

# METROLINK **MATTERS** NEWS & EVENTS

## TIER 4 LOCOMOTIVE MAKES DEBUT AT LOS ANGELES UNION STATION

A NEW ERA IN LOCOMOTIVES BEGINS



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METROLINK  
 **TIER 4**  
**UNVEILING**

# FIRST OF 40 NEW LOCOMOTIVES ARRIVES AT METROLINK

Metrolink celebrated the arrival of the first new Tier 4 locomotive during an event at Los Angeles Union Station on July 18. During the program, Metrolink thanked state and federal legislative delegation, the local community, and business and environmental stakeholders for their leadership and support in this effort. Metrolink was the first commuter rail agency in the nation to purchase the low-emission Tier 4 locomotives. The first of 40 locomotives will begin operating throughout the Metrolink system in late 2016. The remaining 39 will arrive at Metrolink over the next 18 months.

This Electro-Motive Diesel (EMD) F125 locomotive is compliant with the latest U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency Tier 4 emissions standards. The Tier 4 locomotives will reduce particulate matter and nitrogen oxide emissions by up to 85 percent, leading to cleaner air and a healthier environment for people who reside in the Southern California region. In addition to environmental benefits, the new engines will operate with up to 64 percent more horsepower, allowing Metrolink to move people more quickly and reliably.

At an expected cost of \$280 million for all 40 locomotives, funding was provided through a South Coast Air Quality Management District program, a State of California program, Metrolink member agencies and other subsidies.

*Metrolink thanks our many partners who made this advancement in technology, energy efficiency and safety possible.*

## SPECIAL PROGRAM FEATURES

### OLD WORK HORSE MEETS THE NEW



Also on display at the event with the new Tier 4 locomotive were two older Metrolink locomotives and the classic #3751 steam engine from the 1930s. The oldest and newest locomotives show a big contrast in railroad history.



## FIRST TIER 4 LOCOMOTIVE DEDICATED

The first Tier 4 locomotive was dedicated to Patrick J. Morris for his leadership on the Metrolink Board from 2006-2014 and as chairman from 2013-2014. Morris is the former Mayor of San Bernardino and is shown here with the train plaque and his grandsons.



**POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL**



**CRASH ENERGY MANAGEMENT**



**85% LOWER EMISSIONS**



**FUEL EFFICIENT ENGINE**



**64% MORE HORSEPOWER**

## WORD FROM THE CEO



### REPAIRS TO BE MADE TO CAB CARS BNSF LOCOMOTIVES WILL BE REMOVED AS REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED

ARTHUR T. LEAHY | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER | METROLINK

**M**etrolink is taking action that will allow for the removal of the leased BNSF freight locomotives from the lead position on our train sets throughout our system, while still preserving safety for our passengers. We have begun making repairs to the plow assembly located on the front of the Hyundai Rotem cab cars. As repairs are completed, the cab cars will go back into service at the front of the train sets, thus eliminating the need for the BNSF locomotives. This will take several months to complete. We realize the temporary safety action we took by adding the freight locomotives had the unintended consequences of increasing the horn noise as they passed through communities. We are sorry for the inconvenience this caused.

Additionally, we will begin deploying our new Tier 4 locomotives during the coming year (cover story). We hope our passengers and communities notice a major improvement as we replace the freight locomotives with cleaner, lighter and quieter cab cars and the Tier 4 locomotives that have 85% lower emissions.

