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# WORD FROM THE CEO

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Dear Riders,

Spring is in the air and Metrolink is gearing up to help riders get out and enjoy Southern California's great weather. As you're aware, Metrolink believes in a greener future for the region and encourages riders to take part in reducing their carbon footprint. This spring, our popular Angels Express trains return, and we are exploring the option of offering special train service for select Dodgers games. With the recent opening of the San Bernardino – Downtown Station, minor league baseball fans are just steps away from the San Manuel Stadium, which is home to the Inland Empire 66ers. Taking Metrolink to these games not only helps riders avoid traffic saving time and money, they help with Metrolink's commitment to providing alternatives to popular events that help reduce both traffic and transportation gas emissions.

It's also a great time of year to get outdoors and see the natural beauty of the region in the springtime. Many Metrolink stations are near fantastic biking and hiking trails, which showcase a quieter side of the Southern California hustle and bustle.

As we continue to enhance our Metrolink service, I thank you for your continued support and ridership.

*Arthur T. Leahy*



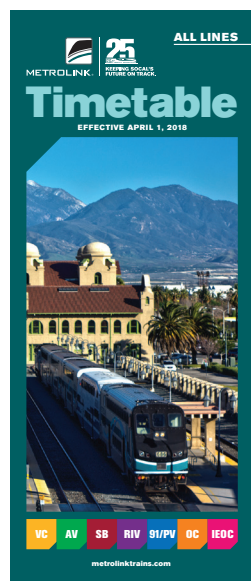
## NEW BURBANK AIRPORT-NORTH STATION OFFERS DAILY SERVICE TO HOLLYWOOD BURBANK AIRPORT

Metrolink will soon open the new Burbank Airport – North (AV Line) Station on the Antelope Valley Line on May 14. The new station is located only about one mile from the airport and will have a regular shuttle, operated by the Hollywood Burbank Airport. This new station will allow riders to take the train to or from the airport to save on parking costs.

The new station will not have parking initially, but the City of Burbank's BurbankBus will provide service to and from the station.

As a reminder, the current Burbank/Bob Hope Airport Station on the Ventura County Line will continue to be in service but will be renamed Burbank Airport – South (VC Line).

## SCHEDULE CHANGES ON SOME METROLINK & AMTRAK TRAINS



Metrolink and Amtrak riders will see schedule changes on Sunday, April 1 and Monday, May 14.

In April, riders who use Amtrak Pacific Surfliner train A761 as part of the Rail2Rail Program may be affected by adjustments to that train's schedule but no Metrolink times will change in April.

In May, the Antelope Valley Line will see changes to its schedule to include stops for the new Burbank Airport – North (AV Line) Station.

Please visit [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com) for more information or pick up a new Timetable on trains and at stations.

## ON THE COVER

## STAY HEALTHY AND GREEN BY USING BIKES AND METROLINK



San Luis Rey River Trail



San Fernando Road Bike Path



Santa Ana River Trail

**R**iders have many options when it comes to the first and last mile of each trip they take on Metrolink. This is the portion of their journey to and from the train station to their home or work. These options include driving, walking, bus riding or biking. Bikes are allowed on any Metrolink train car and each regular train car can hold three bikes. The special Bike/Board Cars are designed to hold six bikes on the lower level.

In May, Metrolink will participate in Bike to Work Week and we encourage riders to use their bikes for the first and last mile of their trips. From May 14-18, anyone who brings a bike on board Metrolink can ride for free!

In addition to using your bike for the first and last mile portion of your trip, many Metrolink stations are close to some of Southern California's best biking trails. Get a great workout and recharge your mind and body while avoiding the stress of traffic and parking by exploring these trails.

#### SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL

Head to the Anaheim ARTIC Station, and you're pretty much on the trail as soon as you step off the train. The ARTIC Station is the midpoint of the Santa Ana River Trail, so you have the option to go north or south along the paved 30-mile route. If you head north, the trail reaches to Green River Road at the Orange County and Riverside County border. If you head south, you can ride all the way down to the ocean at Huntington Beach. This trail welcomes bikers, runners, rollerbladers, and just about anyone else looking for exercise.

