



JUNE '06

## New Orange County Saturday Service

### All Aboard for Fun!

The high cost of gas doesn't have to stop you from letting the good times roll! Metrolink introduces new Saturday service on the Orange County Line starting June 3.

Three round trips will be offered every Saturday: two between Los Angeles and Oceanside, and one between Los Angeles and San Juan Capistrano. You will find the full schedule on page 4.

It gets even better! From June 3 to December 31, 2006, you can purchase one-way or round-trip tickets for travel on the Orange County Line for any station pairs between Oceanside and Los Angeles for 50 percent off the regular weekday price. To receive the discount, simply walk up to a Metrolink Ticket Vending Machine, press the "Special Ticket" button, and then select "Orange County One-Way" or "Orange County Rnd-Trip."

As an added bonus, each paying adult may bring up to three children, ages five and under, for free! It's an adventure for the whole family, without breaking the bank!

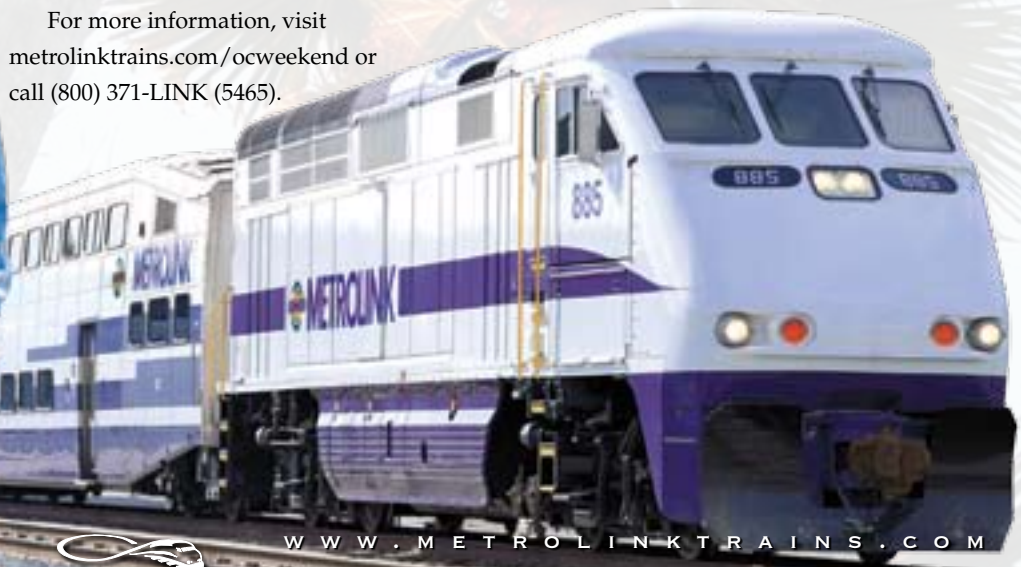
The 50 percent discount does not apply to 10-trip tickets or monthly passes. While Metrolink monthly passes are valid for travel within the limits of the pass on Amtrak trains, Metrolink one-way, round-trip, and 10-trip tickets are not valid on Amtrak trains.

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will be hosting an event at the San Juan Capistrano, Irvine, Orange, and Fullerton stations on June 3 to kick off the new service. Music, popcorn, and other special treats are planned. As if a party wasn't enough, OCTA is also giving anyone who buys a one-way or round-trip ticket the option to bring an adult friend for free! To sum up: Buy a ticket on June 3 for travel that day, and bring a friend and up to 3 children, ages 5 and under, for free!

How much more good news do you need? Check the July issue of *Metrolink Matters* for the latest scoop on the addition of Orange County Line Sunday service, which begins July 2, and Inland Empire-Orange County (IEOC) Line weekend service, which will start on July 15!

It looks like summer is going to be a blast ... on Metrolink!

For more information, visit [metrolinktrains.com/ocweekend](http://metrolinktrains.com/ocweekend) or call (800) 371-LINK (5465).



