

Improving Service Between the Valley and the Westside

Current Van Nuys Blvd. Metro Bus service

Line 233 – Local service between Lake View Terrace and Sherman Oaks

Operates every 10 to 12 minutes at rush hour, every 15 minutes middays, every 20 minutes at night

Carries 16,200 passengers per weekday, 12,300 Saturdays, 9,300 Sundays

Line 761 – Rapid service between Pacoima and Sherman Oaks then continues to Brentwood and Westwood

Operates every 20 minutes all day (every 10 minutes southbound morning rush hour and northbound afternoon rush hour)

Carries 12,000 passengers per weekday, 6,300 Saturdays, 5,200 Sundays

How much time does it take me to get to where I'm going?

- Line 233 takes approximately one hour to operate end-to-end (Lake View Terrace to Sherman Oaks)
- Line 761 takes approximately 40 minutes to operate Pacoima to Sherman Oaks segment
- Panorama City to Orange Line (highest ridership segment) takes 12 to 15 minutes on either line

Service is sometimes unreliable

- Line 761 also has to travel to and from the Westside – traffic through Sepulveda Pass often prevents northbound service from operating on schedule on Van Nuys Blvd.
- When Line 761 runs late, many passengers take Line 233 instead if it comes first – causes overloaded buses and then prevents southbound service from starting on time
- Biggest inconvenience is to passengers traveling to and from Brentwood and Westwood because unreliable schedule makes it impossible to predict when bus will come or how long it will take

Line 761 route biggest disadvantage to passengers

- Line 761 is combination of Van Nuys Blvd. Rapid and Sepulveda Pass “semi-express”
- Not true express because unable to use 405 freeway for travel; stops at Skirball Center, Getty Center, Brentwood make freeway use impossible
- Passenger traveling from Van Nuys (Victory Blvd.) to Westwood (Wilshire Blvd.) rides for 50 minutes ... or longer, if traffic creates problems

Express bus to Westwood would improve service for all

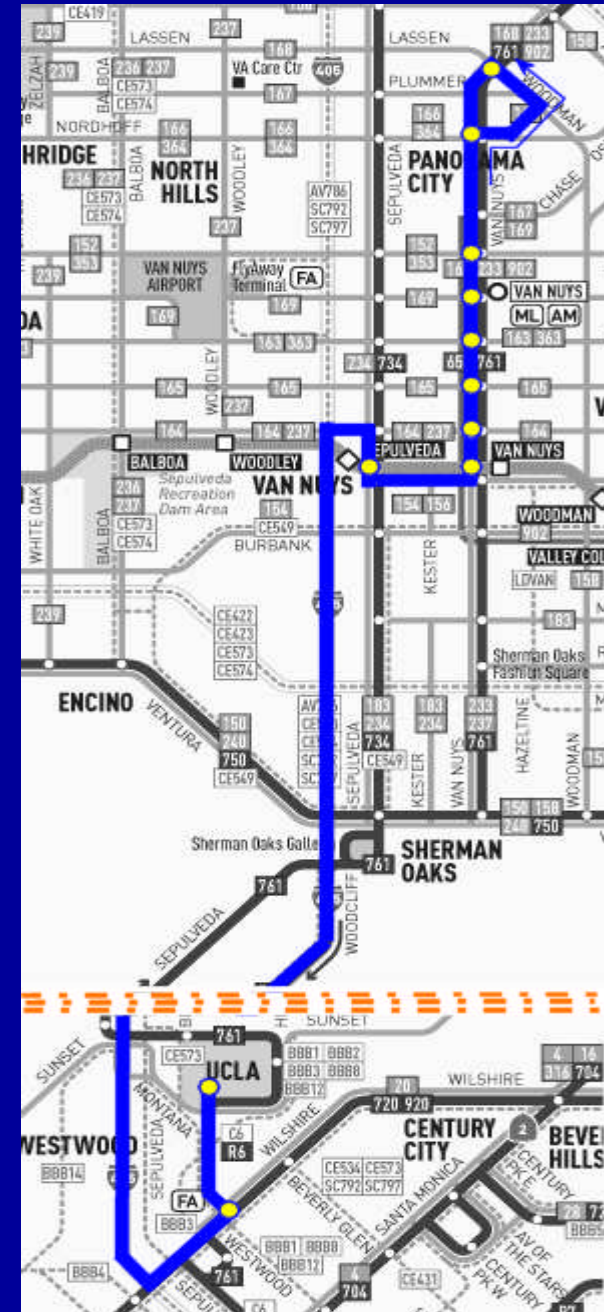
- Express line operating only between Panorama City and Orange Line on Van Nuys Blvd. then via 405 freeway direct to Westwood and UCLA
- Passengers boarding on Van Nuys Blvd. would have to be going to Westwood (no local-stop service) – eliminates delays from passengers getting on and off at every stop
- Direct freeway express would only take 30 to 40 minutes between Orange Line and Westwood
- Line 233 and 761 service can be scheduled for best use by Van Nuys Blvd. local passengers and would be able to operate on schedule

