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## LACC Summer Students To "Go Metro" with Free Transit Pass

- "Metro I-Pass" pilot program is first of its kind.

By ED SCANNELL

May 14, 2004 – This summer Metro and Los Angeles City College (LACC) will launch a pilot program that will provide all of LACC's full-time summer semester students with a Metro transit pass. The Metro Institutional Pass, or I-Pass, will enable students who take four units or more in the summer session to commute to LACC via the Metro Bus and Rail System from mid-June through August. The \$25,000 pilot program is being funded by LACC.

"The Metro I-Pass guarantees that students will arrive at LACC without the stress or added expense of driving a car," said Deputy CEO John Catoe. "For less than the cost of a tank of gasoline, students will be able to use the Metro Bus and Rail System all summer long to get to their classes and anywhere else they wish to go."

"We're pleased to partner with LACC on this introduction of the Metro I-Pass," he added.

## Student ridership increasing

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LACC students Larisa Grigoryan and Jimmy Franco demonstrate new Metro I-pass which will enable students who take four units or more in the summer session to commute to LACC via the Metro Bus and Rail System from mid-June through August.



From left, LACC Vice-president Art Tyler, LACC President Doris Givens, Trustee Michael Waxman, LACCD Chancellor Peter Landsberger, Metro Deputy CEO John Catoe, Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Board of Trustees President Mona Field and LACC Student Body President Jimmy Franco launch pilot program on campus May 14.

A recent LACC survey revealed that approximately 43 percent of its students currently ride the Metro system. This summer that percentage is expected to increase significantly because for the first time every student will receive a Metro Pass.

Students who enroll in two non-overlapping summer sessions can save up to \$90 if they take the Metro System instead of commuting to LACC by car.

It is expected that the program will help alleviate campus parking problems and traffic congestion that LACC has experienced recently due to increased enrollment and construction expansion projects. The Metro I-Pass will be valid from June 14 through August 28.

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