



Metro Daily Brief



Wednesday, July 16, 2008
20080716-0

In this issue:

- [Los Angeles City Council Adopts Oppose Position on HR 6002 \(Miller\)](#)
- [Los Angeles City Council Approves Hail-A-Taxi Pilot Program](#)
- [A New Look for Metro.net; Easy-to-Find Features](#)

Los Angeles City Council Adopts Oppose Position on HR 6002 (Miller)

Today, the Los Angeles City Council adopted an Oppose position to H.R. 6002 (Miller), which would prohibit tolling high occupancy vehicles that were permitted to use an HOV facility at no cost before December 31, 2007. In voicing her opposition to the bill, Councilmember Wendy Greuel stated it was a local control issue and that we should have every option available to us in addressing traffic congestion. H.R. 6002 is currently pending before the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. We adopted an Oppose position on H.R. 6002 at our June Board meeting.

Los Angeles City Council Approves Hail-A-Taxi Pilot Program

Today, the Los Angeles City Council approved a six-month Hail-A-Taxi Pilot Program, which would allow taxi drivers to load and unload passengers in some previously restricted zones in both downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood. Councilmember Jan Perry amended the recommendation to prohibit taxis from utilizing Metro bus zones. Los Angeles Department of Transportation crews will stencil and repaint the red curbs of the Metro bus stops so that they are clearly identified. The implementation date for the pilot program has not yet been established but City staff envisions it will start as soon as possible.

A New Look for Metro.net; Easy-to-Find Features

Today, we launched our new homepage makeover with a fresh take on more transit-friendly features for all visitors to [Metro.net](#).

The homepage remake is more dynamic and interactive with special new buttons and sections that make it easier for our customer to access the online information they need.

New additions to the homepage include a direct link to Free Park and Ride Lots, a new section called “In the Loop,” a Metro trivia feature and a quick button to get to resources such as the Transportation Library and Archives. The Spotlight section features interesting images, videos and information that rotate constantly throughout the day.

The How to Ride section takes center stage to offer online users instant access to bus and rail routes, timetables, maps, passes, rider guides, and commuter services such as vanpool and carpool. Color-coded buttons call attention to information about service delays, real-time traffic and email sign-ups for updates.

The dynamic new homepage will change and rotate its color banner, images and select information throughout the day. The homepage makeover is the first in a series of ongoing changes to metro.net in an effort to cultivate a new relationship with our customers and online visitors.

[Metro.net Home](#) | [Press Room](#) | [Projects & Programs](#) | [Meeting Agendas](#) | [Riding Metro](#) | [Metro Library](#)

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012-2952
Phone: 213-922-6888
Fax: 213-922-7447