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In preparation for the Biden Administration's upcoming "Summit of the Americas" meeting scheduled in Los Angeles June 6 through 10, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has produced commemorative and collectible TAP cards that will be available to both conference attendees and L.A. County transit riders.

The summit brings together leaders from North, South and Central America and the Caribbean to address challenges and opportunities in the Western hemisphere. High-ranking government, business and civil society leaders will gather in Los Angeles to discuss cooperation on a wide range of key issues, including social inclusion, economic recovery, climate change, digital transformation and democracy. The tri-annual meeting will mark the first time the United States has hosted the summit since its inaugural meeting in Florida in 1994.

"We couldn't be prouder to host President Biden's Summit of the Americas meeting here in the City of Angels," said L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Chair Hilda L. Solis. "We want to show a North American audience that Los Angeles has a robust, expansive public transit system that stands head-to-head with other major North American transit systems. Our commemorative TAP cards will help meeting attendees traverse the region and see for themselves that Angelenos are making a substantial investment to turn the so-called Car Capital of the World into a Transit Capital."

"President Biden is thrilled to host leaders from government, civil society, the private sector, and youth from across the hemisphere in Los Angeles for the Ninth Summit of the Americas," said Official U.S. National Summit Coordinator Kevin O'Reilly. "LA's diverse and innovative community is the perfect backdrop for our important work to build a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable future."

Metro has produced 2,000 special Summit of the Americas TAP cards for the meeting. Approximately 500 commemorative TAP cards loaded with a 7-Day Pass will be provided to conference attendees to use during their weeklong stay. These 500 TAP cards will be offered to attendees of the Civil Society Forum, an official stakeholder event designed for direct engagement between leaders and independent civil society representatives from all the countries of the Americas. The Civil Society Forum will elevate voices from across the hemispheres focused on a wide range of issues to ensure democracy delivers for the people of the hemispheres. The remaining 1,500 TAP cards will be distributed to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis at Metro Customer Centers in Los Angeles County. For a list of Metro Customer Centers, [click here.](https://thesource.metro.net/2021/11/05/new-and-easy-to-fill-out-applications-for-low-income-fare-discounts-are-now-online/) (<https://thesource.metro.net/2021/11/05/new-and-easy-to-fill-out-applications-for-low-income-fare-discounts-are-now-online/>)

"The arrival of the Summit of the Americas here in Los Angeles is yet another opportunity to demonstrate what a great option Metro is as an amazing, convenient mode of transportation around Los Angeles. We look forward to hosting these international visitors on our system who we hope will return home with a positive customer experience and a TAP card memento to prove it," said Metro CEO Stephanie N. Wiggins.

Los Angeles County's public transit system is the nation's third largest transit system behind New York and Chicago. It has an extensive range of transit services, including with four light rail lines, two subway lines, and more than 150 bus lines. Thanks to earlier voter-approved transportation sales tax measures, Metro now boasts the nation's largest, most ambitious transportation infrastructure building program that will add numerous new bus and rail lines to the L.A. region in the coming decades.

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