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May is Bike Month

L.A. Metro to Provide Free Rides for Bicyclists on Thursday, May 17, offers \$1 Bike Share Passes and Hosts Activities to Support Bicycle Transportation during Bike Month

With cycling increasing in popularity throughout Los Angeles County, there has never been a better time to ride your bike, whether for work or play. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is celebrating Bike Month in May by offering bicyclists free rides on the Metro System on Thursday, May 17, offering discounted bike share passes and supporting several two-wheeled transportation events throughout the month.

Bike Month activities sponsored by Metro and other organizations include group rides, workshops and community-sponsored events. Below is a list of major upcoming Bike Month events:

- **May 12** – Bike Class – Rules of the Road, 9 a.m. in Gardena. This class covers bicycling basics and shows participants how to improve their bike control skills. [See schedule for more information.](#)
- **May 15** – Blessing of the Bicycles, 8-9:30 a.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital. Annual event to promote bicycling and safety. [See website for more information.](#)
- **May 17** – Bike to Work Day. Metro will offer free rides to people who board with a bicycle or bicycle helmet on all Metro buses and trains.
- Metro's Bike Share Program is offering free walk-up rides on Metro Bikes. Walk-up to any station and use the promo code 5172018 for a free 30-minute ride. Additional 30-minute rides are only \$3.50 each. [Find Metro Bike Share stations on the web.](#)
- Metro will also co-sponsor more than 60 bicycle pit stops with refreshments and giveaways countywide. For more information, [click here.](#)
- **May 18** – Bike Night at Union Station, 6-9 p.m. Fun-filled event with prizes, entertainment and food trucks. [See website for more information.](#)
- **May 20** – Bike Class – Rules of the Road, 9 a.m. in Long Beach. This class covers bicycling basics and shows participants how to improve their bike control skills. [See schedule here.](#)
- **May 26** – Metro Bike Share Ride to Venice Artists & Fleas, 10-12 p.m. in Venice. Bike ride to daylong local shopping event. [See website for more information.](#)

Residents of downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, Venice and Port of Los Angeles can celebrate Bike Month without even owning a bicycle thanks to Metro's Bike Share Program. Metro is offering several specials during Bike Month designed to attract new monthly passholders. New bike sharing passholders pay only \$1 for the entire month of May. All trips 30 minutes or less are free, and \$1.75 per additional 30 minutes after that. Those who sign up will be automatically entered to win a Metro Bike Share prize pack.

Metro's Bike Share Program is also offering an ongoing 40 percent discount for new companies that sign up for its Bike Share for Business Program. All plans require a minimum monthly commitment of five employee passes a month for six months.

Combining a bicycle trip with Metro Bus and Rail is easy. Every Metro bus is equipped with front bike racks. Bikes may also be taken on Metro trains during all system hours. Bicyclists should follow the bicycle signs to the designated area of the train and stand with their bikes while in transit. In L.A. County, 80 percent of residents live within bicycling distance to trains.

For a full list of Bike Month activities or to learn more about bike share offers, visit <http://www.metro.net/bikemonth/>.

To stay connected to Metro's bicycle community during Bike Month and throughout the year on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram with the @BikeMetro handle.

About Metro

Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that is really three companies in one: a major operator that transports about 1.4 million boarding passengers on an average weekday on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines, a major construction agency that oversees many bus, rail, highway and other mobility related building projects, and the lead transportation planning and programming agency for Los Angeles County. Overseeing one of the largest public works programs in America, Metro is changing the urban landscape of the Los Angeles region. Dozens of transit, highway and other mobility projects largely funded by Measure R are under construction or in the planning stages. These include five new rail lines, enhanced bus operations, and numerous highway and local projects.

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