

**METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 2, 2003**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES IN SAN GABRIEL  
VALLEY SECTOR**

**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE**

This report provides information on various service proposals under consideration for implementation during the next fiscal year. The overall program (Attachment 1) is designed to 1) increase ridership, 2) improve transit operating speed, 3) provide overcrowding relief, 4) reduce service duplication, 5) realign service from MTA to other local operators, and 6) reduce operating cost. Actual implementation is expected to begin as early as June 2004.

A detailed evaluation is underway to determine the feasibility of each of the proposals and to ensure coordination with the principles outlined in the proposed Los Angeles County Mobility Enhancement Program (Hub and Spoke Improvement Plan). The first phase of Mobility Program is tentatively scheduled for implementation in December 2004.

In an effort to move forward with projects that will produce operating efficiencies, staff is proposing to start some of the projects as early as June 2004. These changes will focus on adding service and improving coordination with other operators. Other projects requiring more extensive coordination and public outreach will be deferred until December 2004.

**BACKGROUND**

The Metro San Gabriel Valley Sector was established in July 2002. Since inception, service changes have been focused on Consent Decree compliance, establishing new limited services, restructuring service to provide direct access to the Pasadena Gold Line and improving service coordination with other transit operators.

To further those efforts and to maximize the usability and effectiveness of transit resources, the bus system must be modified to provide quality transit access and to improve the overall efficiency of services operating within the San Gabriel Valley. Plans are to reinvest any resources saved through the proposed changes into improving service levels on heavily traveled corridors, supporting services assumed by other service providers, and establishing new service opportunities.

The proposed San Gabriel Valley Sector changes that are being evaluated are in full compliance of the adopted Long Range Transit Plan and are consistent with the guiding principles and draft criteria for establishing the “hub and spoke” concepts contained in the Preliminary Draft

Working Documents associated with the Los Angeles County Mobility Enhancement Program (Hub and Spoke Improvement Plan). Plans are underway to have a formal presentation of the program made to the Council upon the completion of the internal review process established for the project.

### **Summary of Staff Proposals**

The proposed service plan is comprised of several elements. They include: 1) new service, eliminating duplication, improving transit travel speed, service contracting and improved service levels. A brief description of the individual proposals is contained in the following.

- Establish new Rapid Bus Line 751 along Soto Street between Cypress Park and the City of Huntington Park. Cancel Line 350 Soto Street Limited service.
- Consider transferring portions of Line 270 to other operators and reinvest portions of the savings to establish new limited stop service between El Monte and Old Town Pasadena.
- Enhance peak period service levels on Limited Lines 370, 380 and 381 to improve travel speed.
- Improve frequency on Line 266 and approximately 15 other lines for Consent Decree compliance.
- Consider funding the City of Pasadena to operate portions of the routes of Line 177, 256 and 687. Consider allowing Foothill Transit to assume route segment between Sierra Madre Villa Gold Line Station and the City of Hope in Duarte.
- Consider canceling Line 255 if LADOT and LA County replacement service is available. Reinvest savings in establishing new limited service along the Valley Boulevard portion of the route of Line 76.
- Restructure Lines 484 and 490 to operate between Downtown Los Angeles and Cal Poly Pomona. Cancel the Line 484 route segment to Pomona Metrolink Station and Line 490 segment to Brea Mall. Service to Pomona Metrolink Station will continue to be provided by Foothill Transit. Service between Diamond Bar and Brea Mall will be discontinued without replacement service.
- Cancel Line 170. Negotiations are underway with Foothill Transit and Montebello Bus Lines to operate replacement service.

The proposals are shown in more detail on the attached table (Attachment 1) and maps (Attachment 2).

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will return to the Governance Council next month with a report requesting authorization to proceed with a fully defined plan. In the meantime, discussions will continue with stakeholders and other operators. An outreach plan will be developed and implemented to ensure adherence to guidelines established for implementing both major and minor service changes.

Attachment 1: Proposed Service Changes for San Gabriel Valley Sector

Attachment 2: Maps of Service Proposals

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# METRO SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SECTOR

## POTENTIAL SERVICE CHANGES THAT WILL BE EVALUATED FOR POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION IN FY 05

