



## Metrolink Improvements = A Better Commute for You

Metrolink is constantly working to improve your commute. Every improvement we make to the Metrolink system is meant to make your trip between home and work smoother, more efficient, more environmentally friendly, safer, and better in every way. Here are just some of the highlights from the past 12 months:

**Track and Signal Improvements on the Antelope Valley Line:** Back in the spring, the Antelope Valley Line received a series of track and signal improvements over four weekends in March. We replaced an old signal control-point housing with a new one and replaced older switch- and signal-control technology with state-of-the-art technology. By enhancing and updating railroad signals and switches, Metrolink increased the efficiency of your commute.

**Sealed Corridor Program:** On August 20, Metrolink officials broke ground on the most aggressive rail-safety plan under way in the USA, the Sealed Corridor Program. The plan targets 63 highway-rail grade crossings along 65 miles of track on the Ventura County and Antelope Valley lines. Safety improvements will be constructed at dozens of highway-rail grade crossings, where barriers between trains and vehicles will be upgraded. Improvements will include four quadrant gates, longer crossing-gate arms, median separators,

fencing, locked gates, and enhanced pedestrian crossings—all intended to reduce unauthorized access to railroad rights-of-way and collisions at grade crossings.



### Santa Ana Double-Track Cut-Over:

In September, a stretch of track that has long been a source of bottlenecks on the Orange County and Inland Empire–Orange County lines became a site of smooth sailing as one of the last sections of single track was transitioned to double-track service. Since the late 1990s, engineers had been working to improve the 1.5-mile stretch of single track in the midst of a 30-mile double-track section. With the double-track, a one-way road became a two-lane highway, allowing trains to travel in both directions simultaneously—and significantly improving efficiency and service reliability for riders who travel through Santa Ana.

**New Locomotives:** 15 new locomotives are being manufactured and will begin arriving later this year, leading to expanded, more environmentally friendly Metrolink service.

**New Cars/Crash Energy Management:** Metrolink has 107 new train cars in the works, all of which will be

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## Metrolink Thanksgiving Day Service Alert

If you are planning to use Metrolink during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, please be aware that a special train schedule will be in effect on Thursday, November 22. Metrolink trains will operate only on the San Bernardino, Antelope Valley, and Inland Empire–Orange County (IEOC) lines that day. Both the San Bernardino and Antelope Valley trains will follow the schedule normally run on Sundays. The IEOC Line will operate four round trips following the schedule you'll find on page 2. All lines will operate

normal service on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 23, 24, and 25. Please note that the Rail 2 Rail program is suspended on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday of Thanksgiving week, and Metrolink monthly passes will not be accepted for travel on Amtrak trains on those days.

You will find the Sunday schedules for the San Bernardino and Antelope Valley lines at [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com), or you can call (800) 371-LINK (5465) for more information.



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equipped with crash-energy-management (CEM) technology. CEM is similar to the crumple zones used in automobiles, but on a much larger scale. Of course, CEM is a technology we hope we never have to use—but in the unfortunate event that a major collision does occur, the technology will help greatly in minimizing passenger injuries. Metrolink is adding these new cars to our fleet to support current demand, increase ridership, and serve anticipated new service. The first of the new cars are expected to be on the rails by the fourth quarter of 2009.

**Grade Separations:** At-grade crossings, where the railroad tracks and the highway intersect at the same elevation, pose significant public safety hazards to motorists and pedestrians. The safer alternative is grade-separated crossings, where the highway and railroad tracks are at different elevations, with one crossing over the other. To increase the safety of California's motorists, pedestrians, and train passengers, there

are a number of grade-separation projects in progress on Metrolink rights-of-way to turn at-grade crossings into grade-separated crossings.

Grade-separation projects are currently in design or construction at the Ramona Boulevard underpass in El Monte; the Sierra Highway overhead bridge in Santa Clarita; Interstate 5 HOV lanes in Sylmar, Sun Valley, and Burbank; the Buena Vista and Empire Avenue underpasses in Burbank; various overhead bridges in Los Angeles; the Jeffrey Road, Sand Canyon Drive, and Marine Way underpasses in Irvine; the Haven Avenue underpass in Rancho Cucamonga; Oso Parkway in Mission Viejo; Tustin Ranch Road in Tustin; the Columbia Street and Third Street underpasses in Riverside; and a Fairmont Avenue overhead in Glendale.

Changes, improvements, and new safety features don't happen overnight, and we hope you bear with us during the time it takes for all of these initiatives to be completed.

