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Metro, Bicycle Coalition to Survey Rail Riders on Station Access

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(Dec. 12, 2007) Metro and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) will survey passengers at a number of Metro Rail and Metrolink stations during December and January to identify ways to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to the stations.

The survey, in English and Spanish, is part of a comprehensive study of existing conditions and recommendations for improvements at the rail stations.

The results of the passenger interviews will be incorporated into a final report of recommendations which will be completed in the fall of 2008. These reports can be used by cities to apply for grant funds to improve access to the stations.

The stations selected for the survey, which include Wilmington/Imperial, Compton, Florence, Vernon, Van Nuys and Newhall, are in areas of high transit use. The study was funded by a Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant.

Along with the survey, Metro and LACBC will be handing out bicycle tire patch kits, small reflectors, and information cards to encourage safe bicycling and walking.

Metro and LACBC also will conduct meetings early next year with members of the community and local organizations that are interested in bicycle and pedestrian access to rail stations.

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