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Los Angeles County Fair

Make Metrolink your "hay ride" to the L.A. County Fair! Grab your coveralls and get ready to party country-style at the 2008 Los Angeles County Fair! And don't forget your train ticket, since Metrolink is your easy way to get to the Fairplex in Pomona.

Get on a Metrolink train and head out to Pomona for all the food (what are they deep-frying this year?), shopping, and rides. Don't miss:

- "A Pirate's Life": Arrr! Guests can "enroll" in Cap'n Calico Jack's Pirate Academy, enjoy the live pirate shows "Pirates of the Columbian Caribbean" and "The Vagabond Pirates," and experience other high-seas adventures. And don't forget that September 19 is International Talk Like a Pirate Day!
- The Flower and Garden Pavilion will provide a spectacular theme exhibit, "Escape to Hawaii: An Enchanting Island Experience."
- "Wild Things" Backyard Fun: This America's Kids attraction will include live animal shows, the world's largest ant farm, and an array of unique, robotic insects.

The L.A. County Fair will open its gates on Friday, September 5, and continue through Sunday, September 28. What better way to get to the fair than on a Metrolink train? San Bernardino Line trains will make special stops at the Fairplex beginning Friday, September 5. Trains will stop at the fair every day, except on Mondays and Tuesdays, when the fair is closed.

The L.A. County Fair will open at 11 a.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and 10 a.m. on weekends. If you are planning to take Metrolink to the Fair, please remember to purchase a round-trip ticket to Pomona from the Ticket Vending Machine at your home station prior to boarding your train. Passengers waiting for the train home from the fair will not be allowed to board without valid fare media. There is no ticket vending machine at the Fairplex. If you need a one-way ticket from the fair to your home station, you must purchase it in advance at your home station. Admission tickets to the Los Angeles County Fair can be purchased at the fair ticket booths located in front of the admission gates.

Visit the L.A. County Fair Web site, www.lacountyfair.com, for a complete listing of events. For more Metrolink information, visit www.metrolinktrains.com or call (800) 371-LINK (5465).

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Metrolink riders are VIPs at the Los Angeles County Fair! Just show your valid Metrolink monthly pass or round-trip or 10-trip ticket at any fair ticket booth and you'll receive a coupon good for \$1.00 off admission tickets to the fair, special Midway ride discounts, and 15 percent off selected food, beverages (excludes alcohol), and fair-branded merchandise. To find out more about what your Metrolink ticket can unlock for you at the fair, visit www.lacountyfair.com.



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2008 METROLINK LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE



San Bernardino Wednesday-Friday Service

FROM SAN BERNARDINO TO LOS ANGELES

Train	Read Down	319	321	325	327	329	331	333
SAN BERNARDINO		11:00a	1:00p	3:00p	4:00p	5:00p	6:10p	7:15p
RIALTO		11:06a	1:06p	3:06p	4:06p	5:05p	6:16p	7:21p
FONTANA		11:11a	1:11p	3:11p	4:11p	5:10p	6:21p	7:26p
RANCHO CUCAMONGA		11:19a	1:19p	3:19p	4:19p	5:18p	6:28p	7:34p
UPLAND		11:26a	1:26p	3:26p	4:26p	5:24p	6:39p	7:41p
MONTCLAIR		11:31a	1:31p	3:31p	4:31p	5:30p	6:50p	7:46p
CLAREMONT		11:34a	1:34p	3:34p	4:34p	5:33p	6:53p	7:51p
POMONA-NORTH		11:38a	1:38p	3:38p	4:38p	5:37p	6:57p	7:55p
L.A. COUNTY FAIR		11:40a	1:40p	3:40p	4:40p	5:39p	6:59p	7:57p
COVINA		11:47a	1:47p	3:47p	4:47p	5:52p	7:06p	8:04p
BALDWIN PARK		11:53a	1:53p	3:53p	4:53p	5:58p	7:12p	8:10p
EL MONTE		12:02p	2:02p	4:12p	5:21p	6:20p	7:26p	8:22p
CAL STATE L.A.		12:13p	2:13p	4:36p	5:36p	6:31p	7:36p	8:32p
L.A. UNION STATION	↓	12:30p	2:30p	4:50p	5:50p	6:45p	7:50p	8:50p

FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN BERNARDINO

Train	Read Down	302	304	308	310	318	326	328	330	332
L.A. UNION STATION		9:03a	11:20a	1:20p	2:20p	4:40p	6:00p	7:00p	8:00p	9:00p
CAL STATE L.A.		9:13a	11:30a	1:30p	2:30p	4:50p	6:10p	7:10p	8:10p	9:10p
EL MONTE		9:30a	11:40a	1:40p	2:40p	5:00p	6:20p	7:20p	8:20p	9:20p
BALDWIN PARK		9:38a	11:48a	1:48p	2:48p	5:08p	6:28p	7:28p	8:28p	9:28p
COVINA		9:45a	11:55a	1:55p	2:55p	5:15p	6:35p	7:35p	8:35p	9:35p
L.A. COUNTY FAIR		9:53a	12:03p	2:03p	3:03p	5:23p	6:43p	7:43p	8:43p	9:43p
POMONA-NORTH		9:55a	12:05p	2:05p	3:05p	5:25p	6:45p	7:45p	8:45p	9:45p
CLAREMONT		9:59a	12:09p	2:09p	3:09p	5:29p	6:49p	7:49p	8:49p	9:49p
MONTCLAIR		10:02a	12:12p	2:12p	3:12p	5:32p	6:52p	7:52p	8:52p	9:52p
UPLAND		10:07a	12:17p	2:17p	3:17p	5:37p	6:57p	7:57p	8:57p	9:57p
RANCHO CUCAMONGA		10:14a	12:24p	2:24p	3:24p	5:44p	7:04p	8:04p	9:04p	10:04p
FONTANA		10:23a	12:33p	2:33p	3:33p	5:53p	7:13p	8:13p	9:13p	10:13p
RIALTO		10:29a	12:39p	2:39p	3:39p	5:59p	7:24p	8:19p	9:19p	10:19p
SAN BERNARDINO	↓	10:40a	12:50p	2:50p	3:50p	6:09p	7:35p	8:30p	9:30p	10:30p

San Bernardino Saturday Service

FROM SAN BERNARDINO TO LOS ANGELES

Train	Read Down	357	359	363	367	369	373	377	379
DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE		9:20a	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SAN BERNARDINO		10:00a	11:05a	12:35p	1:40p	2:50p	4:10p	7:10p	9:20p
RIALTO		10:06a	11:11a	12:41p	1:46p	2:56p	4:16p	7:16p	9:26p
FONTANA		10:11a	11:16a	12:46p	1:51p	3:01p	4:21p	7:21p	9:31p
RANCHO CUCAMONGA		10:19a	11:24a	12:54p	1:59p	3:09p	4:29p	7:29p	9:39a
UPLAND		10:26a	11:31a	1:01p	2:06p	3:16p	4:36p	7:36p	9:46p
MONTCLAIR		10:31a	11:36a	1:06p	2:11p	3:21p	4:41p	7:41p	9:51p
CLAREMONT		10:34a	11:39a	1:09p	2:14p	3:24p	4:44p	7:44p	9:54p
POMONA-NORTH		10:38a	11:43a	1:13p	2:18p	3:28p	4:48p	7:48p	9:58p
L.A. COUNTY FAIR		10:40a	11:45a	1:15p	2:20p	3:30p	4:50p	7:50p	10:00p
COVINA		10:47a	11:52a	1:22p	2:27p	3:37p	4:57p	7:57p	10:07p
BALDWIN PARK		10:53a	11:58a	1:28p	2:33p	3:43p	5:03p	8:03p	10:13p
EL MONTE		11:02a	12:07p	1:37p	2:42p	3:52p	5:12p	8:12p	10:22p
CAL STATE L.A.		11:13a	12:18p	1:48p	2:53p	4:03p	5:23p	8:23p	10:33p
L.A. UNION STATION	↓	11:30a	12:35p	2:05p	3:10p	4:20p	5:40p	8:40p	10:50p

FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN BERNARDINO

Train	Read Down	354	358	362	364	366	368	372	376	378
L.A. UNION STATION		9:00a	10:40a	11:50a	1:20p	3:25p	4:45p	6:15p	9:00p	11:30p
CAL STATE L.A.		9:10a	10:50a	12:00p	1:30p	3:35p	4:55p	6:25p	9:10p	11:40p
EL MONTE		9:20a	11:00a	12:10p	1:40p	3:45p	5:05p	6:35p	9:20p	11:50p
BALDWIN PARK		9:28a	11:08a	12:18p	1:48p	3:53p	5:13p	6:43p	9:28p	11:58p
COVINA		9:36a	11:16a	12:26p	1:56p	4:01p	5:21p	6:51p	9:36p	12:06a
L.A. COUNTY FAIR		9:45a	11:25a	12:35p	2:05p	4:13p	5:31p	7:00p	9:45p	12:15a
POMONA-NORTH		9:47a	11:27a	12:37p	2:07p	4:15p	5:33p	7:02p	9:47p	12:17a
CLAREMONT		9:51a	11:31a	12:41p	2:11p	4:19p	5:37p	7:06p	9:51p	12:21a
MONTCLAIR		9:55a	11:35a	12:45p	2:15p	4:23p	5:41p	7:10p	9:55p	12:25a
UPLAND		10:00a	11:40a	12:50p	2:20p	4:28p	5:46p	7:15p	10:00p	12:30a
RANCHO CUCAMONGA		10:07a	11:47a	12:57p	2:27p	4:35p	5:53p	7:22p	10:07p	12:37a
FONTANA		10:16a	11:56a	1:06p	2:36p	4:44p	6:02p	7:31p	10:16p	12:46a
RIALTO		10:21a	12:01p	1:11p	2:41p	4:49p	6:07p	7:36p	10:21p	12:51a
SAN BERNARDINO		10:30a	12:10p	1:20p	3:00p	5:08p	6:15p	7:45p	10:30p	1:00a
DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE	↓	—	—	—	3:30p	5:35p	—	—	—	—

San Bernardino Sunday Service

FROM SAN BERNARDINO TO LOS ANGELES

Train	Read Down	355	359	361	365	371	375
DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE		—	—	—	1:00p	—	—
SAN BERNARDINO		9:10a	11:05a	12:10p	1:40p	3:30p	5:35p
RIALTO		9:16a	11:11a	12:16p	1:46p	3:36p	5:41p
FONTANA		9:21a	11:16a	12:21p	1:51p	3:41p	5:46p
RANCHO CUCAMONGA		9:29a	11:24a	12:29p	1:59p	3:49p	5:54p
UPLAND		9:36a	11:31a	12:36p	2:06p	3:56p	6:01p
MONTCLAIR		9:41a	11:36a	12:41p	2:11p	4:01p	6:06p
CLAREMONT		9:44a	11:39a	12:44p	2:14p	4:04p	6:09p
POMONA-NORTH		9:48a	11:43a	12:48p	2:18p	4:08p	6:13p
L.A. COUNTY FAIR		9:50p	11:45a	12:50p	2:20p	4:10p	6:15p
COVINA		9:57a	11:52a	12:57p	2:27p	4:19p	6:22p
BALDWIN PARK		10:03a	11:58a	1:03p	2:33p	4:25p	6:28p
EL MONTE		10:12a	12:07p	1:12p	2:42p	4:34p	6:37p
CAL STATE L.A.		10:23a	12:18p	1:23p	2:53p	4:45p	6:48p
L.A. UNION STATION	↓	10:40a	12:35p	1:40p	3:10p	5:00p	7:05p