LINE NO.	LINE NAME	DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL CHANGES UNDER CONSIDERATION
751	Soto St. Rapid Bus	Cancel existing Soto St. Limited Stop Line 350 and replace with new Soto St. Rapid Bus. The northern terminal of this line will be at Figueroa and Cypress in Cypress Park which is near Div. 3
270	Monrovia - El Monte - Norwalk	Consider transferring the portion of this contract line from Monrovia to Whittier to Foothill Transit and the portion south of Whittier to Norwalk Transit. Then reinvest the resources into a new limited stop contract line between El Monte Station and Old Town Pasadena.
370	Garvey Av. Limited	Enhance service levels during peak periods to improve travel speeds
380	Pasadena-Glendale-Hollywood Limited	
381	Figueroa St. Limited	
177	City of Hope - Old Town Pasadena	
687	Los Robles Shuttle	Consider funding Pasadena for the operation of ARTS Line 50, which provides service along Linda Vista to JPL. This ARTS shuttle is providing replacement local bus service for MTA contract Line 177 along Linda Vista from Old Town Pasadena to JPL. Funding for this service could be used by Pasadena to operate other shuttle service.
256	Eastern Av. - Av. 64 - Hill St.	Work closely with Pasadena to consider the transfer of this MTA contracted line to Pasadena from Altadena to York & Figueroa.
256	Eastern Av.-Ave. 64 - Hill Av.	Consider contracting the northern portion of the line north of Av. 57 Gold Line Station to Pasadena.
28/83/84/85, 70, 76, 78/79, 81, 175, 260, 268, 484, 487/491, 490	MTA SGV Sector, bus lines monitored for ridership levels as part of MTA Consent Decree Program	The Special Master responsible for the MTA Consent Decree has issued a preliminary ruling that the MTA will need to add over 100 additional peak period buses into service as early as January 2004. If this ruling is made official, it is likely that this augmented service will be implemented in June 2004. This is because of the lead time required acquire this many buses and the need to hire and train as many as 120 new bus operators, 25 mechanics, 15 service attendants and other support staff.

LINE NO.	LINE NAME	DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL CHANGES UNDER CONSIDERATION
484	LA-EI Monte-La Puente-Pomona	Consider establishing the eastern terminal of this line at the Cal Poly Transit Center. The line presently ends at the Pomona Station, and Foothill Line 482 duplicates Line 484 between Cal Poly and Pomona Station.
490	LA-EI Monte-Covina-Brea Mall	Consider establishing the eastern terminal of this line at the Cal Poly Transit Center. The line presently ends at the Brea Mall. Foothill Transit Line 482 duplicates a portion of this segment between Cal Poly and Diamond Bar. In Diamond Bar and thru to Brea Mall, there is no present Foothill service.
170	EI Monte-Montebello Town Ctr.-Cal State LA	Consideration will be given to incorporating the western portion of this line from Montebello Town Ctr. - Cal State LA to Montebello Transit. The eastern portion from Montebello Town Ctr.-EI Monte Station may be incorporated in the Foothill Transit Line 269. Consider investing savings into improved service levels on Line 70/370.
266	Rosemead Bl.-Lakewood Bl.	Improve the service level on this contract line during mid-day and PM peak periods. Presently Line 266 operates every 30 min. in the AM peak but only every 40 min. in mid-day and most of the PM peak.
177	City of Hope - Old Town Pasadena	Consider allowing Foothill to assume service from Sierra Madre Villa Station to City of Hope. Consider contracting the remaining portion of this line from Old Town Pasadena to Sierra Madre Villa Station to Pasadena to become a part of the ARTS system.