## LOCAL TRANSPORTATION MEASURES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

### ■ LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BALLOT MEASURE

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has placed a half-cent transportation sales tax measure on the upcoming November ballot. This measure calls for a sustained funding approach for a variety of transit and highway projects, roadway improvements, pedestrian and bike paths, paratransit services for the disabled, affordable fares for seniors, and more. This is of significant importance to Metrolink because over the course of the proposed measure it would provide billions of dollars for commuter rail, transit operations and projects to keep buses, trains and facilities in good repair. Metrolink will receive up to 2% of this half-cent sales tax over the life of the measure. This measure aims to reduce freeway traffic and vehicle emissions in Los Angeles County. For more information, visit Metro's website: [metro.net](http://metro.net)

### ■ VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BALLOT MEASURE

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is also placing a half-cent transportation sales tax measure on the November 2016 ballot in their county. This 30-year sales tax measure not only allows Ventura County to fund needed transportation improvements and transit services, but also provides a source of local matching funds necessary to bring more federal and state tax dollars home. Of all six counties in Southern California, Ventura County is the only county without a dedicated transportation sales tax measure. The other counties have had the benefit of this funding to build transportation projects in their counties. VCTC is looking to improve their county's transportation system, which enhances the quality of life in Ventura County. For more information, visit VCTC's website: [goventura.org](http://goventura.org)

## NEW METROLINK SCHEDULE STARTS OCTOBER 3

A schedule change is planned for early October. New schedule information will be posted on our website in September: [Metrolinktrains.com/ScheduleChange](http://Metrolinktrains.com/ScheduleChange)

Line	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
306	10:17	11:05	12:41	1:55
308	10:30	11:19	12:55	2:08
310	10:41	11:36	1:11	2:20
312	10:51	11:46	1:22	2:30
314	11:05	11:53	1:29	2:37
316	11:19	12:06	1:42	2:48
318	11:36	12:21	1:55	3:01
320	11:53	12:41	2:11	3:15
322	12:11	1:00	2:29	3:26
324	12:29	1:20	2:47	3:40

## DID YOU KNOW?



### MOBILE APP FACTS:

- 41% of the Inland Empire Orange County Line ticket sales are made through the Metrolink App.
- After three months, 17% of overall system-wide ticket sales are through the Metrolink App.
- Staff is working on a way to allow for mobile tickets to transfer to Metro Rail. This should be available later this year.
- You can transfer to any connecting bus operator (including Metro Bus) at no additional cost (just like a paper ticket).
- Mobile Monthly Passes are accepted on Amtrak as part of the Rail 2 Rail program.
- You can download the app through the App Store or Google Play.



## 100,000 FACEBOOK FANS

Metrolink Facebook has reached a major milestone on social media with more than 100,000 followers. This is more than any other public transit agency in the country. Thanks to everyone in our Facebook community for communicating with our riders and championing public transit in Southern California. Please join us on Facebook: [facebook.com/metrolink](https://facebook.com/metrolink)

## METROLINK CONDUCTOR SINCE “DAY 1” TO RETIRE

Working as a conductor on a brand-new passenger rail service starting up in Southern California in 1992 was exciting. Since the 1950s, California had been focused on the automobile for transportation, building freeways and bridges. However, by the 1980s, congestion was increasing and plans to create a passenger rail system were being discussed.

Steve Fryer gained experience in the railroad business working for the Santa Fe Railroad in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties for 13 years. He joined Amtrak in 1991 as a conductor.

By 1992, Fryer was training on the Metrolink equipment and worked on their first routes to Ventura, Santa Clarita and the San Bernardino Line (SBL) from Pomona to Los Angeles. He enjoyed his first eight years on the SBL, as he grew up in San Bernardino and felt at home there. He later moved to the Riverside Line and the Inland Empire Orange County Line, where he worked the early morning shift for years.

Fryer said he loved being a Metrolink conductor for the past 24 years. “I have had wonderful people to work with and wonderful riders on my trains,” he commented. “It has a family-oriented feeling and my regular passengers and I have a strong attachment. It is pretty special. The conductors are like a brotherhood of dedicated people and the trains are our second homes. I also enjoyed training new conductors.”

As Steve retires this month, he said, “Working on the first Metrolink trains was filled with memories. I have lots of stories to tell my grandkids.” He enjoyed a special relationship with the engineers, as they shared a mutual

respect for one another. They focused on safety, professionalism and customer service. After 38 years in the railroad business, 24 of which were with Metrolink, he is hanging up his conductor hat.