# Inside Metrolink: Pushing and Pulling

## Railroad Term of the Month

**Push-Pull:** A train operation in which a locomotive is in the front position of a train while it travels in one direction pulling the train, and a cab car (a passenger-carrying car with a control cab, but no engine) is in the front position and the locomotive is in the rear pushing when the train moves in the opposite direction.

Since Metrolink began service in 1992, we have operated our trains using the push-pull configuration. When the locomotive is in the rear, the engineer sits in a control cab in the front of the lead passenger car (called a cab car) to control the train. A cab car contains a cabin where you will find all of the same controls found in a locomotive.

Push-pull was developed for worldwide use as an appropriate alternative to locomotive-only operations. It has proven to be very safe, and is now used by virtually all commuter railroads in North America. Federal standards establish the specifications for cab or lead passenger cars, and Metrolink's fleet complies with all applicable regulations.

Metrolink is often asked about the possibility of operating with locomotives on each end, or by turning the trains around



by "wyeing" (maneuvering each train around when necessary so that a locomotive is always pulling). Locomotive-forward only operation was studied by the United States Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in a report published in July of 2005. The FRA concluded that, "A comparison of the difference between the proportion of derailments occurring in the push mode and the pull mode of operation indicates that such a difference is not statistically significant...There is nothing to justify that wyeing is any safer than push-pull."

In general, the FRA could find no difference in safety for passengers riding in a lead passenger car and those riding in a first car behind a locomotive. Federal standards require

that commuter-train locomotives and control-cab cars meet the same structural and crashworthiness standards. Cab cars are appropriately designed for the types of incidents that most commonly occur nationwide, and they have historically done very well in protecting both train crews and passengers.

## Industry Station: Construction To Start In June

In June, 2006, the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) will commence construction of the Brea Canyon Road underpass near the Industry Metrolink station. Brea Canyon Road will be excavated to run beneath a bridge that will be used by trains. The railroad bridge will be built while Metrolink and freight trains are detoured to temporary tracks constructed south of the existing tracks. A temporary Metrolink station platform will be built to accommodate commuters. Construction duration will be approximately 24 months.

There will be no interruption of Metrolink service during this project. The Industry Station and park-and-ride lot will remain open. Construction will require the full closure of Brea Canyon Rd. between Washington St. and Spanish Ln. for approximately 18 months starting in Summer/Fall 2006.

Once Brea Canyon Road and the Currier Road entrance to the parking lot are closed, commuters arriving from Diamond Bar and the SR 60 Freeway will be able to enter the parking lot from the south via a temporary crossing and a two-lane road from Washington St. The Spanish Lane entrance will remain open. Traffic traveling north-south



will be detoured via Lemon Ave. or Grand Ave. and east-west travel will be detoured via Valley Blvd. or Golden Springs Dr.

For more information, please visit the ACE website at [www.theaceproject.org](http://www.theaceproject.org) or call the ACE helpline at (888) ACE-1426.

## Santa Is on His Way!

With summer just around the corner, thoughts turn to November and the upcoming holiday season!

November? Yes! November 2006 will see the 10th annual run of Metrolink's Holiday Toy Express. This glittering train, made up of over 50,000 lights, ornaments, and holiday decorations, travels the Metrolink system, performing free live shows at stations and collecting toys for less fortunate children in

cooperation with the firefighters' "Spark of Love" toy drive.

Planning for this year's Holiday Toy Express has already begun, but Metrolink needs your help. We are searching for sponsorship partners who are looking for new ways to reach the community and who want to help make this worthwhile event possible.

The Holiday Toy Express reaches over 51,000 people every year in 50 cities

all over Southern California in the five Metrolink counties.

Since 1997, Santa and his train have helped the "Spark of Love" toy drive collect more than 200,000 toys for children in need by providing a free holiday-entertainment experience and asking attendees to bring new, unwrapped toys for donation.

If you or someone you know works for a company that you think would be interested in becoming a participant in one of the most unique holiday traditions ever to ride the rails, please call (213) 452-0216 and help us create the magic this year.