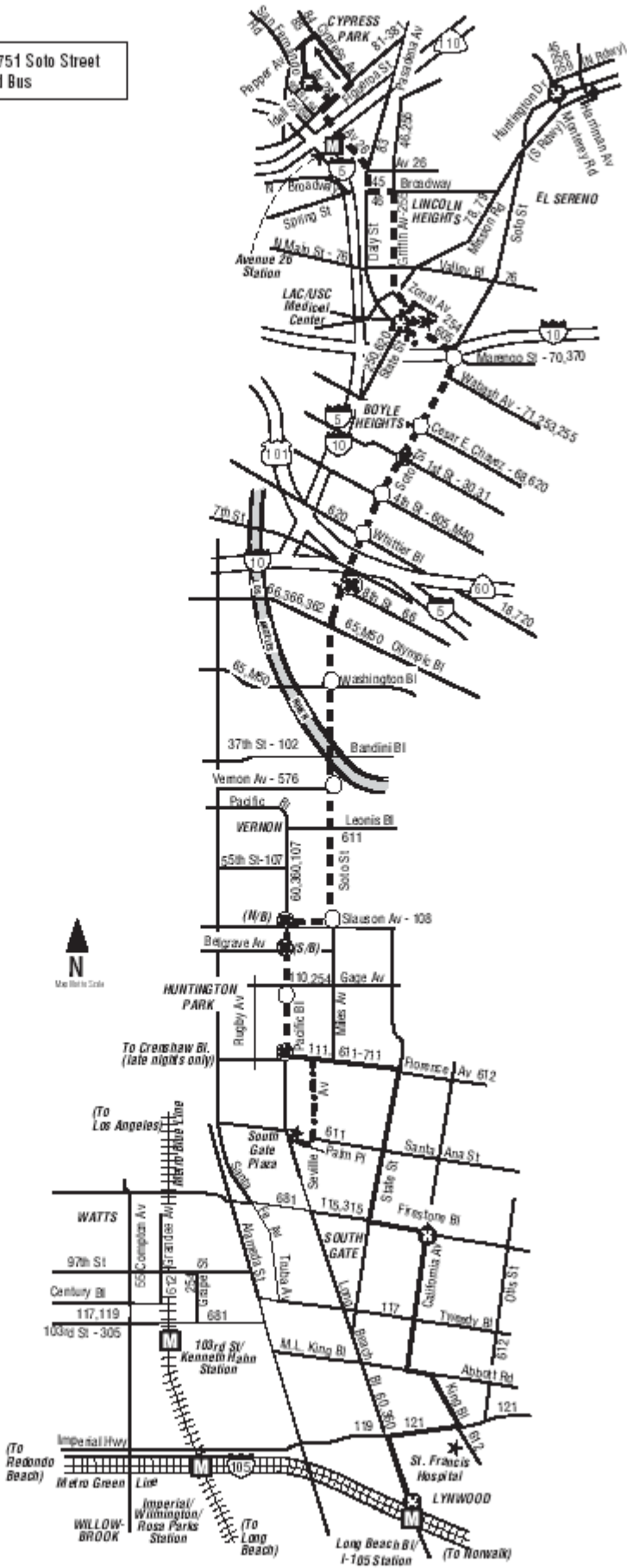
## ATTACHMENT 2

### MAPS

- Line 751 Soto Street Rapid Bus
- Line 270 Monrovia-El Monte-Norwalk
- Line 266 Rosemead Bl-Lakewood Bl
- Line 177 Pasadena-City of Hope
- Line 256 Eastern Av-Avenue 64-Hill Av
- Line 687 Los Robles Shuttle
- Line 255 Rowan Av-Griffin Av Shuttle
- Line 76 Valley Bl
- Line 484 LA-El Monte-La Puente-Pomona Express
- Line 490 LA-El Monte-Covina-Brea Mall Express
- Line 170 El Monte-Montebello Town Ctr-Cal State LA

