

# Metro News

A black and white photograph of a Metro Rapid bus parked on a city street. The bus is a large, modern model with multiple windows. The words "Metro Rapid" are visible on the side of the bus. The background shows a city street with buildings and streetlights.

## Bigger Buses For Metro Rapid 761

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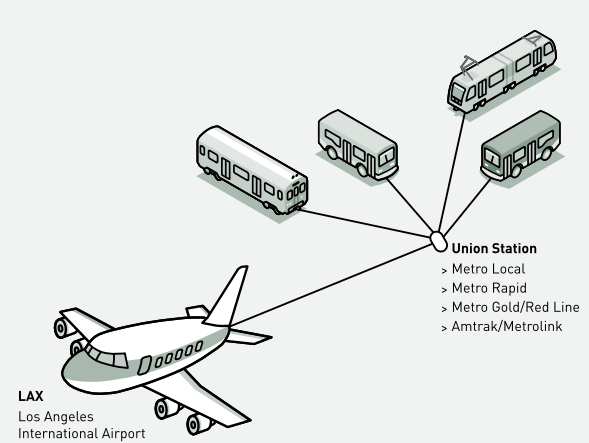
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During National Poetry Month, Poetry in Motion LA poets will board Metro Rail for impromptu readings. Pictured are poets Steve Petersen (foreground) and Antonieta Villamil (background) on board Metro Red Line last year.



## High-Capacity Buses For Metro Rapid 761

It's more seats for more passengers as ten new state-of-the-art, high-capacity "composite" buses have been added to the Metro Rapid Line 761 fleet traveling along Van Nuys Boulevard between Foothill and Ventura boulevards and on to Westwood.

Nicknamed "compo buses," because the bodies are made of a lighter and stronger composition of fiberglass with carbon fiber reinforcing, the new buses are five feet longer and provide seating for 46 passengers – six more than a standard 40-foot, 40-passenger bus.

The 45-foot buses are just the first improvements to Line 761. This summer even larger 60-foot-long articulated buses that seat 57 will be added.

## Sign Up For Bike To Work Day

Win a new bicycle or biking accessories by pledging to join Bike To Work Day on Thursday, May 18.

Bicycle commuters who pledge to ride that day online 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 visit [metro.net](http://metro.net).

## Poets Perform On Metro Rail For National Poetry Month

Acclaimed LA-based poets will perform three live reading sessions on Metro Rail this month as part of National Poetry Month.

The poets will be reading from 4-6pm on the following dates and times: Metro Red Line North Hollywood Station, Thursday, April 6; Metro Blue Line starting at 7th/Metro Center Station, Thursday, April 13; Metro Gold Line starting at Union Station, Thursday, April 20.

The readings are an extension of Poetry In Motion/ LA, where the works of poets are featured on posters aboard Metro buses throughout the year.

## Check Out Monthly Go Metro Specials Online

Keep up on Metro special events and rider discounts by checking monthly Go Metro Specials online.

Each month, there are bargains such as the current \$4 discounts available to Metro riders on LA Avengers arena football tickets, or the half-off admission to the home shows at both the Los Angeles Convention Center and the Pasadena Center.

Find Metro's discounts and deals at [metro.net](http://metro.net), under "Spotlight" and click on "This Month's Go Metro Specials."

## Direct LAX Service On Union Station FlyAway

Now there's a fast, affordable and convenient connection between Downtown LA's transit hub and LAX that's easy to reach from Metro Rail and Metro Bus.

Try the Union Station FlyAway, with buses running 24 hours a day every 30 minutes from 5am to 1am and each hour from 1am to 5am from Bay 9 of the Patsaouras Transit Plaza.

Tickets are \$3 one-way (\$2 each way for children 2-12). Purchase tickets before you board at the FlyAway kiosk in the plaza. (Note: Metro Passes are not valid on this service). Union Station FlyAway is operated by Los Angeles World Airports. Look for complete details at [lawa.org](http://lawa.org).

