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Southern California
Commuters

Want to Make Taking Transit a Breeze? There's an App for That!

If you ride transit, you may be able to use your mobile device to find the best route, purchase fares, check real-time bus and train arrivals and more.

Here are important updates on a few apps:

On Metrolink

Metrolink recently partnered with the **Moovit.com** app to make it easier for riders to find the best routes and schedules. The app also uses crowdsourcing information so you can find out in real time when your train will arrive.

In Los Angeles County

Canceled Metro bus and rail trips are now shown on the **Transit app**, Metro's official app for smartphones.

While Metro still runs the vast majority of its buses and trains, since the onset



of the COVID-19 pandemic, occasionally trips are canceled due to staffing shortages or other issues.

When a scheduled trip is not running, it will be displayed in the Transit app with a strikethrough on the listing.

In Ventura County

With the new app, riders can buy fares and use their mobile device to board Ventura County Intercity buses—no physical pass needed. Download it at goventura.org/vcbuspass.

On Local and Regional Buses

Apps that are particularly helpful to commuters in Southern California include **NextBus.com** and **TransitApp.com** or check with your local transit provider to see which ones they use.

Ride Free on Feb. 4

Feb. 4 is Transit Equity Day. In honor of Rosa Parks' birthday, it's a day that promotes making transit affordable and accessible to people in all communities.

Fares will be free Feb. 4 on Metrolink trains throughout Southern California.

People in San Bernardino County can also board their local bus **for free for the day**.



Help Reimagine a Better Transit System for a Chance to Win \$100



Take a brief survey by Feb. 18 to help OCTA improve transit connections as part of the Making Better Connections Study.

There are several ways to participate. Find out more at OCbus.com/connections.

New Subsidies for Metro Vanpools



Metro is offering special incentives to commuters working in Los Angeles County who'd like to return to or try vanpooling.

Now, vanpools can receive a monthly subsidy toward the lease price of up to \$600 (from the previous \$500).

There's also a \$200 sign-up bonus for new vanpools, plus an extra \$100 for those vanpools that operate at 70% or above capacity.

For details, visit metro.net/vanpool.



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