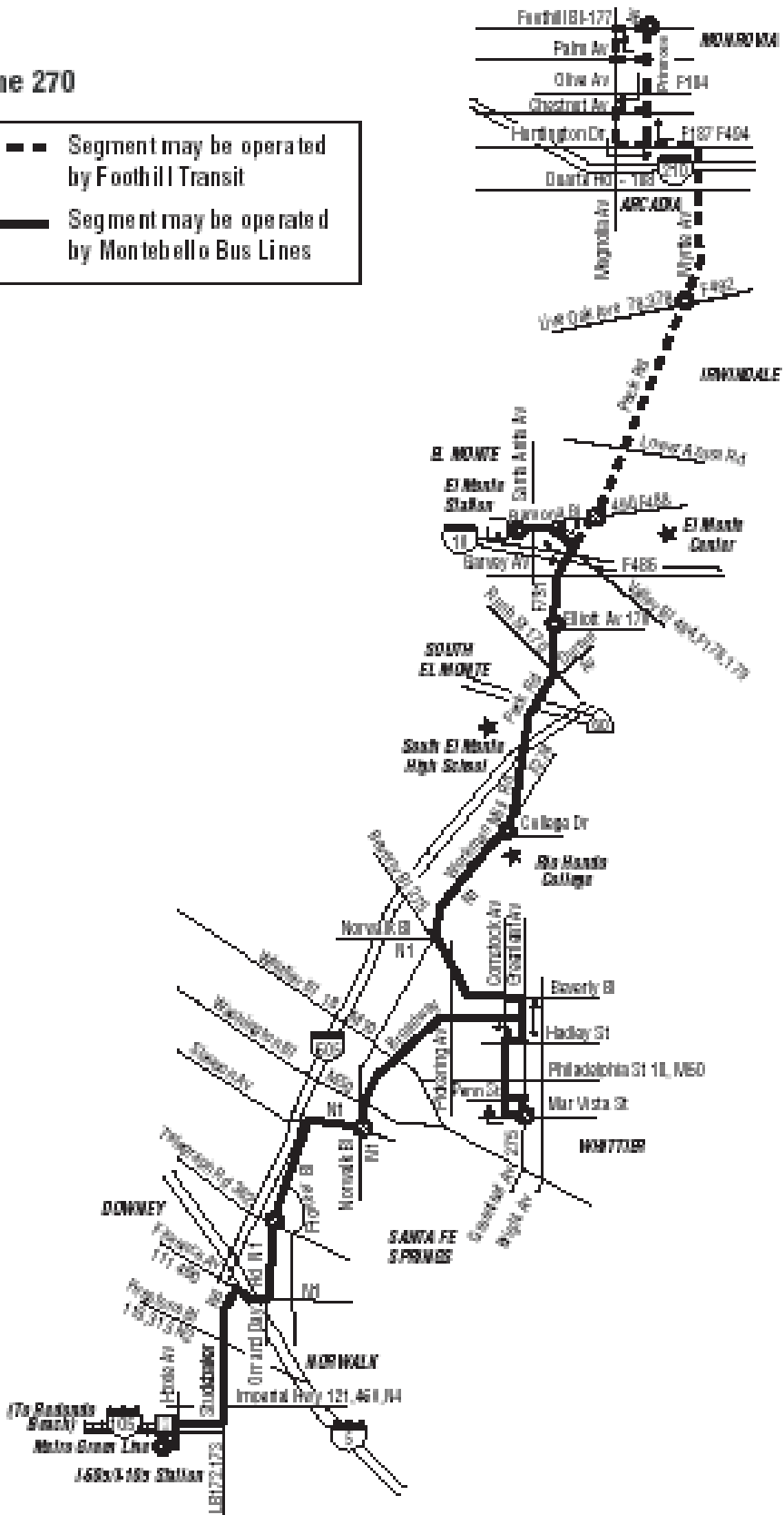
Line 751

Line 751 Soto Street Rapid Bus

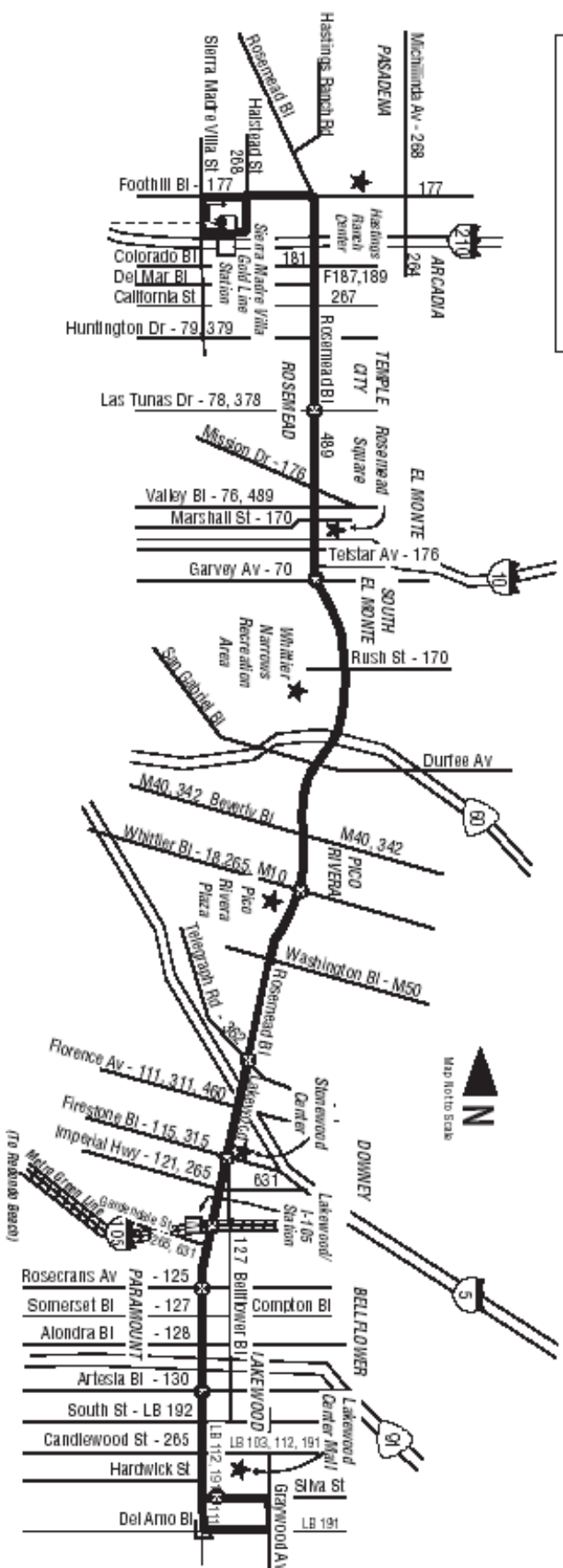


Line 270

- — — Segment may be operated by Foothill Transit
- Segment may be operated by Montebello Bus Lines







