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TO: Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: **UPDATED TRANSIT SERVICE DETERMINATIONS AFTER THE END OF
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

This memorandum supersedes the August 19, 2020 memo titled "Transit Service During the COVID-19 Pandemic" and provides updated information on transit service determinations used by the Department of City Planning.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, transit agencies in Los Angeles, including Metro, the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, and Culver City Bus, have made significant adjustments to their bus service schedules. Cuts to service levels were considered temporary and expected to return to normal once the public health emergency subsided. As such, City Planning continued to recognize the transit schedules in place prior to the pandemic (as of March 17, 2020) pursuant to the August 19th memo.

On March 31, 2023, LA County ended its declaration of a local public health emergency for COVID-19, followed by the termination of the City of Los Angeles Declaration of Local Emergency on February 1, 2023, and the state's declaration on February 28, 2023. In addition, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) announced that bus service has returned to pre-pandemic service levels with the release of a new bus schedule in December 2022.

Given that the pandemic and its impact on transit service is now in the past, City Planning will no longer reference bus schedules in place prior to the pandemic. Instead, effective immediately, City Planning will reference the current bus schedules as published on the respective transit agency websites in its project review.

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