## Great Train Adventure

Last weekend, my grandma flew all the way from Seattle to come visit me! This was the first time since last summer that I'd seen her! Her plane was landing at LAX on a Friday afternoon, which would mean we'd be sitting in a lot of traffic if we drove to meet her at the airport. But since we live in San Bernardino, my mom suggested that Grandma take the new LAX-to-Union Station FlyAway bus to avoid the terrible traffic. For only \$3, a nonstop bus would take her right from baggage claim to Los Angeles Union Station, where we'd meet her. Talk about easy!

My mom and I got on the Metrolink train from San Bernardino to Union Station. It seemed like we got there in no time! Since we were there before my grandma arrived, we ate lunch at Union Bagel, the little deli in the station. Before I knew it, Grandma's bus pulled into Union Station. We both greeted her with the biggest hug in the world. It was good to see her!

We all boarded the train and started our journey back home. My grandma and I planned fun activities to do while she was visiting. This is going to be the best month ever!

For more information on the FlyAway program, visit [www.LAWA.org](http://www.LAWA.org) or call 1-866-IFLYLAX (435-9529).

## Safety Matters

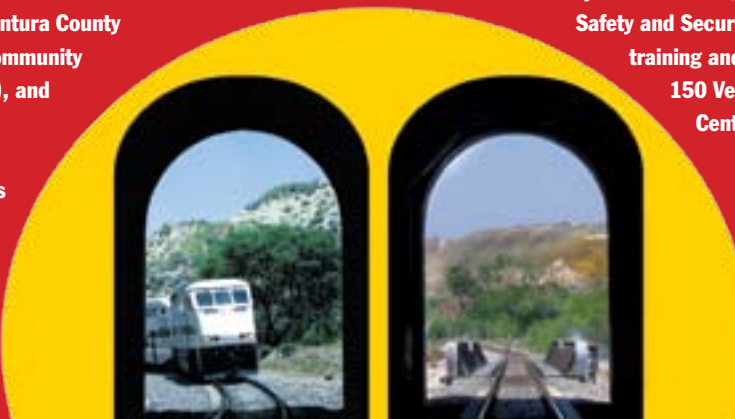
Recently, Metrolink's Safety and Security Division, along with the Engineering Department, took advantage of planned upgrade work in Metrolink's Tunnel 26—in Simi Valley on our Ventura County Line—to provide an unusual training experience for local emergency first responders. Tunnel 26, measuring 7,369 feet in length, is the longest tunnel on the Metrolink system and is one of three tunnels between the Chatsworth and Simi Valley Stations. The Ventura County Fire Department, Simi Valley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Simi Valley Disaster Service Worker Platoon completed three exercises simulating a tunnel rescue. Members of the Los Angeles city and county fire departments were also on hand to observe the exercises.

Working inside the west portal of the tunnel, responders were trained in procedures for dealing

with an emergency within a confined space (e.g., a railroad tunnel). They were also trained in how to establish protocols for evacuation during emergencies. Communications techniques, including those to use with railroad dispatchers, were also practiced.

Prior to the Tunnel 26 exercises, Metrolink's Safety and Security Division staff (with assistance from Amtrak Safety and Security) conducted classroom training and equipment familiarization for 150 Ventura County firefighters at our Central Maintenance Facility.

Metrolink's Safety and Security Division provides necessary ongoing training to emergency responders all year round. With members of the Southern California Rail Safety Team, we offer classroom training and equipment orientation, which leads into practical drills and exercises.



## Station City News



### Downtown Burbank Fine Arts Festival — June 10 and 11

This two-day outdoor event will feature art by leading artists, designers, photographers, sculptors, ceramicists, and jewelers selected from workshops across California and the Southwest. All work is original, one-of-a-kind, and executed by the artists. Art will be exhibited for show and/or for sale. The

festival will be held on San Fernando Boulevard between Magnolia and Orange Grove in downtown Burbank.

