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METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
December 9, 2009

SUBJECT: JUNE 2010 SERVICE CHANGE PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

ACTION: SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED JUNE 2010 SERVICE CHANGES AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Schedule Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 5:00pm as the hearing date and time to receive public comment on the proposed service changes to be implemented in June 2010.
- B. Authorize publication of the Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A).

BACKGROUND

In compliance with federal public hearing requirements and adopted MTA policy, the Governance Council is required to conduct a public hearing and consider public testimony before approving significant modifications to the bus system. As part of this process, the Governance Council is also required to consider potential impacts these changes may have on the community.

The changes are proposed to improve the efficiency of bus operations within the sector, and to ensure a balanced budget for next fiscal year. In an effort to move forward with projects that will improve service quality and increase operating efficiencies, staff proposes to initiate the service changes contained in the public hearing program in late June of 2010. The changes proposed are part of a service improvement program designed to improve travel speeds and improve capacity utilization.

The draft Notice of Public Hearing (Attachment A) gives the proposed time, date, and location of the Westside/Central sector public hearing and a brief summary of the changes under consideration. The official notice of public hearing will be finalized after the December sector meetings and will be published in local newspapers on Sunday, January 3, 2010. This notice will contain the dates, times, and locations of all public hearings.

SUMMARY OF STAFF PROPOSALS

The proposed Westside/Central service plan includes modifications to three routes, and implementation of one new route. Following is a brief description of the individual proposals.

Line 30-31 (Pico/Rimpau – Monterey Park via Pico Bl & East 1st St): Restructure service. Cancel route 31. Line 287 will assume the portion of service currently operated by Route 31 from Collegian Av/Cesar E Chavez Av to 1st St/Indiana St.

Line 33-333 (Downtown LA – Santa Monica via Venice Bl): Replace service on Line 333 with new Rapid Line 733.

Line 217 (Vermont/Sunset Station – Fairfax/Washington – via Fairfax Av & Hollywood Bl): Consider implementation of short line trips at Hollywood/Vine Station.

Line 733 (Downtown LA – Santa Monica via Venice Bl): Implement Metro Rapid service on Venice Bl from Patsaouras Transit Plaza to Santa Monica.

NEXT STEPS

Following the public hearing, staff will return to the Governance Council with a report summarizing all public comments received along with specific staff recommendations.

Attachment A: Notice of Public Hearing

Attachment B: Metro Westside/Central Maps

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