Proposed Line 588X

Stops only at streets with connecting east-west service (Nordhoff, Roscoe, Saticoy, Sherman Way, Vanowen, Victory, Orange Line busway)

Operates via 405 freeway to Westwood (no stops between)

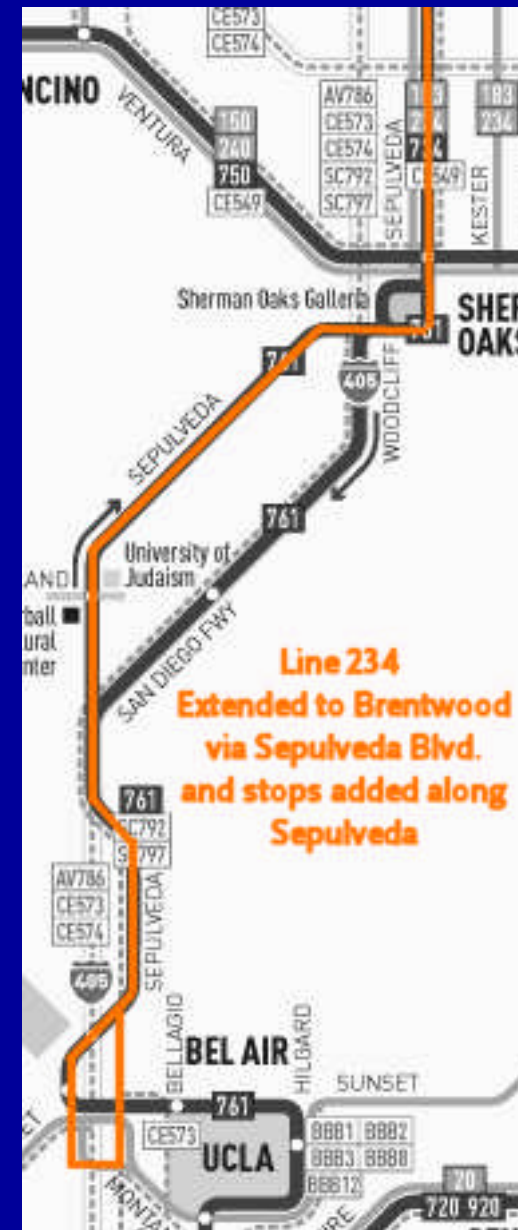
Only two stops in Westwood (Wilshire Blvd. & UCLA)



Service to Brentwood operated by Line 234

Line 234 Sepulveda Blvd. service
extended south to Brentwood,
making existing stops at Skirball,
Getty, and Church Lane

Additional stops possible between
Skirball Center and Sherman Oaks



Line 233 & 761 service on Van Nuys Blvd. made more reliable and able to take full advantage of bus-only lanes

Possible reroute of Line 761 to Sylmar Station to connect with additional Metro bus lines and Metrolink rail service

