

Metro News

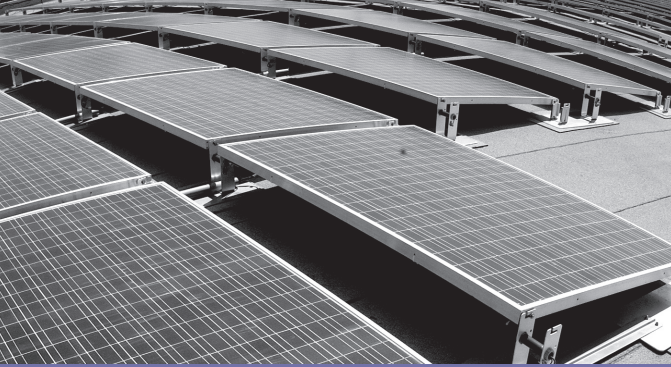
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Metro Goes Solar, Saves \$185,000 in Electricity Costs

After a year in operation, Metro has so far saved \$185,000 in electricity costs with its huge solar panel project at two bus divisions in the San Fernando Valley.

Metro Bus divisions in Sun Valley and Chatsworth were outfitted with a total of 1,648 solar panels last May. The panels have enough generating capacity to power more than 100 homes a year for 25 years and provide 20% of the electricity used at the two divisions.

Millions More Are Going Metro

The combined stress of driving and high gas prices have prompted millions of your neighbors to Go Metro. Metro ridership, particularly on the Metro Orange Line and Metro Rail, surged in May.

Weekday ridership on the Metro Orange Line averaged more than 20,000, a milestone not expected to be reached until 2020.

Metro Rail ridership climbed 18 percent in May over last year, a gain of more than 1.1 million boardings. There were 7.7 million boardings in May 2006 compared to 6.6 million in May 2005.

Metro Bus ridership, including the Metro Orange Line, carried 10 percent more riders – 34 million in May 2006 compared to 31 million in May 2005.

A Rewarding Career Is Just A Phone Call Away

Enjoy a future of steady paychecks, full benefits, retirement plan, opportunities for advancement and more. Plus now there's new, higher pay to become a Metro bus operator.

Previous bus driving experience is not required. Complete training is provided with hourly pay during training and an immediate raise upon completion.

Call 213.922.DRIVE and start your future now.

Metro, Labor Unions Agree On New Contract

Plan on enjoying three more years of uninterrupted bus and rail service on Metro.

The agency and its labor unions agreed on the terms of a new contract – the first time an agreement has been reached before the existing contracts expired.

The Metro contracts cover 4,500 bus and rail operators, 2,000 mechanics and service attendants and 700 telephone information operators, clerks and other workers.

Since it was formed in 1993, Metro had never reached an agreement with its labor unions prior to their expiration. Service had been disrupted by labor strikes during negotiations in 1994, 2000 and 2003, with the last work stoppage lasting 35 days.

Public Hearings On Bus Service Changes Being Held In August

Several new Metro Rapid lines, new limited stop lines and other proposed bus service changes will be presented at four public hearings in August. The proposed changes would go into effect this coming December.

The hearings are being held:

- > August 2 at 6:30pm, at the Marvin Braude Constituent Center, 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Nuys.
- > August 8 at 6pm, at the Metro San Gabriel Valley sector office, 3369 Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte.
- > August 10 at 6pm, at The Gas Company, 9240 Firestone Boulevard, Downey.
- > August 11 at 9:30am, at the Carson Community Center, 801 E. Carson St., Carson.

For more information, check online at metro.net.

Better Safe Than Sorry, Report All Suspicious Packages

Metro continues to increase security efforts to ensure the safety of its passengers and system.

Patrons are urged to report any suspicious or unattended items or packages on buses and trains to Metro personnel or authorities.

Suspicion is based on the type and location of the package. Items left in out-of-the-way places, packages that match something described in a threat, or something abandoned by someone quickly leaving the area should be reported.

Typically, most items left in open areas such as on seats or station platforms are simply forgotten.

Contact the Metro Sheriff at 1.888.SAFE or 323.563.5000.

Get A Discount To The Tofu Festival August 12-13

“It’s hip to be square”, as in the shape of a block of tofu, at the 11th Annual Tofu Festival August 12-13 in Little Tokyo, along San Pedro Street between 2nd and 3rd streets in Downtown LA.

The festival features more than 100 imaginative and delicious tofu and soy dishes served by some of LA’s finest restaurants as well as cultural entertainment, arts & crafts marketplace, children’s pavilion and health expo.

For more information, visit tofufestival.com or call 213.473.3030.

Show your valid Metro pass or Metro Rail ticket and receive \$3 off General Admission (regular \$8) or \$2 off Senior/Children Admission (regular \$5). Not valid with any other offers.

DISCOUNT COUPON

\$3 off

General Admission
(regular \$8)

\$2 off

Senior/Child Admission
(regular \$5)

Valid before 5pm for 1 person only.
Cannot be combined with any other discounts.

August 12-13, 2006

237 S. San Pedro St.
(between 2nd & 3rd Streets)
Little Tokyo, Downtown Los Angeles

www.tofufestival.com



Earn More On Your Savings, Pay Less On Your Loans

Want to enjoy the benefits of a credit union, but don’t know how to find one you can join? Metro riders are now eligible for membership in Pacific Resource Credit Union, earning more on their savings while enjoying the benefit of lower-rate loans.

Be sure to show your Metro pass or ticket at their downtown LA office at 800 Wilshire Boulevard, located just one block from the Metro Rail 7th Street/Metro Center Station. To learn more about the terms and conditions of membership, visit www.pacificresource.org or call 800.276.6024.

Save 50% At Pasadena Home Show August 25-27

Take the Metro Gold Line to the Home Remodeling & Decorating Show August 25-27 at the Pasadena Conference Center and get a 50% discount off the admission price.

Just show your valid Metro pass or Metro Rail ticket at the box office to receive the discount. For more information, visit thehomeshow.com.

Metro Riders Save \$3 At CD Chivas USA Games

The World Cup may be over, but you can still catch the exciting action of Major League Soccer with CD Chivas USA home games now through October at the Home Depot Center in Carson.

Show your valid Metro pass or ticket at the Home Depot Center box office and get \$3 off tickets to Chivas home games.

Save \$30 On “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels”

Make plans to see the comedy “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” playing at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood August 15-27 and save \$30 on selected performances when you Go Metro.

Just present your valid Metro pass or ticket at the Pantages Theatre box office to get \$30 off selected Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday evening performances. Order online at ticketmaster.com and use the promotion code METRO or order by phone at 213.365.3500.

The Pantages Theatre is conveniently located at 6233 Hollywood Boulevard just across from the Metro Rail Hollywood/Vine Station.

Eighth Annual LA Greek Fest September 8-10

Experience the fun and excitement of the Greek Islands without leaving LA at the 8th Annual LA Greek Fest September 8-10 on the grounds of Saint Sophia’s Cathedral, Normandie Avenue at Pico Boulevard.

The theme of this year’s event is “Passport to a Grecian Holiday”, with a weekend of food, music and dancing in the spirit of Greek Islands. Admission is free on Friday, and \$3 for adults Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 323.737.2424 or visit lagreekfest.com.