STEVE FRYER has been a conductor since Metrolink began service in 1992, serving Metrolink passengers for 24 years.

### METROLINK FACTS

- 74 CONDUCTORS
- 534 MILES OF RAIL LINE
- 74 ENGINEERS
- 11.8 MILLION TOTAL RIDERS PER YEAR (INCLUDING WEEKENDS)
- 95 LOCOMOTIVES (OWN/LEASE)
- 42,000+ PASSENGERS PER WEEKDAY
- 170 PASSENGER CARS
- \$240 MILLION OPERATING BUDGET
- 90 CAB CARS
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- 165 TRAIN SETS PER WEEKDAY
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## CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM AWARDS BICYCLE, REDUCES MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Metrolink kicked off National Bike Month in May with a Facebook contest for Corporate Partner Program (CPP) participants to win a commuter bike. Rick Schwenk (shown below right) from Capital Group in Irvine was the lucky winner of a blue commuter bike provided by Cyclery U.S.A. in Rancho Cucamonga.

Schwenk is a native of Garden Grove, where he still resides today and lives a car-free lifestyle. He bikes, walks and uses public transit. To get to work at Capital Group in Irvine, where he has worked for eight years, he rides his bike to the Orange Metrolink station, brings his bike onboard the train, exits at the Irvine station and then rides to his office. Rick has been part of CPP since he started working at Capital Group.

"Some of the perks are that my office is easily accessible using public transit, they provide a transit subsidy and they are part of CPP," stated Schwenk. "The corporate program makes it easy for me to get my pre-ordered pass from the machine each month and the money for my pass comes out of my paycheck, pre-taxed. I had never ridden Metrolink until my employer introduced me to this program. While riding the train to work, I can read my Kindle."

Rick has been an avid bike rider for more than 25 years and said he rode about 16,000 miles during the past four years. On weekends, he likes to ride in Santiago Canyon and Newport Beach, using both trails and city streets.

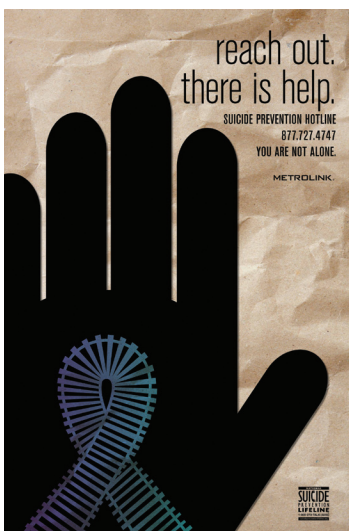
He recommends that people plan ahead, wear brightly-colored clothing, take extra gear for a flat tire and always be considerate of people on trails and getting on and off the train.

### CPP MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS REDUCED

Metrolink's Corporate Partner Program has lowered its program requirement to five riders per month. Adjusting the requirement allows both large and small organizations the opportunity to participate in this pre-tax benefit program and the ability to offer transit benefits to their employees. To find out how your company can participate, visit [metrolinktrains.com/cpp](http://metrolinktrains.com/cpp).



## METROLINK SAFETY



Whether you are thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend, or need emotional support,

there are a million reasons to call this Lifeline. When you dial **1-800-273-TALK (8255)**, you are calling the crisis center in the Lifeline network closest to your location. You will hear hold music while your call is being routed.

You will be helped by a skilled, trained crisis worker who will listen to your problems and will tell you about mental health services in your area. Your call is confidential and free.

