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Metro Named America’s Best

Metro has been named Outstanding Transportation System by the American Public Transportation Association. It’s a first for us, and for LA.

The award is given to public transportation systems that have demonstrated achievement in efficiency and effectiveness.

Among the achievements that earned Metro the award:

> Opening of the successful Metro Orange Line in the San Fernando Valley.
> Beginning construction and tunneling for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension light-rail line between downtown and East LA.
> Expanding the Metro Rapid system, which is halfway to the goal of 28 lines with more than 700 vehicles by 2008.
> Operating 2,000 clean-air CNG buses with plans to have a 100 percent CNG fleet by 2008.
> Increasing Metro Blue Line ridership to more than 80,000 average weekday boardings, making it the second most successful light rail line in the nation.
> Planning the Exposition light rail line for the 2010 linking of downtown LA and Culver City.
> Recording an all-time high 84% customer satisfaction rating among riders surveyed and an 83% service improvement rating over the previous year.

Other factors cited were service innovations, technological advances, customer-focused initiatives and improved public recognition and acceptance of Metro services.

Metro Liners Begin Local Service

The first of the 60-foot-long, 57-passenger Metro Liners painted in the California Poppy orange and silver color scheme will soon begin running local service in the San Fernando Valley.

Thirty of the new vehicles are being assigned to local service on the 12-mile Van Nuys Boulevard Line 233 between Sherman Oaks and Lakeview Terrace before the end of the year.

Currently, the Liners are used only on the Metro Orange Line and some Metro Rapid lines. The vehicles may also be used for local service from Metro’s Arthur Winston Division in South LA.

For exact information on the new routes, visit metro.net.

America’s Best Offers You The Best; Drive A Metro Bus Part-Time

Looking for a rewarding part-time job? Become a Metro Bus operator.

Starting pay is now $13.36 an hour after completing training for part-time Metro Bus operators. Morning, afternoon and weekend shifts are available and no previous experience is needed.

Earn $10.30 an hour while training. Benefits are included and part-time operators have the opportunity to advance to full-time with higher pay and full benefits.

Call 213.922.DRIVE for complete information.
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Discount to Latino Film Festival
October 5-15

Enjoy more than 100 feature films, documentaries and shorts at the 10th Annual Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival October 5-15 at the Egyptian Theater in Hollywood.

For 10 days, the Festival will present more than 100 feature films, documentaries and shorts from Latino filmmakers in Latin American, Spain and the United States. The program will also feature workshops, panel discussions and presentations from the Hollywood and international film communities. For information check latinofilm.org

Show your valid Metro pass or ticket at the box office and get $1 off admission price.

The Egyptian Theater is just down the block from Metro Rail’s Hollywood/Highland station and is also served by many Metro Bus lines. Use the Metro Trip Planner at metro.net.

AIDS Walk LA October 15

Join thousands as they march through the streets of West Hollywood and LA at the 22nd Annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles Sunday, October 15. This major fund raising event benefits AIDS Project LA and other AIDS services organizations in the county.

Events for the 10K walk begin with a sign-on at 8:30am at West Hollywood Park on San Vicente Bl between Melrose Av and Santa Monica Bl, with the walk getting underway at 10am.

For more information, visit aidswalk.net or call 213.201.WALK (9253).

Save $3 at Chivas USA Game
October 15

Catch the last game of the regular season and get $3 off as a Metro rider when Chivas USA takes on Real Salt Lake Sunday, October 15 at 4pm at the Home Depot Center in Carson. Show your valid Metro pass or ticket at the Home Depot Center box office and get $3 off tickets.

Home Depot Center is located at Victoria St near Avalon Bl with convenient connections to the Artesia Transit Center. Check the Trip Planner at metro.net.

“Sister Act” at The Pasadena Playhouse

The musical version of the hit 1992 motion picture “Sister Act” is being presented live on stage at the Pasadena Playhouse October 24 through November 26.

With music by Tony Award-nominee Alan Menken, “Sister Act The Musical” follows the adventures of a disco singer who is placed in police protective custody in a convent with some hilarious results. For tickets and information, log on to pasadenaplayhouse.org or call 626.356.7529.

Pasadena Playhouse is located at 39 South El Molino Avenue, close to the Metro Gold Line. For connections, log on to metro.net.

Metro Riders Save 50% at the LA Home Show

Take Metro to the 30th Annual Home Remodeling & Decorating Show October 13-15 at the Los Angeles Convention Center and get a 50% discount off the admission price. Just show your valid Metro pass or Metro Rail ticket at the box office to receive the discount.

Enjoy do-it-yourself workshops, see the World of Kitchens, Outdoor Living and Garden Expo and visit the Dream Backyard. For more information, visit thehomeshow.com or call 818.557.2950.

The Convention Center is easy to reach on Metro Bus or Metro Rail. For the best connections, use the Trip Planner at metro.net.