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| **Wednesday, September 19, 2012120919-1****In this Issue:****Cell Phone Thefts on the Rise on Metro System****Service delays on the Metro Blue/Expo Lines this Afternoon****Upcoming Metro Destination Discounts** |
| **Cell Phone Thefts on the Rise on Metro System**At the request of Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department (LASD), Media Relations will send out a news release cautioning riders to protect their cell phones when traveling on the system. During the first half of this year, our agency has experienced a 47 percent increase in cell phone thefts and Sheriff’s deputies are asking for the public’s help in stopping this national trend. In particular, customers are being advised to tuck cell phones away when entering and exiting trains and buses, to be aware of the people around them and to immediately report any thefts or attempted thefts to LASD at 323-563-5000. The press release notes, however, that the Metro system is safe and overall crime on Metro is stable. For every 100 million boardings in the first half of 2011, Metro had 250 crimes – the same number as for the first half of this year.**Service Delays on the Metro Blue/Expo Lines this Afternoon**Metro Blue/Expo Line patrons are experiencing delays of up to 20 minutes due to problems with the power line that feeds the trains. Metro is implementing single tracking and also has implemented emergency bus service for Blue Line passengers between 7TH St/Metro Center and Grand stations, and for the Expo Line, between 7th St/Metro Center and 23rd Street Station. Repairs are estimated to take two hours. For Service Alerts go to [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net/) or follow us on @MetroLAalerts on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/metrolaalerts).**Upcoming Metro Destination Discounts**3D Film Festival, September 20-22, 2012 Go Metro and Save 50% on TicketsJoin thousands of filmmakers, fans, 3D technology companies, equipment manufacturers, and video game designers dedicated to the art and science of 3D at L.A. LIVE, September 20-22, 2012. The 3D Film Festival is a celebration of the 3D filmmakers and content creators from around the world. Enjoy the 3D Gamer's Lounge, 3D Screenings, Q&A sessions with your favorite celebrities, and even 3opolis, a 3D Nightclub. Don't miss your chance to learn about the latest in 3D technology. Go Metro: 3D film festival is located at various locations: Regal Cinemas L.A. LIVE Stadium 14, JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE, The Ritz-Carlton Los Angeles, Club Nokia, The Conga Room and The Grammy Museum at 800 West Olympic Boulevard in Downtown Los Angeles. These venues are accessible via Metro Blue Line Pico Station. Plan your route using the Trip Planner. For more information about this discount, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/service/discounts/artsentertainment/3d-film-festival-september-20-22/). IndieCade: The International Festival of Independent Games, October 6-7, 2012Go Metro and Save 50% on Tickets\*Come play with IndieCade, the International Festival of Independent Games, as they invade downtown Culver City on October 6-7, 2012 with a unique blend of art, innovation, technology, and hands-on gameplay. Showcasing fresh, interactive games of all types from around the world, the festival will feature live music, giveaways, family activities and more. Metro Discount: Show your TAP pass at the door and save 50% on tickets at the Saturday Festival Day and Game U for Aspiring Game Developers event on Sunday. To buy tickets [online](http://www.indiecade.com/2012/registration/), enter promo code: metro2indiecade.\* Go Metro: The IndieCade Village is located at 9300 Culver Boulevard in Culver City. Take the Metro Expo Line to Culver City Station. Shuttles will be available to take you downtown from the station. Plan your best route using the Trip Planner. For more information about this discount, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/service/discounts/artsentertainment/indiecade-international-festival-independent-games/). \*Save $10 on a $20 admission ticket at the Saturday Festival Day and save $60 on a $120 ticket for the Game U for Aspiring Game Developers event on Sunday. Discount not valid with any other offer.Social Media Week Los Angeles, September 24-28, 2012 Go Metro and Save 15% on the SMWLA Premium PassSocial Media Week presents Social Media Week Los Angeles (#SMWLA). Happening all over Hollywood on September 24-28, 2012 this worldwide event explores the social, cultural and economic impacts of social media in Los Angeles. SMWLA specifically emphasizes Los Angeles as the creative capital of the world and offers over 90% of the 110 official events featured in the city for free. Because events fill up quickly, SMWLA is offering a Premium Pass that gives you access to all events in both Content Hubs all week, plus the Opening Reception and invite-only Closing Party. Without registering for events, just show up to either of the Content Hubs at the io/LA and Egyptian Theatres with your pass, even if registration for an event is closed. Metro Discount: Show your valid TAP card with your SMWLA Premium Pass to gain entry at either of our Content Hubs. Please [click here](http://smwla-premium-pass.eventbrite.com/?discount=metro) and use the promo code "metro" to save 15% on the SMWLA Premium Pass.\* Go Metro: Social Media Week Los Angeles takes place in Hollywood at both the Egyptian Theatre located at 6712 Hollywood Boulevard and io/LA located at 7083 Hollywood Boulevard. Take the Metro Red Line Hollywood/Highland Station. Plan your best route using the Trip Planner. More Info about the discount: To learn more about all 110 free events at Social Media Week Los Angeles, click [here](http://socialmediaweek.org/losangeles). For more information about this discount, please click [here](http://www.metro.net/service/discounts/education/social-media-week-los-angeles-september-24-28/). \*Registration and admission for individual events is free. Discount applies to SMWLA Premium Pass, which allows for unlimited/non-registered access to all events.  |
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