



**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2008**

**SUBJECT: APPROVE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 2009 SERVICE
CHANGES**

ACTION: APPROVE

BACKGROUND

The Metro bus system implements major service changes twice each year, in December and June. For the June 2009 service changes, the focus will be the opening of the East Los Angeles extension of the Metro Gold Line and associated bus line changes. Also, implementation is planned for the proposed Metro Dual Hub service, a frequent service BRT line that will provide through bus service between El Monte Station, Downtown Los Angeles, and the Artesia Transit Center in the South Bay.

For the Metro San Gabriel Valley, the Metro Gold Line Bus/Rail Interface Plan will affect service changes on four bus lines, and one Westside Sector line that traverse's the San Gabriel Valley service area. The Metro Dual Hub BRT will affect two San Gabriel Valley bus lines. Small changes on other lines will also be reviewed. Attachment A is the public hearing notice for the San Gabriel Valley Sector. The public hearing for the Metro San Gabriel Valley Sector will be held on Monday, February 9, at 6 PM, following the regular Governance Council meeting.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

All changes proposed in the public hearing are to be cost neutral.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

For the San Gabriel Valley, staff is proposing major service changes to eight of our bus lines, in the categories of Gold Line Bus-Rail Interface Plan, New Service, and Contract Services.

Gold Line Bus-Rail Interface Plan

Six bus lines are proposed to be modified in conjunction with opening of the eastside extension of the Gold Line, there improving to various rail stations.

- **Line 30-31** is proposed to be restructured with a reduced frequency east of Alameda St. Service on Floral Dr. (Line 30) will be replaced by an extension of Line 287 from the Montebello Town Center to the Indiana Gold Line Station. This line is governed by the Westside Sector Governance Council.
- **Line 68** is proposed to be shortened by eliminating the route segment from Riggan St. and Atlantic Bl. to Montebello Town Center, and will be replaced by an extension of Line 287 west from the Montebello Town Center to Atlantic Bl., where patrons may transfer to Line 68 or continue on the Line 287 extension via Floral Dr. and Rowan Av. to the Indiana Gold Line Station.
- **Line 254** is proposed to be extended east from Lorena St. to Indiana St. to the Indiana Gold Line Station, then via regular route to the Rowan and Dozier Terminal.
- **Line 287** is proposed to be extended west from the Montebello Town Center to the Indiana Gold Line Station, providing service on the Line 30 route portion on Floral Dr. and Rowan Av. The route portion from the Sierra Madre Gold Line Station south to El Monte Station will be replaced by Line 487.
- **Line 487** is proposed to be extended east and south on Santa Anita Av. over the route of Line 287 to El Monte Station.
- **Line 620** is proposed to be extended east to the Indiana Gold Line Station.

New Service

A new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), the Dual Hub, is proposed for the El Monte Busway and Artesia Transit Center.

- **Dual Hub BRT** is a proposed new service that will operate from El Monte Station to Downtown Los Angeles on the El Monte Busway, then continue through Downtown and continue via the Harbor Transitway to the Artesia Transit Center.
- **Line 484** is proposed to be terminated at El Monte Station. The route portion from El Monte Station to Downtown Los Angeles will be replaced by the Dual Hub BRT.
- **Line 490** is proposed to be terminated at El Monte Station. The route portion from El Monte Station to Downtown Los Angeles will be replaced by the Dual Hub BRT.

Contract Services

Two Metro lines operated as Contract Services are proposed to be modified.

- **Line 177** is proposed to be shortened from the Sierra Madre Metro Gold Line Station to the Pasadena City College (PCC). Service will be improved from every 30 minutes to every 12 to 15 minutes in the peak periods, and mid-day service would be cancelled.
- **Line 256** is proposed to be terminated. Interest in providing service over Line 256 has been shown by Montebello Bus Lines and the City of Pasadena.

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan. 4	Initial legal notice published in major metropolitan newspaper
Jan. 5-Jan. 30	Formal notification to cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders
Jan. 12	San Gabriel Valley Council receives additional details on service proposals for June.
Jan. 26	Special Rider Alert and notices describing proposals placed on buses
Feb. 9	San Gabriel Valley Council conducts public hearing
Feb. 16- Feb. 27	Preparation of final staff report detailing findings and recommendations
March 9	Governance council acts on staff recommendations
April 23	Metro Board acts on council recommendations for Tier 1 lines
April 24	Metro news release announcing approved service modifications
May 11	Governance council receives staff update on June 2009 Shakeup Program
May 28	Cities, agencies, organizations and stakeholders receive final written notice of approved changes
June 16	Rider notices placed on all Metro buses/trains describing approved changes
June 28	Implement approved service changes.

