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L.A. Metro Partners with Getaround to Provide New, Affordable Personal Car Sharing Service at Key Metro Transit Stations

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has announced a partnership with the San Francisco-based company Getaround to offer an affordable and hassle-free carsharing service at more than 20 busy Metro transit park-and-ride lots throughout Los Angeles County.

Getaround allows people to instantly rent and drive cars owned by people in their city. The company takes a unique approach to the traditional carsharing concept by utilizing personally-owned and third-party vehicles. This partnership helps Metro riders and others complete their first- and last-mile connections.

Getaround is licensed to occupy 110 carshare parking spaces at 27 Metro transit station lots. Locations were carefully chosen to prioritize equitability for communities that need affordable carshare services. New locations span the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, South Bay, South L.A. and Westside, with prices beginning at \$5 per hour depending on vehicle type. Getaround includes collision and liability insurance for every trip. Metro riders will receive \$25 off their first booking by signing up at get.co/metro.

“Getaround will help riders travel from their Metro station to their destination conveniently, while offering other Metro riders, whose cars go unused, an opportunity to make a little cash on the side. A total win-win!” said L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Sheila Kuehl.

Metro customers interested in listing their cars and joining Getaround's carsharing community should visit get.co/sharemetro.

All cars shared on Getaround are equipped with the company's patented integrated hardware and software solution, Getaround Connect™. This device allows users to instantly book, locate and unlock the car through the app, eliminating the reliance on a physical exchange of keys between owner and renter. The Getaround mobile application is available on both iPhone and Android platforms.

"We're thrilled to deepen our presence within the greater Los Angeles transportation network through this innovative carshare partnership with Metro," said James Correa, Getaround's Regional Manager, West. "Through this program, locals and visitors throughout the greater Los Angeles area now have instant access to the kind of transportation they need in order to explore more parts of the city and beyond."

Getaround carshare locations are now available at:

- Expo Line: 17th Street/SMC Station, Expo/Bundy Station, Expo/Sepulveda Station, La Cienega/Jefferson Station.
- Gold Line: Lincoln/Cypress Station, Heritage Square Station, Sierra Madre Villa Station.
- Green Line: Redondo Beach Station, El Segundo Station, Aviation/LAX Station, Hawthorne/Lennox Station, Crenshaw Station, Vermont/Athens Station.
- Orange Line: Sherman Way Station, Canoga Station, Pierce College Station, Reseda Station, Balboa Station, Sepulveda Station, Van Nuys Station.
- Red Line: North Hollywood Station, Universal City Station, Westlake/MacArthur Station.
- Blue Line: Artesia Station, Del Amo Station, Wardlow Station, Willow Station.

The program is managed by Metro's Parking Management Department. If successful, Metro and Getaround may consider adding carshare services to additional park-and-ride spots later this year. Metro originally created its carshare program with Zipcar in 2015. The Zipcar car-share network consists of 13 vehicles at eight high-demand transit stations on the Metro system.

"Car ownership continues to outpace population growth in L.A. County, which means we must continue to look for new and innovative ways to combat roadway congestion while providing smart ways for people to travel to and from our stations," said Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington. "Our partnership with Getaround for station-based carsharing is our latest effort to improve our customers' mobility and speed their access to local destinations."

According to a study by the University of California Transportation Sustainability Research Center, every shared car takes about 10 personal vehicles out of gridlock, and every 1,000 vehicles shared alleviates up to 50 million pounds of carbon dioxide. By leveraging the cars that already exist, Getaround is helping take cars off the road by the thousands.

Metro is also piloting additional ride sharing initiatives through its Office of Extraordinary Innovation. Metro recently launched a partnership with Via to offer shared, on-demand rides to and from three stations. Metro has also implemented bike sharing in downtown Los Angeles, San Pedro and Venice, with plans to soon expand its bike share network to the Central downtown L.A. and West L.A. area.

For more information on the Getaround carshare service, visit www.metro.net or get.co/metro.

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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About Getaround

Getaround empowers people to instantly rent and drive great cars shared by people in their city. Cars can be rented by the hour, or the day, with insurance and 24/7 roadside assistance included. By using the Getaround app, people skip the lines and paperwork at traditional rental car counters, and the hassle of buying and maintaining a car. Powered by Getaround Connect™, the patented connected car technology, Getaround creates a fun and safe carsharing experience without the need to meet the car owner, carry an access card, or coordinate picking up a car key. People share everything from a Prius to a Tesla and earn thousands in extra income each year, offsetting the high cost of car ownership while also making a positive impact on the environment. Headquartered in San Francisco, Getaround has thousands of cars available throughout major metropolitan areas across the United States. Investors in Getaround include SoftBank, Menlo Ventures, Braemar Energy Ventures, Asset Plus, Triangle Peak Partners, SPARX Group, Toyota Motor Corporation, Cox Automotive Inc., and SAIC Capital.

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