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Metro Board Approves New Plan to Improve Parking Availability at Metro Stations

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors has approved an innovative new parking master plan that will help ensure transit customers find parking at Metro transit stations.

The plan provides the blueprint for more effectively managing parking demand at Metro's 70 park & ride lots that together provide more than 24,000 parking spaces within Los Angeles County. The number of parking spaces on the Metro system is expected to grow to 31,500 by 2029 as new transit lines now planned or under construction become publicly available.

Through the employment of new policy, technology, enforcement and operations recommendations, Metro will ensure parking remains expressly available for transit customers, specifically at the highest demand park & ride lots. One of the primary mechanisms for ensuring transit patron-only parking availability will be the permanent implementation of Metro's innovative Parking Management Pilot Program, which has been successfully deployed at 11 busy transit stations since May 2016. With the plan's approval, the program will be expanded to 39 more Metro stations over the next three years where space is more than 70 percent full. Paid parking will be instituted at busy Metro stations along Metro Orange, Red, Gold, Silver, Expo, Blue and Green Line Stations.

Parking fees themselves will be modest and reasonably priced at \$3 per day. Metro will employ new technologies already used in its pilot program, including a fully automated parking management system, license plate recognition, ridership verification system and payment processing system that operates 24/7. Revenues will be used to help keep Metro's park & ride lots in a state of good repair, helping fund ongoing maintenance, improved lighting and security.

Fees also create the incentive for some customers to begin accessing the station via other modes such as public transit, walking or biking.

“Metro’s new master plan provides us with an innovative and forward-thinking approach to managing the agency’s growing parking assets,” said Eric Garcetti, L.A. Mayor and Metro Board Chair. “It provides the blueprint for a world-class transit parking program that leverages technology, provides excellent customer service and improves the transit rider’s experience.”

In addition to increasing the availability of parking spaces for transit users, the plan also ensures there is no significant increase in overall commute times for the customer. The program also does not negatively impact Metro ridership. Metro conducted a thorough and intensive assessment of its customers’ parking needs, conducting transit rider surveys that included more than 18,000 rider responses. Based on Metro’s earlier paid parking pilot program, Metro customers did not mind paying for parking, and like being able to regain access to previously full Metro lots.

The plan also provides station-specific recommendations for improved parking signage and wayfinding, bicycle parking, pedestrian wayfinding, lighting, traffic calming and other improvements. Overall implementation of the plan is envisioned over the next 10 years.

“The master plan gives us the guidance we need to better ensure our station parking lots serve the needs of all our customers, no matter how they get to the station,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. “It will also help guide our future parking decisions as we continue to build a world-class transportation system for Los Angeles County.”

Under the new parking master plan, the majority of reserved permit spaces will be eliminated and permit holders will be able to park in any area of the parking facility. Some high occupancy locations, such as North Hollywood Metro Red Line Station, may retain a dedicated area for permit holders.

Metro’s park & ride lots provide parking for four million vehicles per year.

For a list of Metro parking lots that will be transitioned to paid parking lots, visit metro.net.

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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