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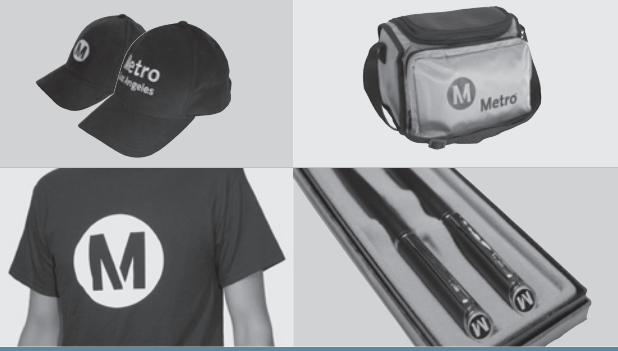


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Authentic Metro Merchandise Now Available By Shopping Online

Whether it's that special gift for out-of-town friends or just something to set you apart from the crowd, look no farther than Metro. Apparel, drinkware, bags, stationery and accessories are now available by shopping the Metro Store online at metro.net

Get the "Go Metro" look anytime. Choose from a selection of authentic Metro clothing from a basic black baseball cap featuring the Metro logo to a ladies' v-neck t-shirt or a white cotton t-shirt imprinted with the four-color Metro Rail map on the back.

There's even a children's section, featuring squeezable foam toy buses in either Metro Local or Metro Rapid colors and infant onesies in pink or blue stating "Future Rider" on the front.

For unique accessories, take a look at the 12-ounce ceramic mug decorated with the Metro System Map. Or stand out in the crowd even in the rain with a nylon umbrella also covered by the same map.

And for sending out a special message, try a boxed set of Metro Art note cards with images from the Neighborhood Poster series or a set of postcards from the Metro Works Poster series.

See all those items and more now for sale online. Be sure and check back often for new items. Log on to metro.net and click on Metro Store. MN

Metro Gets 2000th Clean-Air Bus

Breathe easier. Metro took delivery of its 2,000th transit vehicle powered by clean burning compressed natural gas, furthering its position as operating the nation's largest clean-air fleet.

The 60-foot Metro Liner is the first of 200 articulated transit vehicles being used on high-ridership lines including the Metro Orange Line transitway opening in the San Fernando Valley later this year. MN

Fairfax, Beverly, Santa Monica Go Rapid

Metro Rapid, with less stops and faster travel time, is expanding to 14 lines with new routes on Fairfax Avenue, Beverly Boulevard and new service in Santa Monica.

On June 27, Metro Rapid Line 717 will begin running on Fairfax Avenue between Hollywood and the West LA Transit Center while Metro Rapid Line 714 will serve Beverly Boulevard between downtown LA and Beverly Hills. In addition, Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus is starting its own Rapid Line 3 on Lincoln Boulevard between downtown Santa Monica and the Metro Green Line Aviation Station in El Segundo.

Metro began its Rapid service in 2000, combining more buses, fewer bus stops and a traffic light signal priority system for faster travel time. The eleven Rapid lines already running reduce travel time on those routes up to 29 percent.

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

Go Metro to...

Free Summer Concerts Under The Stars Series In Old Pasadena

Summer 2005 brings the third season of a series of 50 free outdoor concerts under the stars at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Memorial Park in Old Pasadena running June 29 through September 4.

The concerts are conveniently close to the Memorial Park Station of the Metro Gold Line; check the Trip Planner at metro.net for connections.

The series runs five nights a week, Wednesday through Sunday, featuring outstanding professional musicians and dancers. Wednesday is Children's night starting at 7 pm; Thursday is World Rhythms at 7 pm.; Friday is Dance Beat at 8 pm; Saturday is Musica Latina at 8 pm; Sunday is Jazz at 7 pm.

Visit levittpavilionpasadena.org for more information about the series. MN

Concerts In The Park Series At Warner Center Marks 30th Year

The Valley Cultural Center celebrates the 30th anniversary of its free Concerts in the Park series beginning June 5. Performances will be held each Sunday through Labor Day weekend, from 6 to 8 pm at the Lou Bredlow Pavilion in Warner Center Park, Woodland Hills.

Featured performers include the 80s group the Gin Blossoms, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, percussionist Ponco Sanchez, The Marvelettes and Herman's Hermits. For more information visit valleycultural.org or call 818.704.1358.

Warner Center Park is located on Topanga Canyon Boulevard between Burbank Boulevard and Oxnard Street, soon to be served by the Warner Station of the Metro Orange Line. MN



Metro Riders Get Discount At Long Beach Bayou Festival June 24-26



It's New Orleans at the beach with three nights and two days of Cajun, Zydeco and Blues at the Long Beach Bayou Festival June 24-26 at the Queen Mary Events Park.

The festival features its own French Quarter with Cajun and Creole cuisine, cultural arts and crafts vendors, a daily Mardi Gras Parade and evening concerts. Events begin Friday evening with N'Orleans at Night, with the festival running from 11:30 am to 10 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is \$15 for an evening pass and \$25 for all day. Show your valid Metro pass or Metro Rail ticket and get \$5 off daily admission or \$2 off evening events.

For festival information, visit longbeachfestival.com MN

Preschoolers Star In Hope Children's Music Festival June 11

See the mini maestros of music, play, art and dance in special performances Saturday, June 11 at the Hope Children's Music Festival.

LA area preschoolers show their artistic talents at the festival from 11 am to 3 pm in USC Alumni Park on Figueroa Street between Jefferson and Exposition boulevards near downtown Los Angeles. Several Metro Bus lines serve the area and there are convenient connections to Metro Rail. Visit metro.net and click on the Trip Planner for exact routes. MN

