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Free Rides Offered on Election Day, Nov. 3 Metro to Provide Vote by Mail Drop Off Boxes at 19 Rail and Bus Stations

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is encouraging riders to vote early and safely by using Vote by Mail drop-off boxes that are now in place at 19 rail and bus stations throughout Los Angeles County through Nov. 3.

Metro will also be offering free rides on all Metro operated buses and trains on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Union Station and El Monte Station will be used as official vote centers from Oct. 24 through Nov. 3 for voters who want to cast their vote early. The voting center at Union Station will be located in the Ticket Concourse in the west (Alameda Street) side of the station.

"The health of our democracy depends on our participation, and we have to do everything possible to empower Americans to exercise their fundamental rights," said Los Angles Mayor and Metro Board Chair Eric Garcetti. "From free rides on Election Day to new places to drop off a ballot, Metro is doing its part to make sure nothing stands between Angelenos and their ability to vote."

Metro rail and bus stations where the public can safely and securely drop off their ballots at Vote by Mail drop boxes include:

•El Monte Station and Union Station. El Monte Station can be reached via the J Line (Silver) and Union Station by the B (Red), D (Purple), L (Gold) and J (Silver Lines).

•On the B (Red) and D (Purple) Lines: North Hollywood, 7th Street Metro Center in downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood/Western, Vermont/Santa Monica, Wilshire/Vermont stations and Union Station.

- •On the E Line (Expo): Expo/Vermont, La Cienega/Jefferson and Downtown Santa Monica stations. •On the A Line (Blue): Willow and Willowbrook/Rosa Parks stations.
- •On the L Line (Gold): Mariachi Plaza, Union Station and Sierra Madre Villa stations.
- •On the C Line (Green): Aviation/LAX, Harbor Freeway, Willowbrook/Rosa Parks and Norwalk stations.

•On the J Line (Silver): Harbor Freeway, Harbor Gateway Transit Center, Union Station and El Monte stations.

•On the G Line (Orange): Sepulveda Station.

"We want to make it easy for people to reach the polls or vote by mail and cast their ballot this election," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "Democracy works best when everyone participates in it and has a voice — and we want to ensure that voting is easy and accessible to all those who rely on the Metro system."

Additionally, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office will be providing one day Mobile Vote Centers set up at various Metro rail and bus park-and-ride lots between Oct. 24 and Nov. 2.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is currently providing lifeline service for essential trips and frontline workers. Metro continues building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its <u>Vision 2028 Plan</u>.

Metro has proudly pledged to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) <u>Health and</u> <u>Safety Commitment Program</u> to help ensure the safe return of transit riders as the U.S. recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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