## Thanksgiving Day Schedule—November 22, 2007 *(continued from page 1)*

INLAND EMPIRE-ORANGE COUNTY (IEOC) LINE	To Irvine	871	873	875	877	To Riverside	870	872	874	876
	Riverside—Downtown	8:30	10:00	4:30	6:15	Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo	10:10	11:40	6:15	8:00
	Riverside—La Sierra	8:40	10:10	4:40	6:25	Irvine	10:19	11:49	6:24	8:09
	North Main Corona	8:47	10:17	4:47	6:32	Tustin	10:25	11:55	6:30	8:15
	West Corona	8:54	10:24	4:54	6:39	Santa Ana	10:31	12:01	6:36	8:21
	Anaheim Canyon	9:13	10:43	5:13	6:58	Orange	10:36	12:06	6:41	8:26
	Orange	9:21	10:51	5:21	7:06	Anaheim Canyon	10:43	12:13	6:48	8:33
	Santa Ana	9:26	10:56	5:26	7:11	West Corona	11:03	12:33	6:58	8:53
	Tustin	9:32	11:02	5:32	7:17	North Main Corona	11:09	12:39	7:14	8:59
	Irvine	9:39	11:09	5:39	7:24	Riverside—La Sierra	11:17	12:47	7:22	9:07
	Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo	9:55	11:25	5:55	7:40	Riverside—Downtown	11:35	1:05	7:40	9:25

## The Jules Verne Film Festival—Where Science Meets Fiction

For ten days in December, you will have the opportunity to share in the global mission of exploration, discovery, education, and conservation to preserve the planet through a unique film festival. After 16 years of tremendous success in Paris, the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival will make its first L.A. appearance from December 5 to 15 at the Shrine Auditorium and the Los Angeles Theatres in downtown L.A. The theme of the festival is the spirit of Jules Verne novels—adventures below the oceans, to the center of the Earth, and to outer space.

Some of the highlights of the film festival include a 25th-anniversary screening of *Blade Runner* with the cast on stage; presentation of a special Jules Verne Lifetime Achievement Award to William Shatner, known for his portrayal of Captain Kirk on *Star Trek*; and, for fans of the TV show *Heroes*, a chance to meet cast members at the evening show on December 15.

Metrolink riders will receive a special two-for-one ticket offer at the box office. The offer is good for all shows. Just show your valid Metrolink ticket or pass to receive your discount, and you'll be on your way to a day of adventure! For more information on the special events and screenings, including schedules and ticket prices, go to [www.jvaff.org](http://www.jvaff.org).



## Metrolink's Holiday Toy Express™ is coming!

On November 17, 2007, Santa and all his pals will take to the rails on the Holiday Toy Express, stopping at Metrolink stations to perform a free show and collect toys for local firefighters' "Spark of Love" toy drive.

An 11-year tradition, the Holiday Toy Express premiered in 1997, visiting Southern California Metrolink stations over six nights. Since then, Metrolink has added many stations to the route, which means that this year Santa will be riding the Holiday Toy Express for fourteen nights. He'll make his very first stop at Metrolink's newest station, Buena Park.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to your local Metrolink station to see the Holiday Toy Express—and when you do, be sure to bring along a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the "Spark of Love" toy drive.

Watch for the Holiday Toy Express at your neighborhood Metrolink station on weekend evenings this November and December. For more information, call (800) 371-LINK (5465) or visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com). To find out about the firefighters' "Spark of Love" toy drive, visit [www.lafd.org/toyprog.htm](http://www.lafd.org/toyprog.htm) or [www.abctv.com](http://www.abctv.com).

Santa and all of his friends look forward to seeing you and your whole family at a Metrolink station near you. Happy holidays!



## Safety Matters

Santa reminds all good Metrolink passengers to stay safe while waiting on the platform and watching his holiday show. To make your visit with Santa and his friends as safe as possible, the Metrolink Safety "elves" ask that you please take a moment to review the following safety tips with your family.

- **ALWAYS** stand behind the line while waiting on the platform. Be aware: Some trains, such as freight trains and Amtrak trains, do not stop at Metrolink stations.
- **ALWAYS** hold your young child's hand when waiting on the platform. Do not allow children to sit on the platform edge.
- **ALWAYS** cross only at marked pedestrian crossings. Do not enter the crossing if the lights and bells actively indicate a train is approaching the station. Use the overpass or underpass, if available.
- **NEVER** run on or toward the station platform. No horseplay—pushing and shoving can cause injuries.
- **NEVER** walk or play on the railroad tracks or the ballast (rocks around the tracks).
- **NEVER** place coins or other objects on the tracks. Items left on the tracks can be projected out and injure you or someone else.
- **NEVER** cross in front of or behind the Holiday Toy Express™. Please allow the train to depart the station before returning to your car.
- **ALWAYS** follow the instructions of Metrolink Sheriff's deputies and Metrolink personnel at the station.

