METRO CONNECTIONS UPDATE

Service Development Department
January 2006
BACKGROUND

- On-going project now entering the planning phase.
- Development of a master plan for restructuring Metro Bus system.
- Guide future service changes and capital planning efforts.
- Goals are increasing ridership and improving efficiency.
- Implemented through the service change process.
Collaborative process with Sectors and Municipal operators, and other stakeholders.

Looking at a series of service overlays
- Express
- Rapid/Tier 1 Local
- Tier 2 Local and shuttles
- Downtown Circulation Element

Integrating regional and sector planning efforts into unified Network Master Plan

Final refinement and implementation through service change process.
KEY ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

- Network Master Plan ............... May 2006
- Capital/ Facilities .................. November 2006
- Implement Pilot Program .......... December 2006
- Resource Plan ........................ January 2007
- Marketing/ Communications ...... On-going thru 2007
- Implementation Plan .............. April 2007
- Full Implementation ............... June 2007 - June 2009
RIDERSHIP STRATEGIES

- Make transit more attractive
  - improve span and frequencies in major corridors
  - increase Rapid and Express services
  - coordinate services
- Simplify service and make it user friendly (fares, routings and public information)
- Improve connectivity (Metro Link, Metro Rail, Municipal operators etc.)
- Focus on multiple activity centers
EFFICIENCY STRATEGIES

- Improve Downtown service coverage
- Increase speed
  - revisit stop spacing, time points and running times
  - increase transit priority treatments (bus lanes, signalization and queue jumpers)
- Better utilization of rail system
- Shorten and streamline bus routes
- Move underutilized seating capacity to areas of high demand
**NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

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<td>Sector staff, working with Municipal operators in their area work on a sketch of non-Tier 1 services in their area</td>
<td>Preliminary plan reviewed by Sector Governance Councils, Municipal operators, City of Los Angeles and other key stakeholders</td>
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<td>Network Plan is finalized and goes to Metro Board of Directors for adoption.</td>
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CURRENT STATUS

• Preliminary proposals developed for Tier 1 routes, Express service and Downtown service concept.
• Initial proposals reviewed with Sector Staff.
• Sectors are developing proposals for local service.
• Consultant hired to facilitate development of composite plan.
• Project communication plan being developed.
NEXT STEPS

January - February 2006
• Consultant kick off meeting with the Sectors on developing the composite plan.
• Sectors develop initial proposals for local service plans (February).
• Meet with LA DOT on Downtown service.

March - April 2006
• Workshops with the sectors to develop composite network plan.

April - May 2006
• Stakeholder review of draft network plan
NEXT STEPS (CONT’D)

May-September 2007
• Metro Board adopts Network Master Plan
• Work on Resource Master Plan begins
• Develop a Metro Connections Pilot Program for implementation in December 2006.

October-January 2007
• Finalize resource plan - schedules, equipment needs etc.