**Proposal:**  
Improve Peak Frequency

**Line 266**

# Line 177

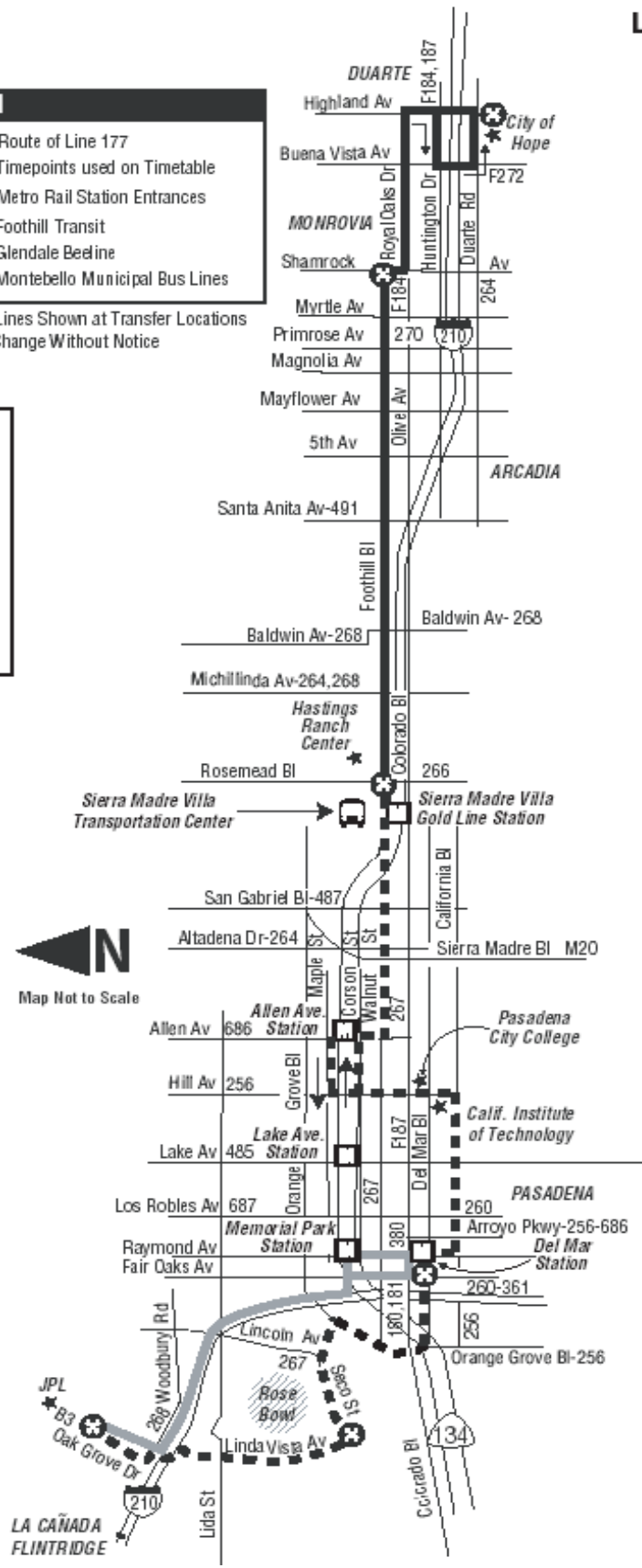
**Legend**

- Route of Line 177
- Timepoints used on Timetable
- Metro Rail Station Entrances
- F Foothill Transit
- B Glendale Bee Line
- M Montebello Municipal Bus Lines

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**Proposal**

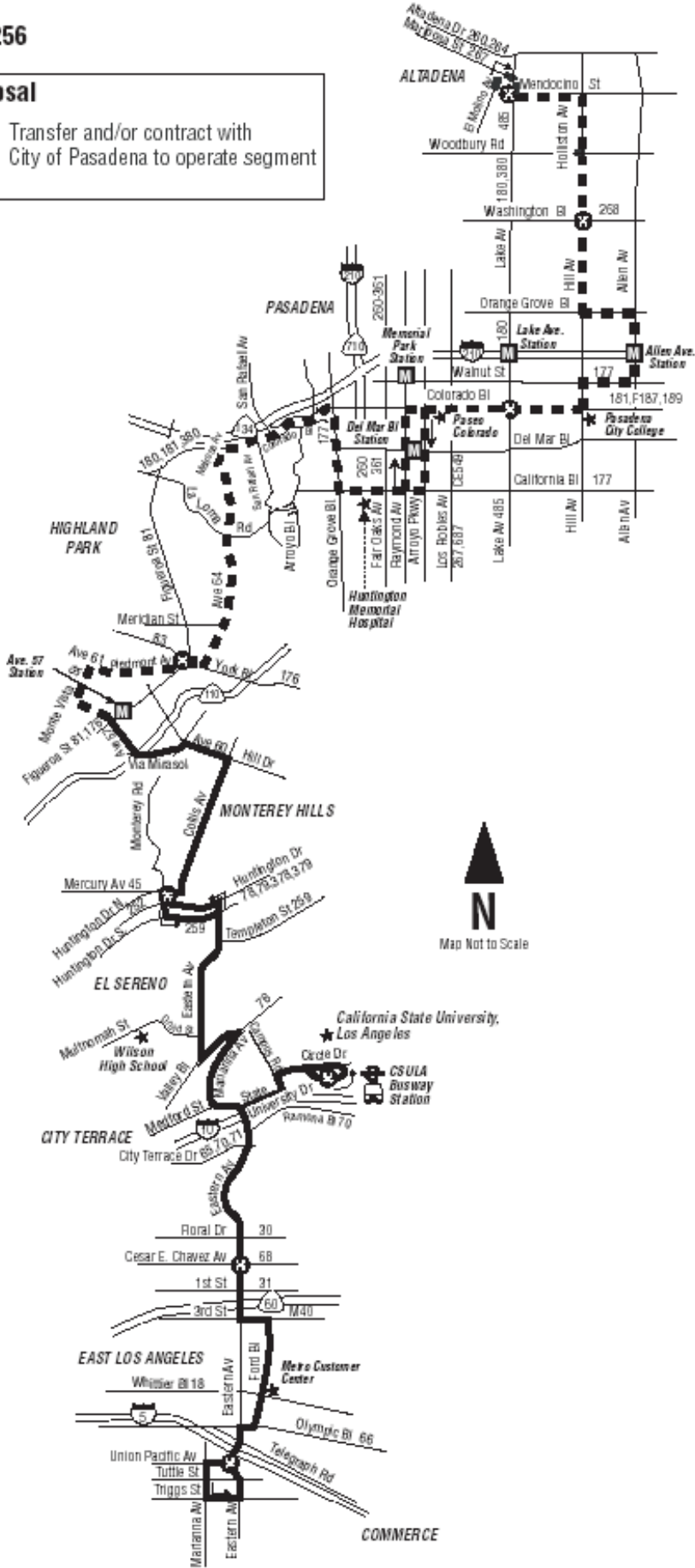
- Segment to be operated by Pasadena Arts
- Segment to be operated by Glendale Bee Line # 3
- Segment to be operated by Foothill Transit



