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**MTA OFFERING FREE MAPS DETAILING ALL LA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT
LINES INCLUDING OVER 50 MUNICIPAL BUS OPERATORS & METROLINK**

It's much more than just another public transit map and it's free at over 50 Nix Check Cashing outlets throughout LA County.

MTA's "2002 Metro Bus and Rail-Complete System Map," sponsored by Nix Check Cashing, details public transit services in an area encompassing 1,433 square miles.

Depicted in color codes are the routes of close to 200 Metro Bus routes, Metro Rail, as well as approximately 50 municipal operators and Metrolink. The colorful, easy-to-follow maps also denote locations of transitway/busway stations, transit centers, bus and rail stations, highways and freeways. Numerous Nix Check Cashing locations also are referenced.

"Both novice and experienced public transit users in Los Angeles County, including out-of-town visitors, will find this map very helpful," said MTA Board Chairman John Fasana. "Offering such a map goes a long way in de-mystifying the entire process of getting around Los Angeles via bus or rail and will, hopefully, give people the confidence to give it a try."

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