#### PACIFIC ELECTRIC BIKE TRAIL

Easily accessible from the Montclair, Claremont, Upland, Fontana and Rialto stations, this 21-mile path stretches from the Los Angeles County line at Claremont to Rialto. The Pacific Electric Trail follows the route of the legendary Pacific Electric Railway, an electrified railway system famous for their "Red

Cars" that spanned from the Pacific coast through Los Angeles, and traveled as far east as San Bernardino. The building of the railway through the Inland Empire was crucial to the development of the area, particularly to support the agricultural industry that fueled the local economy. The San Bernardino portion of the railway was used extensively in transporting products from the citrus and wine making areas of Cucamonga and Redlands to Los Angeles and the rest of the United States. In later years, the railway was used for moving war time materials and troops to the ports of Los Angeles. Once the world's largest interurban and street railway system, the Pacific Electric Railway ended operation during the 1950's with the expansion of the Southern California freeway system. One of the last remaining railway depots of the San Bernardino line, the Etiwanda Depot, can be found in Rancho Cucamonga at the intersection of Etiwanda Avenue and the Pacific Electric trail.

#### SANTA CLARA RIVER TRAIL

Just off the Via Princessa and Santa Clarita stations, the Santa Clara River Trail is an 8-mile paved trail that is great for bikers and runners and travels along the Santa Clara River between the communities of Canyon Country and Valencia.

#### SAN FERNANDO ROAD BIKE PATH

With easy access from the Sylmar/San Fernando Station, the San Fernando Road Bike Path parallels its namesake road and travels along the Antelope Valley Line. Beginning in Sylmar, the 5.7 mile trail cuts clear through the city of San Fernando, before ending in Pacoima.

#### SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL

About a mile away from the Oceanside Transit Center, the San Luis Rey River Trail is a Class 1 bicycle trail following a 7.2 mile path from Neptune Way to College Boulevard. This path is also great for runners and rollerbladers and is a relatively flat, paved pathway.



## LATE METROLINK ENGINEER GIVEN HIGHEST RAILROAD HONORS



Metrolink honored engineer Glenn Steele by naming a control point after him on the 91/Perris Valley Line in February.

Steele was the agency's most senior engineer, having spent half of his 42-year-long Amtrak career operating Metrolink trains. On February 24, 2015, Steele was the engineer of Ventura County Line train 102, which derailed in Oxnard after hitting a vehicle left on the railroad tracks. Steele succumbed to the injuries sustained in the incident a week later.

In remembrance, Metrolink Chair Andrew Kotyuk and CEO Art Leahy presented Steele's family with the newly dedicated control point.

Naming a control point after someone is one of the highest honors in the railroad industry. A control point is an area of track where a dispatcher remotely controls the signals and routing of trains. Control Point Steele will be seen daily by crews on the Perris Valley Line extension and will ensure that Steele's legacy will continue to live on.

## STAY SAFE WITH YOUR BIKE ABOARD TRAINS

Bikes are allowed on any Metrolink train car and each regular train car can hold three bikes. The special Bike/Board Cars are designed to hold six bikes on the lower level.

For the safety of all passengers, please walk, not ride, bikes onto the station platforms. When you hear your train announced, move to the area behind the boarding line. As a courtesy, wait until all riders have cleared the doorway before getting on.

Please ensure that your bicycle does not create a hazard and does not block the movement of other passengers. Bicycles must be secured by using the provided straps on board Metrolink trains.

At the conductor's discretion, if space is not available, the conductor may require a bicyclist to relocate the bike to a different car or wait for a later train as bike storage is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Most Metrolink stations offer bike racks or bike lockers for passengers. Please check the individual station pages to verify if bike amenities are available. For more information about bringing bicycles on board Metrolink trains, visit: [metrolinktrains.com/rider-info/onboard-policies/bikesboards](http://metrolinktrains.com/rider-info/onboard-policies/bikesboards).



## LOVE FOR BUILDING THINGS AS A GIRL TURNS INTO A CAREER ON THE RAILROAD



Elizabeth Lun presenting Metrolink's structures condition and rehabilitation program to Metrolink Board Members.