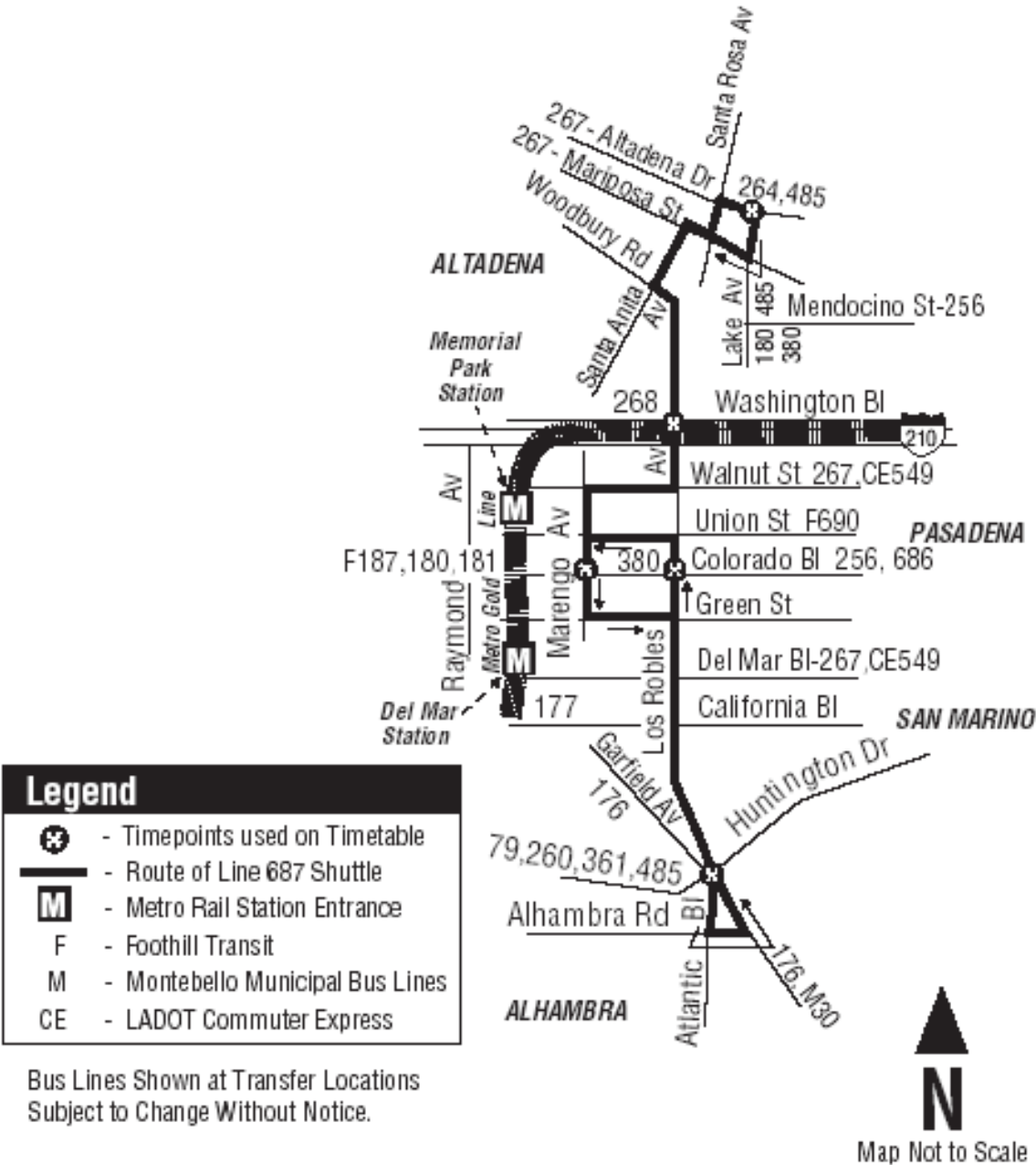
Line 256

**Proposal**

- ■ ■ Transfer and/or contract with City of Pasadena to operate segment

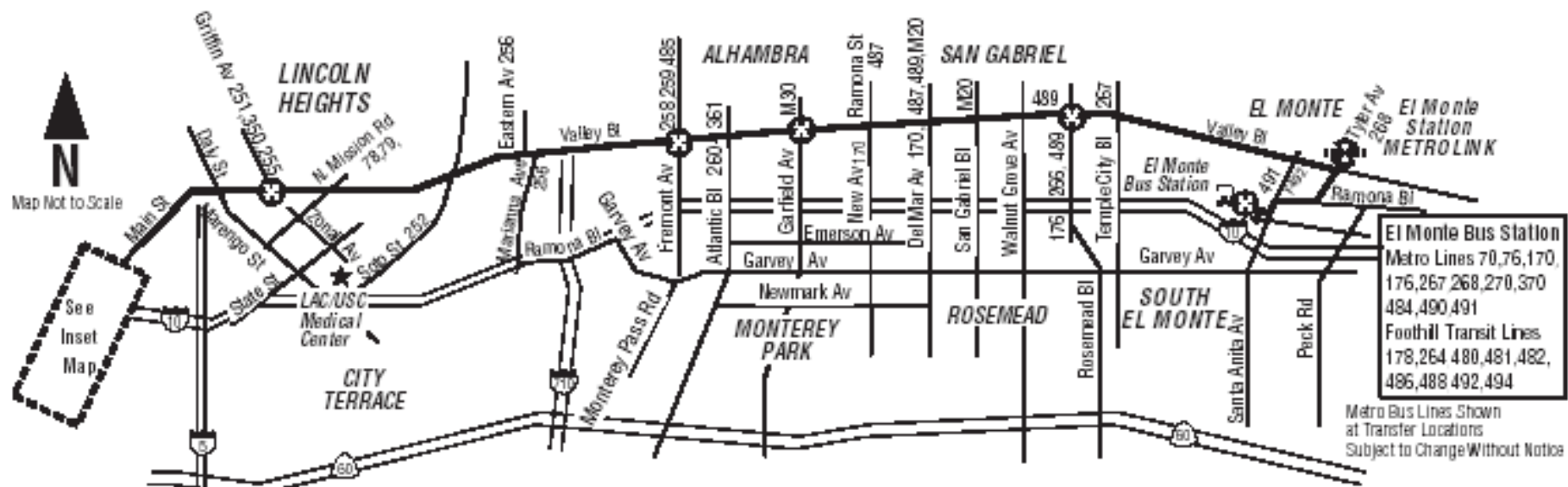


**Line 687**





# Line 76



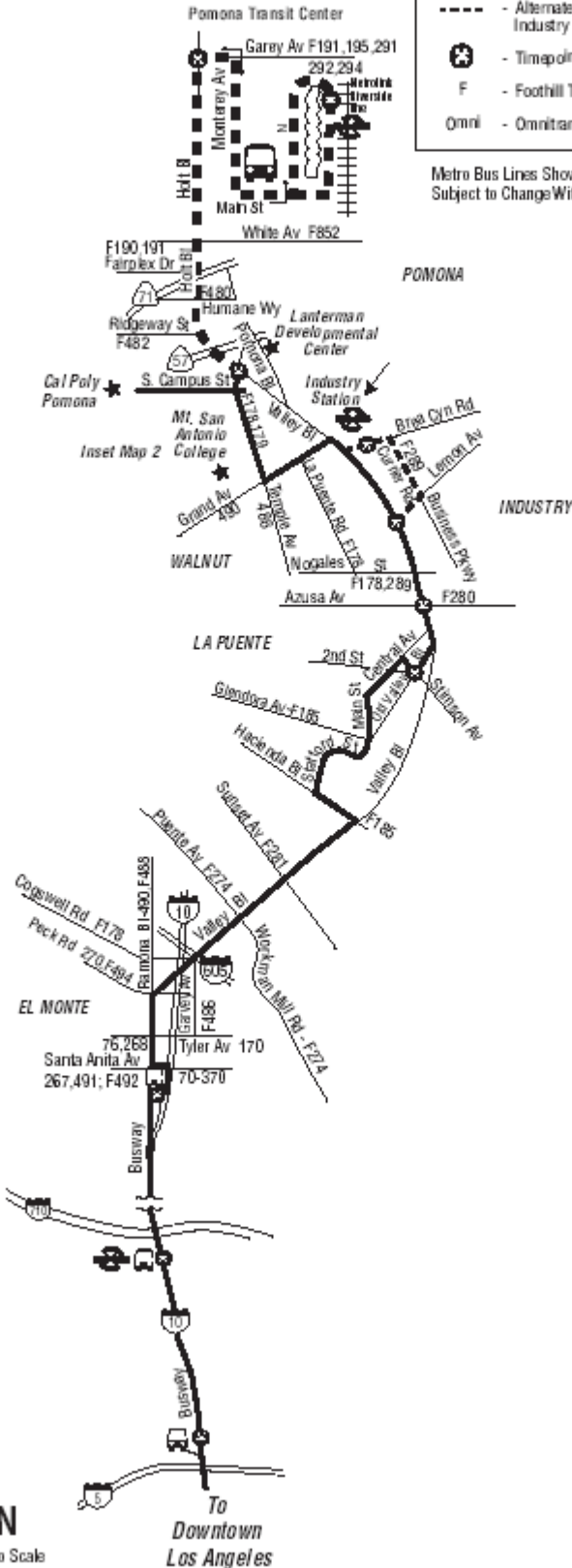
Line 484

■ ■ ■ ■ Segment to be Discontinued

**Legend**

- - - - - Route of Line 484
- - - - - Alternate Route Via Industry Station Metrolink
- ⊗ - Timepoints used on Timetable
- F - Foothill Transit
- Omni - Omnitrans