NEXT STEPS

Staff proposes to publish the public hearing notice in the Los Angeles Times and 13 other newspapers beginning Sunday, January 4, 2008. Publication of the legal notice will officially begin the public hearing process. Additional notification of the public hearing 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. Notice of Public Hearing

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ATTACHMENT A

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority will hold five public hearings in February 2009 to receive community input on proposed modifications to Metro’s bus services. Approved changes will become effective June 28, 2009 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 the MTA’s Board of Directors in 1993, as amended.

Listed below are the service proposals to be considered at the hearings, and the respective service sectors 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 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SERVICE SECTOR

LINE/ ROUTE	LINE NAME	PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE
30-31	Pico/Rimpau – Monterey Park Via Pico Bl & East 1 st St	Restructure service for the Eastside Gold Line Extension Bus Rail interface. Line 30 is proposed to terminate at Dozier/Rowan terminal. Remainder of the service (on Hammel St. and Floral Dr.) is proposed to be served by restructuring of Line 287. Reduce service frequency on First St. between Alameda St. and Atlantic Bl. (This line is governed by the Westside Sector Governance Council).
68	Montebello via Cesar Chavez Av	Discontinue route segment from Riggins St. and Atlantic Bl. to Montebello Town Center, replaced by an extension of Line 287 from the Montebello Town Center to Atlantic Bl., continue on via Floral Dr. and Rowan Av. to the Indiana Gold Line Station.

177	La Canada – Sierra Madre Villa via I-210, California Bl and Walnut St	Discontinue route segment from Sierra Madre Metro Gold Line Station to Pasadena City College (PCC). Service will be improved from every 30 minutes to every 12 to 15 minutes in the peak periods; mid-day service will be eliminated.
254	Watts - Boyle Heights via Maie Av, Boyle Av & Lorena St	Extend east from Lorena St. to Indiana St. to the Indiana Gold Line Station, then via regular route to the Rowan and Dozier Terminal.
256	Commerce - Altadena via Eastern Av & Hill Av	Discontinue service.
287	Montebello Town Center - Sierra Madre Villa Station	Extend west from the Montebello Town Center to the Indiana Gold Line Station, providing service on the Line 30 route portion on Floral Dr. and Rowan Av. The route portion from the Sierra Madre Gold Line Station south to El Monte Station will be replaced by Line 487.
484	Pomona –Downtown LA via Valley Bl & El Monte Busway	The route portion from El Monte Station to Downtown Los Angeles will be replaced by the Dual Hub BRT.
487	Sierra Madre Villa Station – Downtown LA via San Gabriel Bl & El Monte Busway	Extended from the Sierra Madre Gold Line Station over the Line 287 route segment to El Monte Station.
490	Pomona - Downtown LA via Ramona Bl & El Monte Busway	The route portion from El Monte Station to Downtown Los Angeles will be replaced by the Dual Hub BRT.
620	Boyle Heights via Cesar Chavez Av & State St	Extend east to the Indiana Gold Line Station.
BRT	El Monte Station – Artesia Transit Center via El Monte Busway & Harbor Expressway	New BRT route connecting El Monte Station and the Artesia Transit Center through Downtown LA.

LOCATION AND DATE OF SECTOR PUBLIC HEARING

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SECTOR

February 9, 2009, 6 PM

SGV Sector Office

3369 Santa Anita Av

El Monte

Additional details about these proposals will be available for public review after January 26, 2009. To obtain this information contact the address listed below, or visit your nearest Metro customer relations center. Information can also be accessed at: www.metro.net

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 change proposal (public comments will not be restricted to just the bus routes operating in one geographical area). All public comment received will be forwarded to the responsible Sector Governance Council to be considered prior to taking action on the service change proposals. Persons unable to attend the hearings may submit written testimony postmarked through February 14, 2009 (midnight). All written testimony should be addressed to:

**Metro Customer Relations
One Gateway Plaza, 99PL4
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932
Attn: Service Changes June 2009**

Comments can also be sent via e-mail with Service Changes June 2009 as the subject to:

customerrelations@mta.net
Facsimile at: 213-922-6988

Upon request, foreign language translation, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats and other accommodations are available to the public for MTA-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations must be made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please telephone (213) 922-4600 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.