
Metro to Offer Free Rides on Election Day, Nov. 6

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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Board of Directors has approved providing free rides on Election Day, November 6, on all Metro buses and trains.

In addition, Metro's Bike Share program will be providing free fares on election day. The public can ride Metro Bike Share to the polls by using the promo code 1162018 at any bike station kiosk to get a free single ride. The single ride is valued at \$1.75 for 30 minutes of ride time. First 30 minutes are free and \$1.75 per 30 minutes thereafter.

Access Services, funded by Metro to provide paratransit service in Los Angeles County, has also approved a policy to allow Access riders and their companions to travel free on trips to and from the polls on Elections Day Nov. 6.

"Voting is one of the most important acts of civic engagement," said Metro Chair and L.A. County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, "and Metro wants to make sure our County voters get the message: 'Please vote! We want to make it easy for you.'"

Los Angeles Mayor and Metro Board Second Vice Chair Eric Garcetti co-authored the free rides on election day motion along with Board Chair Kuehl, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia.

"A lack of transportation should never stand between a voter and the polls," said Mayor Garcetti. "Every vote counts in this democracy, and we have to do everything we can to help Americans exercise our most fundamental right."

Recent studies have shown that a lack of transportation is one factor for people who do not vote. The lack of access to transportation disproportionately impacts minority voters, people with low incomes, persons with disabilities and younger voters.

"It's an honor to provide free transportation for one of the most important activities in our nation's democracy," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to make their voices heard. Go Metro to vote."

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also

oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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