FROM LOS ANGELES TO SAN BERNARDINO

Train	Read Down	354	356	360	364	366	370	374
L.A. UNION STATION		9:00a	10:00a	11:25a	1:20p	3:25p	5:25p	7:45p
CAL STATE L.A.		9:10a	10:10a	11:35a	1:30p	3:35p	5:35p	7:55p
EL MONTE		9:20a	10:25a	11:45a	1:40p	3:45p	5:45p	8:05p
BALDWIN PARK		9:28a	10:33a	11:53a	1:48p	3:53p	5:53p	8:13p
COVINA		9:36a	10:41a	12:01p	1:56p	4:01p	6:01p	8:21p
L.A. COUNTY FAIR		9:45a	10:50a	12:10p	2:05p	4:13p	6:11p	8:30p
POMONA-NORTH		9:47a	10:52a	12:12p	2:07p	4:15p	6:13p	8:32p
CLAREMONT		9:51a	10:56a	12:16p	2:11p	4:19p	6:17p	8:36p
MONTCLAIR		9:55a	11:00a	12:20p	2:15p	4:23p	6:21p	8:40p
UPLAND		10:00a	11:05a	12:25p	2:20p	4:28p	6:26p	8:45p
RANCHO CUCAMONGA		10:07a	11:12a	12:32p	2:27p	4:35p	6:33p	8:52p
FONTANA		10:16a	11:21a	12:41p	2:36p	4:44p	6:42p	9:01p
RIALTO		10:21a	11:26a	12:46p	2:41p	4:49p	6:47p	9:06p
SAN BERNARDINO		10:30a	11:35a	12:55p	3:00p	5:00p	6:55p	9:25p
DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE	↓	—	—	—	3:30p	—	—	9:55p



L: Train may leave up to five minutes ahead of schedule. t: Trains marked with a "t" stop on track 2. All other trains stop on track 1.

A CLOSER LOOK: ASSEMBLING RAIL CARS IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY

Metrolink has more than 100 new rail cars on the way. Not only will these cars help us serve more riders, they will also feature state-of-the-art crash energy management technology. The cars are being manufactured from parts made literally all over the world.

Hyundai-Rotem, a South Korean manufacturing company, will manufacture and assemble our new cars. Assembly of the main unit—the shell that houses the rail car—will happen in South Korea, and then subcontractors from all over the world will furnish the necessary subcomponents. Parts are being ordered from companies in more than a dozen countries on four continents: communications equipment will come from Japan, seats and toilet modules from China, and the brake system from right here in the United States. The air-conditioning units will be tested in Australia and built in the U.S., and the side doors and interior lining will hail from Canada. Parts will travel to Philadelphia, where all the pieces will come together for final assembly.

Metrolink was the first U.S. rail agency to contract with Hyundai-Rotem. We've been followed by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. With final assembly occurring in the United States, this process meets the U.S. federal government's Buy America guidelines. The first of these new cars is scheduled to arrive and be tested in Southern California in spring 2009.



