Monthly TAP & Gating Update

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TAP Operation







Recent "TAP Roll-Out" Events











Municipal Operators have started their Installation Campaigns



Example of bilingual Bus Card Cards to support Norwalk Transit





Muni TAP Websites Launched!

Purchasing Your TAP

Replenishing Your TAP

Setting Up Free Balance Protection

Questions? Just Contact Us



Welcome to TAP

Real change, not loose change

Look around. Just about everyone is moving to TAP (Transit Access Pass), L.A. County's new fare payment card that replaces paper passes and frees you up from hauling around exact change.

Why the move to TAP? Because your durable plastic TAP card contains a smart chip that always deducts the exact fare amount, remembers your account balance to the penny, and even recognizes free transfers. TAP also works with all METRO bus and rail lines, making it easier than ever to connect with destinations outside of Norwalk.

With TAP, you literally "tap" the fare box with your card when it's time to ride. If your account balance is low or your monthly pass is expired, you can replenish your permanent card online, at any TAP vending machine, or at any approved retail location. TAP even offers free Balance Protection, safeguarding you against a lost or stolen card.

TAP is the future of mass transit in more ways than one. Aside from connecting more of L.A. County's rail and bus lines under one payment method, your TAP card makes it easier to receive special discounts and rewards. Now, that's the kind of change we'd all like to see

Welcome | How TAP Works | Who Accepts TAP | Purchase TAP | How to Replenish | Fares | Balance Protection | FAQs | Contact Us | Español | Norwalk Transit

Each participating
Muni agency will
have their existing
home websites
customized for TAP.

Note Bi-lingual Spanish icon!







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Here's how it works:

Using TAP couldn't be easier. When boarding a bus, simply tap your card on the farebox located at the entrance. Listen for the beep and look for the message on the farebox's display screen confirming your card's validity. If the fare isn't covered as part of a monthly pass, the smart chip inside your TAP card will make sure that only the exact base fare is deducted from your account balance. When ridding rail, simply tap your card on a conveniently located TAP look before basedings and



and only deduct the reduced-fare amount from your TAP card's account balance.

Here's why TAP is a better way to pay your fare:

transfer, simply board the next bus and tap your card again. This time, the farebox will

recognize the free transfer without deduct-

ing another base fare from your account.

another transit system, tap once to deduct the base fare, ask your driver for an inter-

agency transfer, and tap the farebox again

to deduct exact payment. Your driver will

Your TAP smart card works on all Metro

EZ Transit Pass or if you qualify for a

reduced-fare EZ Transit Pass (Senior,

Disabled, or Medicare), it can be loaded onto your TAP card and replenished monthly. If you're not an EZ Transit Pass holder but you qualify for reduced fares, the system will automatically recognize this

bus and rail lines. If you purchase an adult

your fare on the inter-agency bus.

TAP to go Metro.

give you a paper transfer slip that will cover

If you'll eventually be transferring to

- It's SMART Your TAP card actually remembers how much money you have
- It's SMPLE With TAP, all you do is tap the fare box upon boarding the bus and go.
 It's SECURE – Sign up for free Balance Protection and your TAP card can be replaced if you lose it.

Tap is the future of public transit!

Santa Clarita Transit's article in local magazine to launch TAP





Metro's Transition of Day Pass Campaign started

- Operator Training has commenced
- Campaign on fare boxes planned





Ease of access for operators





Information being Provided to Customers since February 15

 One month advance preparation for current cash riders paying for Day Pass tickets on board Metro buses

Simple ticket handed to riders that explain what's happening a month in advance



Visible sign on fare boxes facing the customers as they board the bus







Posters and Brochures Now Available for Day Pass Transition

Available on Metro buses now



Bus car cards now being viewed by riders







Conversion of Senior and Disabled Passes Begun

Launched in January, 2009

More than 10,000 applications have been received for new TAP senior card transition to date.

Approximately 36,000 LACTOA/Disabled passes will also be transitioned by May 31.









Metrolink and Other Regional Integration Status

- Metrolink staff presented a less costly solution to their Board that can enable regional connectivity with Metro and other Municipal Operators
 - Their staff has been asked to provide a detailed financial analysis by the Regional CEOs
- ▶ Low cost readers will be ready by the end of 2009 to support small operators who have not acquired TAP compatible equipment





Screen displays of a typical Cell phone device for use with EZ Transit Pass or Interagency Transfers.

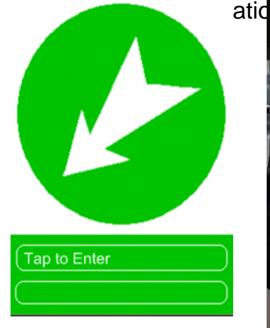




Status of Rail Gating – Mariachi & Soto Stations

 Preparation for pre-revenue testing of fare gates are in process

Mariachi & Soto Station Gate Displays





Idle screen changes when TAP is touched



Validated screen display with TAP





Next Steps

- March Board for approval of Eastside equipment and Regional Central Computer systems support services
- ▶ March Board for approval of Muni project management oversight services
- ▶ Potentially Metrolink inclusion, pending their financial analysis

