft Notice of Public Hearing



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold public hearings in August 2014 to receive community input on proposed modifications to Metro’s bus service. Approved changes will become effective December 2014 or later. Details of the hearing dates, times, and locations are listed at the end of this notice.

The upcoming public hearings are being held in conformance with federal public hearing requirements outlined in Section 5307 (d) 1 of Title 49 U.S.C., and public hearing guidelines adopted by Metro’s Board of Directors in 1993, as amended.

Listed below are the service proposals to be considered at the hearings, and the respective Service Councils that will host the public hearings. In general, the proposed modifications will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the public transportation system through a better use of resources. The public can attend any of these hearings and comment on proposals of interest to them.

METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL

LINE	LINE NAME	<u>PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE</u>
534	Malibu – Washington/Fairfax Transit Hub via Pacific Coast Hwy	When Expo Rail opens to Santa Monica, modify route to eliminate service between Downtown Santa Monica to the Washington/Fairfax Transit Hub.

METRO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

LINE	LINE NAME	<u>PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE</u>
90-91	Downtown LA – Sylmar via Glendale Av – Foothill BI	Discontinue service on Honolulu Av (Line 91) in the City of Glendale Montrose area. Service will remain on Montrose and La Crescenta Avs.

METRO GATEWAY CITIES

LINE	LINE NAME	<u>PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE</u>
	No service changes are proposed for the Metro Gateway Service Area	

METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

LINE	LINE NAME	<u>PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE</u>
		No service changes are proposed for the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Area

METRO SOUTH BAY

LINE	LINE NAME	<u>PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE</u>
		No service changes are proposed for the Metro South Bay Service Area

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

August 6, 2014, 6:30 pm

Marvin Braude Constituent Center
6262 Van Nuys Bl
Van Nuys, CA 91401

WESTSIDE/CENTRAL

August 13, 2014, 5:00 pm

La Cienega Tennis Center
325 South La Cienega Bl
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

REGIONAL LOCATION

August 9, 2014, 9:00 am

Metro Headquarters Building
1 Gateway Plaza, Board Room
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Note: These proposals may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearings. Approved changes may also include other alternatives derived from public comment. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming hearings and provide testimony on any service proposal under consideration (public comment will not be restricted to only bus routes operating in one geographical area). All public comment received will be forwarded to the responsible Sector Service Council, and considered prior to taking action on the service proposals. Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through mid-night August 13, 2014, the close of the public record.

Comments sent via U.S Mail should be addressed to:

Metro Customer Relations

Attn: June 2014 Service Changes
One Gateway Plaza, 99-PL-4
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932

Comments via e-mail should be addressed to:

servicechanges@metro.net

Attn: "December 2014 Service Changes"

Facsimiles should be addressed as above and sent to: 213-922-6988.

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