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## Metro Orange Line

**It's the Valley's new shortcut.**

### **Metro Orange Line Construction Reaches Substantial Completion**

- **Valley's new shortcut set to open Oct. 29**

Construction has reached substantial completion on the Metro Orange Line, a 14-mile exclusive transitway that will offer Los Angeles County residents a new shortcut for traveling through the east-west portion of the San Fernando Valley when it opens October 29.

Construction crews have worked to convert the old Southern Pacific railroad right-of-way into a transitway since 2003, making major street and intersection improvements and building pedestrian and bicycle paths. Brand new 60-foot "Metro Liner" buses will carry up to 57 seated passengers on each bus along the alignment between North Hollywood and Woodland Hills.

The new transitway represents many firsts for Los Angeles County: it is the region's first right-of-way built exclusively for buses. It is the Valley's first major transit service since the opening of the Metro Red Line in 2000. It is also the first time that new aerodynamic, super-sized Metro Liner buses will be placed into service within Los Angeles County.

"When the Orange Line succeeds — as I know it will — it will serve as a region-wide model that offers commuters a quick, reliable, flexible and inexpensive alternative to gridlock," said Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member.

The transitway will incorporate a host of innovative construction and design features, from advanced traffic light signal priority system to artistically designed transit stations. Five park & ride lots at Van Nuys, Sepulveda, Balboa, Reseda and Pierce College Stations will provide more than 3,200 parking spaces.

More than 20 Metro local and Metro Rapid Bus Lines will connect with the Metro Orange Line, as well as some Burbank Local Transit, Commuter Express and Santa Clarita Transit lines.

The line will provide access to business and education centers, arts and theater venues, neighborhoods, entertainment, attractions and the Sepulveda Basin Recreation area. The project includes eight miles of new bicycle and pedestrian paths and California native landscaping.

Artistically designed transit stations will feature terrazzo paving at platforms, colorful porcelain steel art panels at each station entry, sculpted seating, and various artist-influenced landscaping elements.

Ridership on the line is expected to reach an average of 22,000 boardings per day by 2020.

For more information on the Metro Orange Line, visit [metro.net/orange](http://metro.net/orange) line.

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