RULES OF THE ROAD: NO BOARDS ON THE TRAIN



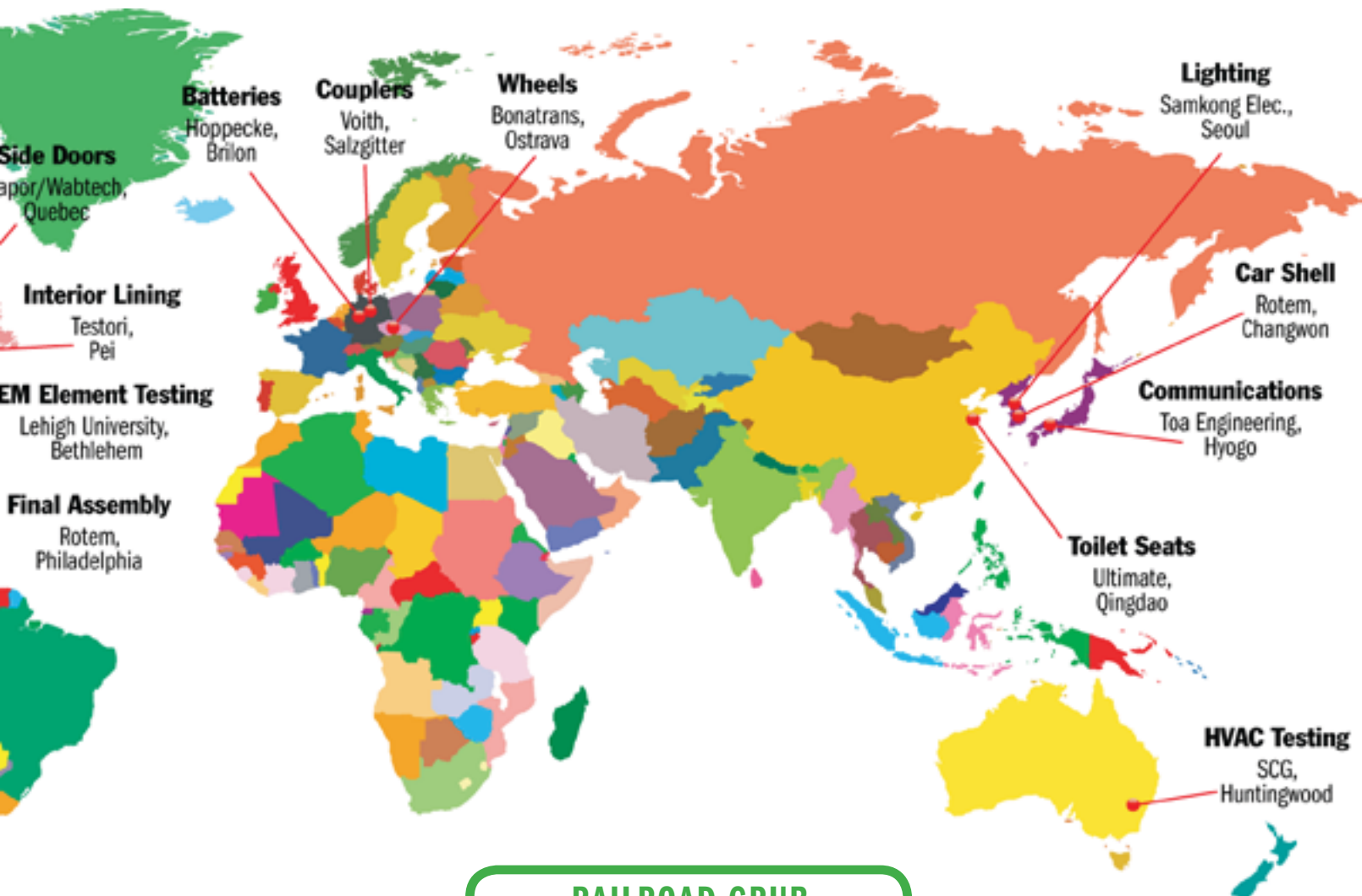
Riding Metrolink to the beach at San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, or Oceanside is a great way to enjoy the shore without the hassle of traffic, expensive gas, or parking.

While we are proud to provide continued beach service through October 7, we regret that surfboards, boogie boards, body boards, and skim boards are not permitted on Metrolink. Passenger trains do not have designated storage areas to properly secure such items. Because safety is our top priority, we are unable to allow boards on the train.

Construction & Maintenance Update

The scrolling message boards at the Orange Station on the Orange County Line will be out of service due to the construction of the new pedestrian undercrossing. Messaging will be restored upon the completion of the project, which is expected to occur in March 2009.

The message boards will be permanently turned off at the Pomona (North) Station, with the components removed to make way for testing of Metrolink's new passenger communications system.



RAILROAD GRUB

This month we're heading down N'awlins way! Rider Michael Bryant sent "Railroad Grub" a tip on Les Sisters' Southern Kitchen, which is located a few blocks away from the Chatsworth Station on the Ventura County Line.

Housed in an unassuming storefront, Les Sisters' offers your first hint that the good times are about to roll in its wall décor, which contains framed print reviews, city proclamations, and New Orleans knickknacks.

