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Commuters

3 Ways to Ride Metrolink for Less



Metrolink is already a money-saving option versus driving alone when you consider the cost of gas, wear and tear on your car and any tolls or parking fees you might otherwise pay.

Here are a few other ways to save when you ride Metrolink...

1. If you ride occasionally, Metrolink's new **5-Day Flex Pass**—good for five 1-Day fares for 30 days from purchase

date—can save you 10% over the cost of buying individual tickets.

2. Earn free rides and get discounts at participating local merchants when you sign up for Metrolink's customer loyalty program, **So Cal Explorer**.

3. Any time that your schedule is flexible, and you can ride on a Saturday or Sunday instead of a weekday, it's only \$10 a day to ride Metrolink anywhere, all day long.

Get the Vanpool Mobile App

For Easier, Faster and More Efficient Vanpool Reporting

If your vanpool participates in a subsidy program in Los Angeles, Orange or Riverside/San Bernardino counties, you are required to submit monthly reports online and on time in order to receive your subsidy. (And if you don't participate in a subsidy program, see links, left, to find out how these programs can save you up to \$500 monthly on fares, including in Ventura County.)

The best way to do your vanpool reporting is by using the free mobile app provided by your county transportation agency.

The app allows vanpool coordinators to report trips taken and expenses incurred in an easier and more efficient way than when using paper forms.

Online reporting also allows for contactless submittal.

Find Out More About Vanpool Subsidies and Download the App:

- In Los Angeles County, visit metro.net/vanpool or download at [The Apple Store](#) and [Google Play](#).
- In Orange County, visit octa.net/vanpool or download at [The Apple Store](#) and [Google Play](#).
- In Riverside/San Bernardino counties, look for a vanpool app coming soon. Currently, online reporting is mobile-friendly and can be completed on a smartphone or tablet.
- In Ventura County, visit goventura.org.

In Brief

Pay Less at the Pumps



Gas prices last month topped \$4.10 a gallon in California—significantly more than the

pandemic low point of \$2.65 per gallon recorded last May, according to AAA figures.

Sharing the ride—whether carpooling, vanpooling, riding transit, or even biking or walking—can help you use less gas. Find your options at ridematch.info, IECommuter.org or by calling 511.

Traffic Is Back



As more people return to the worksite, they're also returning to driving.

Southern Californians on average drove at 95% of pre-pandemic levels as of April, according to an analysis by INRIX, a transportation data firm.

In 2020, when California's shutdown first took effect, the rate of driving plummeted to a low of 42% of usual levels.

While LA's morning commute is still only up to 61% of pre-COVID levels, people are driving more often and taking longer trips, the data indicated.



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