## Get Late Night Service On Holly Trolley

Hit all the hot spots in Hollywood on the weekend and don't worry about being out too late. The Holly Trolley runs along Hollywood Boulevard and Selma Avenue between the Metro Rail Hollywood/Highland and Hollywood/Vine stations, serving many of the area's popular clubs and restaurants.

It runs Thursday through Sunday nights from 8pm to 4am and is operated by LADOT; the fare is \$1. Metro Passes are not accepted on the trolley. For more information, visit [hollywoodtrolleys.com](http://hollywoodtrolleys.com).

## Join In Earth Day Celebrations April 22-23

- > **Whole Children, Whole Planet Expo 2006** at the LA Convention Center April 22-23 from 10am to 6pm. A parenting and family expo on raising healthy children with celebrity speakers, children's activities and more. Show your Metro pass or ticket and receive 50% off admission. Visit [wcvexpo.com](http://wcvexpo.com).
- > **WorldFest 2006** at Woodley Park, Encino, April 22 from 10am to 6:30pm. A solar-powered celebration of music, the environment, animals, and humanity. Adults \$5, kids under 12 free. Visit [worldfestevents.com](http://worldfestevents.com).
- > **South LA Earth Day 2006** at Grant AME Church, 10435 S. Central Avenue, Watts, April 22 from 10am to 4pm. Free admission to an informative environmental health fair focusing on children's health issues. Visit [californiagreenworks.org](http://californiagreenworks.org).
- > **City of Pasadena Greening the Earth Day Festival**, Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond Street, Pasadena, April 22 from 11am to 3pm. Free family festival around the theme "Creating an Urban Eco Village."

For information on other Earth Day events, log on to [EarthDayAudubon.org](http://EarthDayAudubon.org) or call 323.221.2255, x13.



## Shop The Farmers' Markets Along the Metro Gold Line

**Old L.A.'s Farmers' Market** debuts this month on Tuesdays from 3-8pm at Avenue 57 and Marmion Way near the Highland Park Station, joining several list of certified markets offering farm-fresh produce as close as the Metro Gold Line

**South Pasadena Farmers' Market** offers its selections Thursdays from 4 to 7pm at Meridian Avenue and Mission Street at the Mission Station; **L.A. Chinatown Farmers' Market** also on Thursdays from 4 to 8pm, 727 N. Hill between Alpine and Ord, Chinatown Station; **Pasadena Victory Park Certified Farmers' Market** on Saturdays from 8:30am to 1pm, North Sierra Madre Boulevard and Paloma Street, (access from Sierra Madre Villa Station with connecting bus service); **Pasadena Villa Park Certified Farmers' Market** on Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm, East Villa Street and North Garfield Avenue (access from the Memorial Park Station with connecting bus service).

## Get \$5 Discount On "Pilgrim" World Premiere Musical Event

Take Metro to the world premier of the acrobatic musical "Pilgrim" at the newly renovated Ricardo Montalbán Theatre in Hollywood this month and get \$5 off the ticket price.

Performances in April are Thursday-Saturday evenings at 8pm, with matinees Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm. Show your valid Metro pass or ticket at the box office and get \$5 off the tickets, priced \$39-59. For more information, visit [pilgrimla.com](http://pilgrimla.com).

The Ricardo Montalbán Theatre is located at 1615 Vine Street just up the street from the Metro Rail Hollywood/Vine Station.



## Save \$4 Off LA Avengers Football Tickets

Get a Metro discount of \$4 as the Arena Football League LA Avengers face the New York Dragons April 22 and the San Jose SaberCats April 29. Both games begin at 7:30pm in Staples Center.

Show your valid Metro pass or ticket at the box office and receive the discount on individual tickets. Discounts are also available online at [metro.net](http://metro.net) by clicking on the Avenger promotional banner and entering the code "Metro."

All Avenger home games at Staples Center are easy to reach by Metro Bus or Metro Rail. Use the Trip Planner at [metro.net](http://metro.net) for your best route.

## Celebrate Israel Independence Day In Woodley Park May 7

Enjoy 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 7 in the San Fernando Valley.

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

For further information on the festival, visit [israelfestival.com](http://israelfestival.com).