

RIDE LA METRO FREE ON CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

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Ride a Metro Bus, Train, Bike or Ride Share to Support Cleaner Air in L.A.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will again participate in California Clean Air Day, Wednesday, Oct. 2, by providing free rides on its bus, rail, micro transit and bike share systems.

This year marks the 7th annual California Clean Air Day where environmental groups and transit agencies across the state come together to encourage everyone to do their part to improve California's air quality. People are encouraged to take public transportation, plant trees, shop locally, install air filters and more.

"California Clean Air Day reinforces the importance of a safe, reliable public transit system in our collective effort to reduce pollution in our air and our reliance on fossil fuels," said Metro Board Chair and LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn. "As the Chair of Metro and someone who breathes air in LA County, I am thankful to the nearly one million people who ride Metro every day and I will work to make this system better for you and for more riders in the future."

New this year, Move LA is bringing transit agencies together to broaden the message of using public transit every day to help improve air quality. *SoCal Transit Week* running from Sept. 30 through Oct. 6 includes activities such as a *Sustainable Transportation Fair* at UCLA, a *Mobility Expo* in West Hollywood and more, in addition to Metro and other transit agencies providing free rides on California Clean Air Day.

While riding Metro promotes cleaner air by getting people onto transit and out of cars, the agency is doing more to improve air quality through its [Moving Beyond Sustainability](#) plan. Metro is making its construction and facilities greener, reducing air pollution and trash from construction, and reducing smog and greenhouse gases across L.A. County.

Metro continues to invest in zero emission electric buses and "near-zero" emission engine replacements to improve air quality. The agency is continually increasing its zero-emissions bus fleet size and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through its use of 100 percent renewable natural gas to fuel its compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. Metro has the largest CNG bus fleet in the nation.

"Transit is the cleanest form of transportation, aside from biking and walking," said

Stephanie Wiggins, CEO of Metro. "We're proud to continue our tradition of offering free rides on the Metro system for California Clean Air Day. I invite all Angelenos to choose transit on Wednesday, Oct. 2 and see for themselves how Metro can improve your quality of life while keeping the air we all breathe clean for everyone!"

This year Metro is working with KBLA radio to bring awareness to climate change and social justice. As communities of color are most adversely affected by climate disasters globally, the Climate Justice campaign brings diverse voices to the climate conversation.

Metro is also helping the environment through its tree policy, the first of its kind among transit agencies, which ensures that for every tree a construction project removes, two more California-native or other drought tolerant trees are planted.

On California Clean Air Day, individuals and organizations are asked to take the Clean Air Pledge at [CleanAirDay/pledge](#) and commit to make a change that will help not only California but the world. To ride free, Metro riders simply board a Metro bus or train with no need for a TAP card. Turnstiles at rail stations will be unlatched.

Metro Micro rideshare riders can use code CleanAir24 and the code will zero out the fare for any booking made for a ride on Oct. 2 in all zones. There are no limits on the number of times it can be used per account or number of passengers. Please note the booking app only accepts up to five passengers per ride.

Metro Bike Share riders can activate bikes with code 100224 for a free 30-minute ride. To redeem simply select '1-Ride' at any Metro Bike Share [kiosk](#), [online](#) or in the [Metro Bike Share app](#), and use code **100224**. The code may be used multiple times throughout the day. A credit or debit card is required. The first 30 minutes of all rides are free. Usage fees apply for rides longer than 30 minutes. Electric Metro Bike unlocking fees are waived.

On California Clean Air Day, there will be a variety of events taking place across the state and online where people can join to show their support. Events like clean air fairs, tree planting excursions, EV test drives, and community composting events. The easiest of which is taking Metro all day on Wednesday, Oct. 2, to every destination, and it's free.

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 one 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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