

MTA's, Los Angeles Superior Court's Successful Juror Pass Program Set To Expand To Six Additional Courts

- **Jurors Trade Mileage Allowance for Transit Pass, Choose Convenience Over Traffic Congestion**

(Los Angeles) - The successful Juror Pass Program that allows Los Angeles Superior Court jurors to exchange their vehicle mileage reimbursement for an MTA weekly transit pass to travel to and from four downtown courts will expand to six additional district courts, effective July 1, 2003.

The program now will be available to all jurors who report to one of the following Los Angeles Superior Court district courts:

Compton 200 W. Compton Blvd Compton, CA 90220	Torrance 825 Maple Avenue Torrance, CA 90503	Long Beach 415 W. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802
Van Nuys 6230 Sylmar Avenue Van Nuys, CA 91401	Airport 11701 S. La Cienga Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90045	Norwalk 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650

"Since the program began, nearly 300 jurors per month have taken advantage of the convenience of the Juror Pass at the four participating downtown Los Angeles Superior Courts," said Roger Snoble, MTA CEO. "We anticipate hundreds more will find the Metro Bus and Rail systems to be convenient travel alternatives to driving solo to the six additional courtrooms."

Other benefits of the program include no parking problems or long walks to the courthouse, expanded range of dining and shopping opportunities during lunch periods, and decreased traffic congestion.

The Juror Pass Program began in March 2003 with four downtown Los Angeles courts: Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, 210 W. Temple St.; Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N. Hill St.; Central Civil West Courthouse, 600 S. Commonwealth St.; and Metropolitan Courthouse, 1945 S. Hill St.

Jurors at all participating courts receive information about the program on their summons and are able to opt into the program on their first reporting day. Posters promoting the program are displayed and brochures, bus schedules and train schedules are available at each of the juror assembly rooms.

The Juror Pass is valid throughout MTA's service area on all local, limited-stop and Metro Rapid buses, as well as on the Metro Rail system, which includes the Metro Red, Blue and Green lines.

A recent juror survey revealed that about one in five jurors would use the Metro Bus and Metro Rail systems if they were able to exchange their mileage reimbursement for an MTA pass.

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