

# L.A. Metro Invites Youth to Share Their Ideas to Improve Transit for All

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*L.A. County teens ages 14-17 are urged to apply to Metro's Youth Council; More info available during Youth Summit Sept. 21*

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today announced the opening of the application period for the Metro Youth Council. The Metro Youth Council provides the opportunity for youth from communities throughout L.A. County to share their ideas and perspectives about Metro's projects and initiatives and, importantly, empower their peers to become advocates in their communities to improve the transportation system for everyone. Los Angeles County teens, ages 14 -17, are encouraged to apply by the Oct. 3 deadline to be considered for the 2025 Metro Youth Council.

Students obtain valuable experience and training for their future lives through their Youth Council participation. Members serve one-year terms and youth seeking leadership opportunities can become part of the Youth Council Cabinet, composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Communications Officer, and Special Event Coordinator.

Through the program, participants experience civic engagement, leadership development and networking opportunities. They participate in Metro events and activities and connect with their peers from across L.A. County. At the end of the Youth Council term, each member receives a certificate of participation and a stipend.

Each year, the Youth Council hosts a Youth Summit event for others who may be interested in joining and to discuss important topics affecting them. This year the summit is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at L.A. Union Station Ticketing Concourse. The theme is *Empowering Youth: Bridging Communities through Transportation*, and the council will showcase its newly developed digital destination guide encompassing all the destinations favored by young people utilizing public transit.

Now in its third year, the Metro Youth Council has made remarkable contributions at Metro, including establishing its own GoPass Task Force dedicated to boosting school registration rates through various engaging activities.

To learn more about the Youth Council visit: [metro.net/youthcouncil](https://metro.net/youthcouncil)

Youth interested in attending the summit: [2024MetroYouthSummit.eventbrite.com](https://2024MetroYouthSummit.eventbrite.com)

### **About Metro**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its Vision 2028 Plan. Metro is the lead transportation planning and funding agency for L.A. County and carries nearly a million boardings daily on four light rail and two subway lines and 119 bus lines utilizing more than 2,000 low-emission buses.

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