Lun inside the Santa Fe 3751 steam engine during the Grand Opening Ceremony of the Vincent Grade / Acton station.

**F**or Elizabeth Lun, a childhood passion for building things has turned into a career overseeing the design and construction of projects that are ushering in a new future for the Metrolink commuter rail system.

“As I went through college and early career, I went into transportation and found railroad track design most intriguing of all the civil engineering disciplines,” said Lun, an Eastvale resident.

Five years ago, Lun joined Metrolink eager to contribute to the development of Southern California's passenger rail system. Today, she's Principal Engineer of Design and Engineering, managing design and construction projects that are making Metrolink safer and more efficient for tens of thousands of commuters and residents who live near rail corridors.

In 2017, Lun served as lead on Metrolink's \$19 million project to construct the Vincent Siding Extension and second platform at the Vincent Grade/ Acton Station on Metrolink's Antelope Valley Line. The project extended the existing siding track by 5,000 feet, added a crossover track, increased the siding track speed, and added a pedestrian at-grade crossing at the station.

The extension project is an accomplishment Lun is extremely proud of. “It had a tight budget and a complex construction phasing that directly impacted live track and Positive Train Control (PTC),” said Lun. “This was a huge team effort which involved coordination among numerous Metrolink departments, utility owners, local jurisdictions, designers, contractors and many others. The project was delivered on schedule and within budget.” Nearly five years since starting her career at Metrolink, Lun reflected on

how working at Metrolink has impacted her professionally and personally. She noted, “My work and personal life balance has improved substantially since joining Metrolink.” Lun added, “I have a deep appreciation for my job, which allows me to exercise my knowledge and skill while providing me freedom to pursue other passions outside of work. Working here has also given me flexibility with family needs as I recently transitioned into motherhood last year.”

Lun's story is part of a larger journey of hopes and dreams. She is the child of refugees who escaped genocide in their home country of Cambodia. Her parents fled to the United States in 1981, where they were unfamiliar with the language, culture and the American way of life.

As a result of her personal and professional experiences she has an intensely positive outlook.

“I truly believe you can attain whatever you desire, if you are willing to work for it,” said Lun. “There are no limits that anyone is placing upon you, other than the limits you place on yourself.”

When asked about what her message is for young women entering the railroad industry and about empowerment she stated, “Every man and woman is uniquely designed and each one of you contribute to society and your community in a unique way. Discover what that is and unleash it for others to experience. For those considering joining this industry, being a woman railroader is a real treat. You will find more respect and concern for you here on the railroad than you might find anywhere else.”





## METROLINK MATTERS GOES DIGITAL WITH NEW BLOG

Can't get enough of Metrolink Matters? Passengers and stakeholders can now view the latest Metrolink news and information on the official new blog, Metrolink Matters. The blog is designed to provide readers with up-to-date information on a user-friendly, easy-to-access digital platform.

Metrolink Matters will offer new weekly articles ranging from Agency news and safety reminders to community outreach activities, service updates, promotions and more.

Readers can also stay in touch with the Metrolink Matters blog by signing up for monthly email updates highlighting the top stories of the month.

To view the Metrolink Matters blog and subscribe to receive updates, go to [metrolinkmatters.com](http://metrolinkmatters.com).

## ANGELS EXPRESS IS BACK BEGINNING APRIL 2!



Trains will operate on the Orange County Line to all weekday home games that start at 7:07 p.m. and on Friday night games on the Inland Empire-Orange County Line from Perris – South.

Tickets are \$7 roundtrip for adults, \$6 for senior/disabled, \$4 for youth (ages 6-18) and free for children 5 and under with each fare-paying adult (limit 3 children per adult). Tickets must be purchased on game days at Ticket Vending Machines or on the Metrolink App.

For more information visit [metrolinktrains.com/angelsexpress](http://metrolinktrains.com/angelsexpress).



## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE ON METROLINK

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2018: Metrolink will operate the same schedule it does on Sundays. Regular weekday service will resume on Tuesday, May 29.

On holidays when Metrolink operates the same schedule it operates on Sundays, there is no service on the Ventura County and Riverside lines, or the four stops on the 91/Perris Valley Line extension. Additionally, regular weekday fares will be required.