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L.A. Metro Reduces Bike Share Fares, Plans Expansion to New Downtown Areas and Westside Communities

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has made several major improvements to its countywide bike share program that will make using shared bicycles more affordable and accessible for short-distance trips.

Metro also plans to expand its bike share program utilizing new Smart Bikes in several new Downtown L.A. and Westside communities this winter. Smart Bikes do not require ending or starting a trip at a station and do not have to be docked, although designated stations will still be available.

Metro's new fare structure, which begins today, is designed to increase ridership by lowering fares and providing Angelenos with several new fare options. For example, the Single Ride, Day Pass, and Monthly Pass options have all been reduced in price. The new fare structure includes:

- **Single Ride:** \$1.75 for each 30-minute trip and \$1.75 for every 30-minutes thereafter.
- **Day Pass:** \$5 per day for unlimited free trips of 30 minutes or less. Trips are an additional \$1.75 for every 30 minutes thereafter.
- **Monthly Pass:** \$17 per month for unlimited free trips of 30 minutes or less. Trips are an additional \$1.75 for every 30 minutes thereafter.
- **Buy in Bulk:** Single Ride passes discounted by up to 50 percent.

Metro plans to introduce several other new fare options later this year, including a \$150 Annual Pass and reduced fare passes of \$5 per month or \$50 per year for eligible seniors, students, disabled/Medicare and low-income individuals.

In reducing the walk-up price to just \$1.75, Metro has now made the cost the same as a one-way fare for Metro's Bus and Rail System.

"Metro is on a mission to help people in every community get where they're going in ways that are affordable and convenient," said L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl. "We're

cutting bike share fares and expanding our reach to make this clean, healthy transportation option more accessible and attractive to anyone who wants to hop on two wheels.”

Metro will also be expanding its bike share program to new communities. The program is already in place in Downtown L.A., the Port of L.A., Venice, Santa Monica and most recently in the area surrounding Expo Park/USC, where stations have been installed over the last several weeks. On the Westside, Metro’s Bike Share program will be expanded to Culver City, Marina Del Rey, Palms, Mar Vista, Playa Del Rey, Playa Vista and Del Rey, as well as the Central Los Angeles communities of Echo Park, Silverlake, Koreatown, MacArthur Park, Rampart Village and Pico-Union. In total, nearly 700 additional bikes and 79 additional stations are expected to be installed by mid-2019.

New Smart Bikes for this and future expansions will be introduced by Metro and its contractor Bicycle Transit Systems, Inc. These Smart Bikes will provide riders flexibility to pick them up and drop them off anywhere within the service area as well as at designated locations such as municipal racks and smaller stations located throughout the service areas. Smart Bike stations and traditional Metro Bike Share docks will be collocated in Koreatown where these services will overlap. Riders of Smart Bikes will be charged a convenience fee to drop off bikes anywhere in the area.

Metro has worked with cities to strategically place bike share stations near Metro Rail stations to encourage people to complete the first and last leg of their journey. Upon completion of TAP card integration development, a single pre-registered Metro TAP card will allow riders to transfer to Metro Bike Share from both Metro Bus and Rail lines with no additional charge for the first 30 minutes of a bike share trip. This new free transfer feature makes Metro Bike Share more integrated with transit than any other bike share system in the United States.

“We’ve made significant changes to our bike share program to ensure it becomes a more practical transportation solution and one that operates as a natural extension of our region’s public transit system,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington.

Bike sharing is an ideal transportation option for people to get where they need to go for trips to local destinations that may be too far to walk and too short or inconvenient to drive, and to complete the first and last leg of their journey from bus and rail.

Those interested in utilizing bike share are encouraged to register for a Metro Bike Share pass at www.metro.net/bikeshare.

About Metro

Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that is really three companies in one: a major operator that transports about 1.4 million boarding passengers on an average weekday on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines, a major construction agency that oversees many bus, rail, highway and other mobility related building projects, and the lead transportation planning and programming agency for Los Angeles County. Overseeing one of the largest public works programs in America, Metro is changing the urban landscape of the Los Angeles region. Dozens of transit, highway and other mobility projects largely funded by Measure R are under construction or in the planning stages. These include five new rail lines, enhanced bus operations, and numerous highway and local projects.

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