

Metro Connections Downtown Service Plan Update

**Westside Central Governance Council Meeting
September 13, 2006**



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Background

- Study area bound by Cesar Chavez Ave., LA River, Harbor Frwy and San Bernardino Frwy.
- Downtown is diversifying from primarily an employment center to include more housing, entertainment, and retail.
- Roughly 40 percent of the Metro bus routes, 6 DASH services and other local services operate in the downtown area.
- Collaborative effort with LADOT.



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Service Concept

- Maintain through service where there is high demand.
- Focus other lines on major activity centers.
- Provide peak hour bus lanes and transit signal priority on streets with high bus volumes.
- Establish a transit mall on Broadway.
- Build transit centers at intercept points.
- Consolidate bus stops and provide enhanced amenities.



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Downtown Plan Schedule

Activity	Completion
Develop Preliminary Routing Recommendations	September 2006
Review Meeting with LADOT	September 2006
Initial Impact Analysis	October 2006
Board /Governance Councils Status Report	November 2006
Refine Initial Plan	January 2006
Downtown Stakeholder and Sector Review	March 2006
Finalize Plan and Implementation Schedule	April 2007
Implement Initial Phase	June 2007
Implement Remainder of Plan	December 2007



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Plan Status

- Preliminary routing recommendations developed and reviewed by the Governance Councils.
- Downtown routings documented and being mapped.
- Impact analysis underway
 - changes in service coverage
 - ridership and resource impacts
 - impacts to layover operations

Plan Status (Cont'd)

- Follow-up meetings scheduled with Sector planning staff.
- Two additional meetings with LADOT.
- Developing options for improving internal circulation.

Content of Plan Summary

- Overview of plan and background information.
- Concept map.
- Bus lines serving key activity centers (layover versus through service).
- Existing and proposed routings for all routes serving downtown.

Westside Central Downtown Changes

No Change	Shorten	New Service	Simplify Routings	Cancel	Other
2: Sunset	720 (718): Wilshire/ Whittier	32:E. 1st/Floral	10/11/48: Melrose/Maple	71: City Terrace Drive	38: Jefferson (extend trips)
4: Santa Monica	30: Pico	332: 1 st Limited	16: Third St.	302: Sunset Limited	
14: Beverly	33: Venice	702: Sunset Rapid		304: Santa Monica Limited	
20: Wilshire		704: Santa Monica Rapid		330: Pico	
37: Adams		716: Third Street Rapid		333: Venice Limited	
68: Cesar Chavez		718: Whittier Rapid		714: Beverly Rapid	
		730: Pico Rapid			
		733: Venice Rapid			

Next Steps

- Issue a Board Box report to summarize overall project status in September.
- Review and refine initial proposals during September and October.
- Develop additional information on the transit mall concept and start outreach with businesses in November.
- Provide Board and Governance Councils status report at their November meeting.

