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## **COAST, Santa Monica’s Open Streets Event Presented by Metro Is This Sunday, October 7**

Experience the Streets of Santa Monica Car-Free with  
Music, Dance, Large-Scale Art Installations and Activities

SANTA MONICA, CA -- The City of Santa Monica has partnered with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to host the free [COAST Open Streets Event](#) on Sunday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two miles of Santa Monica’s streets will be closed to car traffic and will include live music, dance and hands-on activities that explore new mobility opportunities, sustainability and art.

Attendees are invited to explore the reimagined public space by walking, biking or skating along the route, taking in views of the picturesque Pacific Ocean and trying out various experiences offered along the way. Participatory activities and performances will be on every block of the route, including at iconic landmarks such as Camera Obscura, City Hall and the Pier. COAST festivities will culminate in an “After Party” – the final [Twilight on the Pier](#) music festival.

“This weekend’s COAST Open Streets event is designed to get everyone out of their cars and onto the streets walking, biking and skating through Santa Monica instead. The weather is expected to be perfect,” said L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl. “Hop on the Expo Line to Santa Monica and enjoy a wonderful day of community, art, sustainability and beach fun.”



Here are a few experiences not to miss:

- Take a seat at **The One Hundred Foot Table** and enjoy the view of Main Street from this unique vantage point. The table makes “connections” through taste, creativity and conversation with Leyna Lightman, Clare Fox and Marianne Sadowski.
- **Interactive Percussion at Triangle Square** (Main and Colorado)  
 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. [Koshin Taiko](#) Japanese drumming  
 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. [Viver Brasil](#) Afro-Brasilian dance, drumming & song  
 2 – 3 p.m. [PAWS Music Academy](#) Afro-Cuban percussion
- Attendees can adorn and decorate any wheeled device at the **Primp My Ride Workshop** with Nicole B. White on Ocean Avenue in front of the Camera Obscura Art Lab.
- **Street & Strolling Performers**  
 A diverse array of street performers will provide musical interludes and opportunities to sing, including: [Mostly Kosher](#), a post-klezmer indie band; [Las Colibrí](#), the all-female mariachi band with a contemporary twist; the award winning acapella quartet [The Alley Cats](#); the acoustic guitar duo [The Cat and Longstreet](#) with Roberto Catalano; pianist [John Steven Morgan](#), and; solar DJs, [The SYCONS](#).
- **Aerial Artist John Quigley** will invite hundreds of attendees to participate in creating *Come Clean*, a giant human art installation that will inspire smart mobility choices from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ocean and Santa Monica.

The best way to get to [COAST is on public transit](#). Take the Metro Expo Line, Big Blue Bus or Metro bus to Santa Monica. Once there, any mode of transportation works, including your own two feet. If you'd like to experience the event on two wheels, bike rentals will be available at

multiple locations as well as through Santa Monica's [Breeze Bike Share](#) available at 85 stations throughout the community. Metro Bike Share will be available at Santa Monica's three Expo Stations and at Bicknell and Main Street. Electric scooters and electric bikes will be available from Bird, JUMP, Lime and Lyft. Bike valet and drop zones will be hosted along the route.

For the latest information, visit the [COAST Facebook event](#) or [www.smgov.net/coast](http://www.smgov.net/coast). Follow along on social and share your experience at the event by using #COASTSaMo.

### **About Metro's Open Streets Grant Program**

The event is partially funded by Metro's Open Streets Grant Program, which seeks to bring visitors to new parts of the region to explore and enjoy car-free streets within Los Angeles County. Metro supports numerous active transportation programs that create better conditions for walking and bicycling, particularly to connect with Metro's growing public transit system. The agency's Open Streets Program, the largest of its kind in the United States, invests approximately \$2 million each year for car-free events, many in new communities. In total, 23 Open Streets events have been hosted to date. For more information about Metro's Open Streets Program, visit <https://www.metro.net/projects/active-transportation/metro-open-streets-grant-program/>.

### **More Information**

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