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Metro has more than 200 bus lines to get you where you want to go throughout LA.

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Metro's new buses and hi-tech systems make your journey safe and reliable. And the nation's largest clean air fleet helps keep LA looking good, too.

By the time June rolls around, there will be 9,310 more passenger seats available on the Metro Bus system, a 10% increase. Metro added 75 new high-capacity buses recently and has 130 more on order.

Its fleet of clean-burning compressed natural gas buses emit 50% fewer pollutants than conventional buses with diesel-powered engines.

And with gas prices what they are, Metro is still the best deal in town. [MN](#)

Eastside Readies For Rail Tunneling



Crews in Boyle Heights are installing concrete decking along First Street to begin underground station construction and tunneling for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension. The six-mile-long rail line now under construction will connect Union Station with Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights and East LA when it opens in 2009.

Sign Up For Bike To Work Day May 19

Win a new bicycle or biking accessories by pledging to join Bike To Work Day on Thursday, May 19. Besides prizes, you and your bike ride free on Metro Bus and Metro Rail that day.

Bicycle commuters who pledge to ride that day on-line are automatically entered to win a commuter bike from REI, bike accessories and other gear.

Riders connecting to Metro Bus or Metro Rail: just board with your bicycle safety helmet and/or bike that day and you ride free.

To register or learn more about Bike To Work Day, visit [metro.net](#) [MN](#)

Metro Streamlines Student Passes With Photo-Less Fare Card

Metro cut the red tape for students to get discount passes. No applications, photos, waiting period or fees are now required for kindergarten through 12th graders. Simply request a Metro Student Fare Card at Metro Customer Centers or check with your school administrator.

Students with the card can purchase \$20 monthly Student Stamps at Metro Customer Centers, participating LAUSD schools and any of the more than 600 outlets in the Metro vendor network including Community Check Cashing, Cash It Here, Ralph's, Jon's Market, Pavilions, Nix Check Cashing and Popular Cash Express.

For details, visit [metro.net](#) or call 213.680.0054. [MN](#)

Go Metro to...

1st Annual LA Art Fest In Downtown LA

See hundreds of art exhibits, meet the artists and enjoy live performances in the first of a month-long series of events in the Downtown Los Angeles Art District at the LA Art Fest Two Day Outdoor Festival, June 4-5 at Traction Avenue and Third Street.

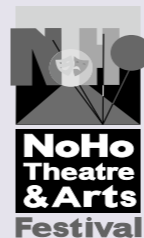


The Downtown LA Arts District is located near 1st and Alameda streets, future site of the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension now under construction. Stop by the Metro booth at the festival and learn more.

The 6-mile extension of the Gold Line will run between downtown Los Angeles and Atlantic Boulevard when it opens mid-2009.

The Two Day Outdoor Festival is the first of series of art events planned during June. Log on to [laartfest.org](#) for more information. [MN](#)

13th Annual NoHo Arts Festival May 14-15



Plan to attend one of the largest theatre and arts festivals in Southern California. The NoHo Theatre & Arts Festival features live theatre, music, dance, fine arts, crafts and foods from around the world. Admission is free.

The festivities run from 11 am to 8 pm the weekend of May 14-15 on Lankershim Boulevard between Chandler and Camarillo in North Hollywood, just steps away from Metro's North Hollywood Station.

Find convenient bus and rail connections at [metro.net](#)

For more information on the festival, visit [nohoartsdistrict.com](#) [MN](#)

Celebrate Israel Independence Day In Woodley Park May 15

Enjoy four stages of live entertainment, ethnic food booths, arts and crafts exhibits at the biggest celebration of Israel's Independence Day outside of the State of Israel on Sunday, May 15 in the San Fernando Valley.

The event runs from 10 am to 7 pm in Woodley Park along Woodley Avenue between Victory and Burbank boulevards, soon to be served by the Woodley Station of the Metro Orange Line.

The 14-mile transitway will provide a direct route between Warner Center and the North Hollywood Metro Rail Station when it opens later this year.

For Metro connections to the event, log on to [metro.net](#)

For further information on the festival, visit [israelfestival.com](#) [MN](#)



The Kids Kourt Stage at the NoHo Arts Festival showcases talented youngsters singing, acting and dancing. Photo by Daniel DeBevoise.