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

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

(Los Angeles) – 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 Roger Snoble, Metro chief executive officer. "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.

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.

"This pilot is good for our students and good for the community," said Peter Landsberger, LACCD Chancellor. "Providing students with a free transit pass will significantly reduce the cost of attending school this summer, make it easier for students to go to and from campus, and encourage more of them to use public transportation more often."

"As someone who cares about students and who rides the Metro Red Line almost every day, I endorse every one of those objectives and strongly support this program," he added.

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.

"I am pleased that Los Angeles City College is able to fund this innovative transit program for our students," said Dr. Doris Givens, LACC President. "Many students rely on Metro buses along Vermont Avenue as well as the L.A. City College Metro stop to get to the college."

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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, Los Angeles Community College District Trustee Michael Waxman, LACCD Chancellor Peter Landsberger, Metro Deputy CEO John Catoe, Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees President

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. Mona Field and LACC Student Body President Jimmy Franco launch pilot program on campus May 14.

“The Metro I-Pass will give LACC students a great opportunity to try out the Metro Bus and Rail System for free,” said Jimmy Franco, LACC student and Associated Student Organization President. “LACC is the perfect place to take advantage of the Metro Red Line, which has a stop at Vermont and Santa Monica, just a block from campus.”

“Public transportation is undervalued in Los Angeles, the effect of which is that L.A. Freeways have become parking lots,” Franco added. “I look forward to the expansion of the Metro System and expansion of this new pass program to other colleges and universities in the area.”

Los Angeles City College is well served by transit including the Metro Red Line and Metro Bus Lines 4, 10, 11, 156, 204, 404 and 754.

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