### Come Out & Dance! Summer Concerts—Thursday Nights in July and August

Come dance outdoors on the AMC Walkway to the tunes of Southern California's leading live bands. Events will kick off at 6:00 p.m., and bands will start playing at 7:00 p.m. These two-hour concerts will be free and open to the public. For more information about both events, visit [www.downtown-burbank.org](http://www.downtown-burbank.org).

## Meet Metrolink's Board Members

### Francine Oschin

Francine Oschin is currently the president of Oschin Partners, Inc., a government-relations consulting firm specializing in transportation, environmental, and public-policy advocacy.

Oschin worked as the assistant chief deputy to Los Angeles city councilman and fellow Metrolink board member Hal Bernson from 1989 to 2004. Before she began her public-service career, she was a feature writer for the Glendale News-Press and the Burbank Leader. She has also worked for the Office of Public Affairs at California State University, Northridge (CSUN).

Francine Oschin has served on the boards of the Women's Transportation Coalition, the League of Women Voters, and Heal the Bay. She has been recognized by numerous organizations, including "Who's Who in American Women."



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### Metrolink Orange County Saturday Service (Northbound)

Train	M655	M657	M659
<b>Departure Times</b>	<b>a.m.</b>	<b>p.m.</b>	<b>p.m.</b>
<b>Oceanside</b>	<b>8:45</b>	<b>2:20</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>San Clemente</b>	<b>9:05</b>	<b>2:40</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>San Juan Capistrano</b>	<b>9:19</b>	<b>2:49</b>	<b>6:10</b>
<b>Lag. Niguel/Mission Viejo</b>	<b>9:24</b>	<b>2:54</b>	<b>6:15</b>
<b>Irvine</b>	<b>9:33</b>	<b>3:03</b>	<b>6:24</b>
<b>Tustin</b>	<b>9:39</b>	<b>3:09</b>	<b>6:30</b>
<b>Santa Ana</b>	<b>9:45</b>	<b>3:15</b>	<b>6:36</b>
<b>Orange</b>	<b>9:50</b>	<b>3:20</b>	<b>6:41</b>
<b>Anaheim</b>	<b>9:54</b>	<b>3:24</b>	<b>6:45</b>
<b>Fullerton</b>	<b>10:02</b>	<b>3:32</b>	<b>6:53</b>
<b>Norwalk</b>	<b>L10:11</b>	<b>L3:41</b>	<b>L7:02</b>
<b>L.A. Union Station</b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>4:15</b>	<b>7:35</b>

### Metrolink Orange County Saturday Service (Southbound)

Train	M656	M658	M660
<b>Departure Times</b>	<b>p.m.</b>	<b>p.m.</b>	<b>p.m.</b>
<b>L.A. Union Station</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>8:45</b>
<b>Norwalk</b>	<b>1:51</b>	<b>4:51</b>	<b>9:06</b>
<b>Fullerton</b>	<b>2:00</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>9:15</b>
<b>Anaheim</b>	<b>2:08</b>	<b>5:08</b>	<b>9:23</b>
<b>Orange</b>	<b>2:12</b>	<b>5:12</b>	<b>9:27</b>
<b>Santa Ana</b>	<b>2:17</b>	<b>5:17</b>	<b>9:32</b>
<b>Tustin</b>	<b>2:23</b>	<b>5:23</b>	<b>9:38</b>
<b>Irvine</b>	<b>L2:30</b>	<b>L5:30</b>	<b>L9:45</b>
<b>Lag. Niguel/Mission Viejo</b>	<b>L2:39</b>	<b>L5:39</b>	<b>L9:54</b>
<b>San Juan Capistrano</b>	<b>L2:44</b>	<b>5:55</b>	<b>L9:59</b>
<b>San Clemente</b>	<b>L2:53</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>L10:08</b>
<b>Oceanside</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10:40</b>



Metrolink welcomes commuters of all ages, including six-week-old Ellaena Ales, traveling with her "commuting buddy," Mom (Mayumi Lyon Ales).

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