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## Root, Root, Root for the Home Teams!

Catch two of L.A.'s home teams in action this season—and save on tickets by showing your Metrolink pass.

Build camaraderie with your fellow fans on the way to the game and arrive charged and ready to go! Plus, save on travel time and parking, and avoid the headache of messy L.A. traffic.

### L.A. Clippers

Come see why Clipper Nation is growing! If you love adrenaline-pumping NBA action, this is one opportunity you can't miss.

Metrolink riders can save 20 percent on \$35 and \$85 seats for select games this season (while supplies last). There are 12 games for you to choose from and two easy ways to save. To receive your 20 percent discount, you can 1) Show your valid Metrolink ticket at the STAPLES Center box office, or 2) Go online to [clippers.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/p3mvtz) for the link to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/p3mvtz> and use the special promo code "train."

#### November and December Game Dates:

- Wed., Nov. 14 vs. New York ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 24 vs. New Orleans ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 4 vs. Milwaukee ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 18 vs. Toronto ..... 7:30 p.m.

For a full listing of the Clipper games for which you can enjoy the special 20 percent savings, go to [metrolinktrains.com/clippers](http://metrolinktrains.com/clippers) or call (800) 371-LINK (5465).

**Metrolink, Metro, and Amtrak® are the Official Transportation Partners of the Los Angeles Clippers basketball team for the 2007–08 season.**



### L.A. Kings

Hockey fans have a reason to celebrate! Back by popular demand, Metrolink-L.A. Kings special ticket packages are here again for the 2007 season. If you joined us last St. Patrick's Day, you remember all the fun we had riding the train to the game with fellow fans and chowing down on hot dogs on top of enjoying a great game!

This season, the L.A. Kings have partnered with Metrolink, Metro, and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) to bring you an even bigger and better ticket package, and there are five dates to choose from! These special Saturday game packages will include two game tickets, two beers, and two nachos, starting at just \$52. Save yourself the hassle of traffic and parking in downtown L.A. by riding the train—it's relaxing, convenient, and stress-free. San Bernardino Line riders need not worry about overtime since our late night train departs at 11:30 p.m. from Union Station.

To order, call (888) KINGS-LA or log on to [www.lakings.com](http://www.lakings.com); select tickets; click "single tickets;" then "Hockey Night Out."

#### Kings Hockey Night Out Game Dates

- Sat., Nov. 3, 2007 vs. San Jose ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Nov. 17, 2007 vs. Phoenix ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 8, 2007 vs. Phoenix ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 5, 2008 vs. Calgary ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 29, 2008 vs. Dallas ..... 1:00 p.m.

#### Ticket Discounts

Show your Metro or Metrolink pass and save \$10 at the box office (Subject to availability. Not available on January 10, 22, 24, March 8 and April 5).

**Metrolink, SANBAG, and Metro are the Official Transportation Partners of the Los Angeles Kings hockey team for the 2007–08 season.**



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## Holiday Toy Express™ schedule NOVEMBER

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

NORTH MAIN CORONA	5:00 p.m.
DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE	6:45 p.m.
RIVERSIDE-LA SIERRA	7:45 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

RANCHO CUCAMONGA	5:00 p.m.
FONTANA	6:00 p.m.
RIALTO	7:00 p.m.
SAN BERNARDINO	7:45 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

NEW HALL	7:30 p.m.
SYLMAR/SAN FERNANDO	8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

PEDLEY	5:00 p.m.
EAST ONTARIO	5:50 p.m.
DOWNTOWN POMONA	6:45 p.m.
INDUSTRY	7:35 p.m.
MONTABELLO/COMMERCE	8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

COVINA	5:00 p.m.
CLAREMONT	6:30 p.m.
MONTCLAIR	7:15 p.m.
UPLAND	8:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

BUENA PARK	6:45 p.m.
NORWALK/ SANTA FE SPRINGS	7:35 p.m.

## DECEMBER

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

ANAHEIM	5:15 p.m.
ORANGE	6:00 p.m.
SANTA ANA	7:00 p.m.
FULLERTON	8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

SAN CLEMENTE NORTH	5:45 p.m.
CAMP PENDLETON USMC	7:15 p.m.
SAN CLEMENTE PIER	8:45 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

DOWNTOWN BURBANK	6:15 p.m.
GLENDALE	8:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

SIMI VALLEY	5:00 p.m.
CHATS WORTH	6:00 p.m.
NORTH RIDGE	7:00 p.m.
VAN NUYS	8:15 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

MONTALVO	5:00 p.m.
OXNARD	5:45 p.m.
CAMARILLO	6:30 p.m.
MOORPARK	7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

EL MONTE	7:30 p.m.
BALDWIN PARK	8:45 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

LANCASTER	5:00 p.m.
PALMDALE	6:50 p.m.
VINCENT GRADE/ACTON	7:45 p.m.
VIA PRINCESSA	9:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

TUSTIN	5:45 p.m.
IRVINE	6:30 p.m.
LAGUNA NIGUEL/ MISSION VIEJO	7:30 p.m.
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	8:30 p.m.