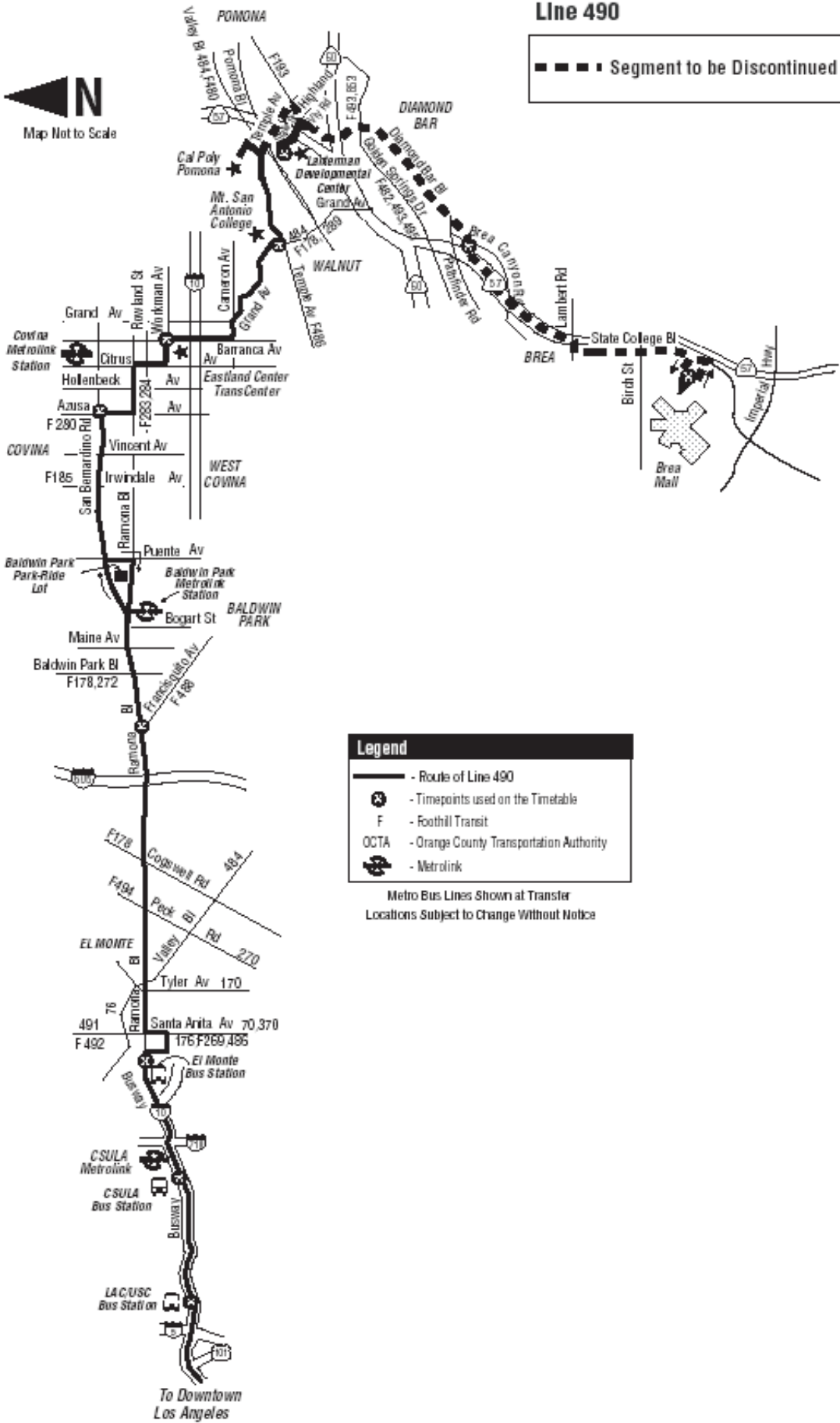
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AGENDA ITEM 6 ATTACHMENT  
**Line 490**



■ ■ ■ Segment to be Discontinued



**Legend**

- Route of Line 490
- ⊗ - Timepoints used on the Timetable
- F - Foothill Transit
- OCTA - Orange County Transportation Authority
- ⊗ - Metrolink

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To Downtown  
 Los Angeles



Line 170

Segment may be operated by Foothill Transit  
 Segment may be operated by Montebello Bus Lines

