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L.A. Metro to Provide Free Rides on Earth Day, Monday, April 22

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors has approved free rides on the Metro Bus, Rail, and Bike Share System on Earth Day, Monday, April 22.

The decision marks the second time in as many years that the Metro Board approved free rides on Earth Day. Free rides are designed to help reduce auto emissions, promote a healthy, sustainable environment and combat climate change.

All 165 Metro bus routes and six major rail lines will be free to the public from 3 a.m. (Monday) to 2:59 a.m. (Tuesday). Bus fare boxes will be deactivated, and all train station fare gates will be opened to enable county residents and visitors to freely use public transit for all of their transportation needs.

“What better time to turn over a new leaf than on Earth Day!” said Sheila Kuehl, L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair. “All Metro riders will ride free that day, and if you make Metro part of your daily commute moving forward, you’ll save half a ton of CO2 emissions over the year.”

Metro’s entire transit bus fleet runs on clean compressed natural gas. Metro plans to convert to an all zero-emission bus fleet by 2030. The entire 105-mile Metro Rail system operates on electric power.

“Our goal is to make Metro as accessible and inclusive as possible for the residents of Los Angeles County,” said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. “Earth Day free rides could be a catalyst for our citizens to take action and make a bold statement about their concern for the environment.”

Metro is an industry leader in supporting progressive programs to minimize potential environmental impacts resulting from the planning, construction and operation of one of the largest and fastest growing transportation systems in the nation. For additional information about Metro’s environmental policies and programs, please visit

<https://www.metro.net/projects/ecsd/environment/>.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County. Stay informed by following Metro on The Source and El Pasajero blogs at metro.net, facebook.com/losangelesmetro, twitter.com/metrolosangeles and twitter.com/metroLAalerts and instagram.com/metrolosangeles.

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