## City News



**Burbank**—The Downtown Burbank ARTS Festival is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in downtown Burbank. With more than 100 professional artists, it is one of the largest art festivals in the San Fernando Valley and this year will feature an entire city block devoted entirely to student art, student live performances, demonstrations, and special appearances highlighting student artistic talent from Burbank Unified schools. There will be a silent auction in the show. For further information on the ARTS Festival, the public is asked to please call (818) 238-5180



## Disney On Ice presents Princess Wishes

### Enchanting \$5 Savings offer for Metrolink Riders!

(SAVE \$5 to select shows. Offer applies to \$16, \$20 & \$25 Tickets)

Enter a world of wishes with your favorite Disney princesses in *Disney On Ice presents Princess Wishes*! Tinker Bell represents the magic of Disney as she whisks you through a collection of enchanting and beloved Disney stories. Join Ariel as she yearns to explore the world above the waves. See Snow White find her one true love. Discover a whole new world with Jasmine. And, watch in wonder as the dreams of Cinderella, Belle, Aurora and Mulan all come true. See how dreams and wishes really can come true. Be sure to see this magical show where believing is just the beginning! Playing Dec. 19 - Jan. 13 at an arena near you!

### Appearing:

**STAPLES Center:** Wed. Dec. 19 - Sun. Dec. 23

**Honda Center of Anaheim:** Tue. Dec. 25 - Sun. Dec. 30

**Los Angeles Sports Arena:** Thu. Jan. 3 - Sun. Jan. 6

**Long Beach Arena:** Wed. Jan. 9 - Sun. Jan. 13

**Regular Ticket Prices:** \$16, \$20, \$25, \$40 VIP and  
\$65 Front Row

### TRAIN Savings Show Dates and Times

#### STAPLES CENTER

Thu. Dec. 20 at 7:30pm

Fri. Dec. 21 at 11am

Sat. Dec. 22 at 12 Noon

Sat. Dec. 22 at 3:30pm

#### HONDA CENTER

Thu. Dec. 27 at 10:30am

Thu. Dec. 27 at 7:30pm

Fri. Dec. 28 at 10:30am

Sat. Dec. 29 at 12 Noon

#### LOS ANGELES SPORTS ARENA

Fri. Jan. 4 at 11am

Sat. Jan. 5 at 12 Noon

Sat. Jan. 5 at 3:30pm

#### LONG BEACH ARENA

Thu. Jan 10 at 7:30pm

Fri. Jan. 11 at 11am

Sat. Jan. 12 at 12:00 Noon

For train schedule information and directions to these show venues, visit [metrolinktrains.com/princesswishes](http://metrolinktrains.com/princesswishes) or call (800) 371-LINK (5465).

[www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com)

### There are 3 easy ways to purchase tickets:

1. **PRESENT** Metro/Metrolink/Amtrak Pass at the Arena Box Offices.
2. **VISIT** [www.ticketmaster.com/train](http://www.ticketmaster.com/train).
3. **CALL** Ticketmaster at (213) 480-3232, (805) 583-8700 or (714) 740-2000 and mention promotional code TRAIN.

Savings offer does not apply to Front Row or VIP seats. Limit up to six (6) tickets. No double discounts. Tickets based on availability. Service charges and handling fees may apply.

### Contest

#### Wishing for your own Disney dream?

Enter for a chance to WIN one of two Family Four-Pack of tickets to *Disney On Ice presents Princess Wishes* by visiting [www.metrolinkchancetowin.com](http://www.metrolinkchancetowin.com) or return the entry form below and mail it by November 28, 2007, to Metrolink Matters, *Disney On Ice presents Princess Wishes*, 700 S. Flower Street, Suite 2600, Los Angeles, CA 90017. No purchase necessary to enter or win.

### Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ No, I do not want to receive future e-mails.

Daytime

Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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One entry per person. All winners will be contacted by phone.

Disney is neither a sponsor nor an endorser of this contest.

Must be 18 years or older to enter. Void where prohibited.

For full contest rules visit [www.metrolinktrains.com/princesswishes](http://www.metrolinktrains.com/princesswishes).



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