### AUDIBLE WARNING SYSTEM INSTALLED IN SAN CLEMENTE

An Audible Warning System (AWS) was recently installed on seven at-grade pedestrian/vehicle railroad crossings in San Clemente. The AWS is a unique solution to warning pedestrians about oncoming trains, while providing a quieter surrounding for residents and businesses along the coastline trail. With secure fencing along the trail and pedestrian swing gates and arms at crossings, the sound of the train horn is focused on people at the crossing, rather than emitting the horn to a broader area. If the train engineer determines there is a need to warn someone, the engineer has the discretion to use the locomotive's horn. The new AWS was funded through the California Highway-Railroad Crossing Safety Account allocated by the California Transportation Commission, Orange County's Measure M and the City of San Clemente.



## DESTINATIONS & EVENTS

## CALENDAR OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EVENTS AND DESTINATIONS TO REACH VIA METROLINK

For more events and destinations, go to: [metrolinktrains.com/destinationsandevents](http://metrolinktrains.com/destinationsandevents)



### SUMMER CONCERTS AT LOS ANGELES UNION STATION AUGUST 6, 13, 20

Downtown Los Angeles' iconic Union Station will open its sweeping outdoor gardens on summer nights with a unique entertainment line-up featuring emerging bands at Live Nation's Ones to Watch Summer Concert Series: August 6 - Sam Fischer; August 13 - Salt Petal; and August 20 - Lauv, Pretty Sister. [Metrolinktrains.com/summerconcerts](http://Metrolinktrains.com/summerconcerts)



### OCEANSIDE LONGBOARD SURF CONTEST AUGUST 12-14

Take Metrolink to Oceanside to experience the excitement of the Longboard Surf contest! This marks the 16th year of the Guy Takayama pro nose-riding and pro open events competition on the south end of the Oceanside Pier. With Metrolink's \$10 Weekend Day Pass, this will be an affordable adventure the whole family can enjoy! [Metrolinktrains.com/longboard](http://Metrolinktrains.com/longboard)



### FIESTAS PATRIAS SEPTEMBER 17-18

Take Metrolink to Los Angeles Union Station to celebrate Mexican Independence! All Access Entertainment is producing Fiestas Patrias on historic Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles. The culture-filled event will include authentic Mexican food, music, entertainment and carnival-style games. [Metrolinktrains.com/fiestaspatrias](http://Metrolinktrains.com/fiestaspatrias)



### SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO GREEK FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 23-25

The San Juan Capistrano Greek Festival is back again. Take Metrolink's Orange County Line or Inland Empire/Orange County Line to the San Juan Capistrano station and enjoy the authentic Greek cuisine, art and dancing! [Metrolinktrains.com/greekfestival](http://Metrolinktrains.com/greekfestival)

## TAKE METROLINK TO THE LA COUNTY FAIR AT THE FAIRPLEX IN POMONA



### THE 94TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA'S LARGEST COUNTY FAIR INCLUDES:

- Jurassic Planet
- Our Body: The Universe Within
- Let the Games Begin
- The Igloo
- Watercolors: The Art of Flowers
- 16-night End of Summer Concert Series
- Carnival Midway
- Farm & Exotic Animals (including a giraffe)
- Exclusive Food
- Shopping & Entertainment

Be one of the first to try a whole array of exciting fried creations or hundreds of other food offerings ranging from healthy, organic and locally-grown options.

Metrolink makes it easy to get to the LA County Fair on the weekends with trains coming from the east or west. San Bernardino Line weekend trains (excluding early morning trains) will make a special stop at the Fairplex station where you can catch a free shuttle to the Yellow Gate entrance. Any Monthly Pass may be used on the San Bernardino Line on the weekends. Or buy the \$10 Weekend Pass for the best savings. New this year is an extra train that departs the Fair at 8:30 pm headed back to LA Union Station. Metrolink riders save up to 50% off Fair admission by purchasing tickets online at [lacountyfair.com](http://lacountyfair.com) and use the promo code "Metrolink." Offer not valid at the box office. For train schedules and information, visit: [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com). For admission, hours and more information, visit [lacountyfair.com](http://lacountyfair.com), or call (909) 623-3111. (Nominal fee on some rides)