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Union Station, El Monte Station to Serve as Vote Centers for Early Voting starting Oct. 24

Drop-off boxes remain at 19 Metro Rail and Bus Stations, free rides to be offered Election Day

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is hosting Vote Centers at Union Station and El Monte Station that will be open from Saturday, Oct. 24 through Election Day.

Early voting begins with select Vote Centers opening on Oct. 24 in Los Angeles County with additional Vote Centers available by Oct. 30. Vote Centers will be open every day of the week from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. On Election Day, Vote Centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information on the Vote Center closest to you and when it will be open, visit <u>https://locator.lavote.net/</u>.

Metro continues to offer Vote-by-Mail drop off boxes at 19 rail and bus stations through Nov. 3. Locations 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.

On Election Day, Metro will offer free rides on all Metro buses and trains from 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

In addition, Metro's Bike Share program will be providing free fares on Election Day for the first 30 minutes and \$1.75 per 30 minutes thereafter. Metro encourages customers to share the hashtag #pedaltothepolls along with tagging photos @bikemetro on social media for a chance to be featured on Metro feeds.

Metro is partnering with Culver City Bus, Glendale, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority and Pasadena Transit to provide free or reduced-fare services as well.

In 2019, Metro's Board of Directors voted to permanently offer free rides on federal and statewide election days to help encourage voter turnout and make it easier for people to travel to polling places.

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</u> <u>and 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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