The menu features Cajun, Creole, and Southern specialties, along with a few familiar favorites (burger, anyone?). The jambalaya is excellent, spicy, and flavorful. The shrimp basket houses a generous portion of very large fried shrimp, which is breaded in a crispy coating that's light and hearty at the same time. The fried chicken is highly recommended, but save some room for dessert!

Whatever you do, make sure to try a slice of buttermilk pie. Offering the consistency of pumpkin pie with a sweet vanilla flavor and a slight buttermilk zing, this is a creation that is hard to describe but delicious nonetheless.

Service at Les Sisters' can be a bit on the slow side...but only because they make everything from scratch, so patience is definitely rewarded. Make sure that you leave enough time

to relax, talk to the knowledgeable wait staff, and enjoy the experience.

Les Sisters' Southern Kitchen is located at 21818 Devonshire Street, west of the entrance to the Chatsworth Station. They are open for lunch Tuesdays through Fridays, and dinner Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call (818) 998 0755.

We would like to ask you, our riders, to let us know about diners, eateries, and restaurants that you enjoy near the station you commute to or from. Let us know what you enjoy most about your favorite eating establishment! We have only three rules:

1. Restaurant must be within walking distance of a Metrolink station.
2. No chains, please. We want to hear about places other riders may not know about.
3. Your eatery must have been in business at least a year.

Send your "find" via e-mail to metrolinkmatters@scrra.net with the subject line "Railroad Grub."



Metrolink Weekends: AV Line

Check out the first annual Wine and Arts Festival, September 13 and 14 in Lancaster. The two-day event will feature wine tasting, a beer garden, local cuisine, entertainment, and assorted vendors. There will be play areas for kids, too! It will be held just one block from the Lancaster Station. Admission to the festival is free to the public. And remember, Metrolink weekend-service fares are 25 percent less than regular weekday fares, and kids five and under ride free with a fare-paying adult. For more information on the festival, go to www.avchambers.com.



HELLO, OPERATOR!

In order to serve our passengers better, Metrolink has extended the hours of operation for the (800) 371-LINK (5465) information line. This means that you will now be able to speak to a live operator Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

Automated information is still available at (800) 371-LINK, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



WHAT HAPPENED WHEN? – THE 7/29 EARTHQUAKE

On July 29, at 11:42 a.m., a 5.4 earthquake rattled the Los Angeles area. The moment it hit, Metrolink responded by stopping all trains until we could gather information about the status of the rail system. Once we learned the magnitude and epicenter of the quake, service resumed at reduced speeds throughout the epicenter territory. For about three hours, trains traveling within a 30-mile radius of the epicenter were slowed to 20 miles per hour. (Normal maximum speed on each line is 79 to 90 miles per hour, depending on location.) Track and signal crews went immediately into the field to inspect our entire system, checking rails, bridges, tunnels, the signal system and every rail crossing.

The most-affected train in our system was a midday San Bernardino Line train delayed about two hours. Evening commuters experienced delays ranging from 15 minutes to one hour. Delays decreased gradually, as the inspectors cleared and released more and more portions of the system. Once the inspectors confirmed that there was no damage to the Metrolink system, trains were cleared to return to normal operation.

The Metrolink communications system was also affected by the quake. Highly increased traffic to the Metrolink Web site prevented us from posting updates as fast as we would have liked to immediately after the quake; Web operations were back to normal by around 3 p.m. The operators of Metrolink's toll-free call-in number had to evacuate their building; for a brief period, an automated system responded to calls to that number.

While some passengers were delayed after the earthquake, it was only to ensure that all passengers were safe. At Metrolink, we always take the safest course.

FOCUS ON SAFETY

After July's earthquake, we thought it would be a good idea to let our passengers know how Metrolink works to return full service to our passengers as quickly as possible.

Following an earthquake, Metrolink follows emergency-response procedures to ensure the safety of our passengers. We are required to perform post-earthquake inspections according to the safety plans of both the Federal Railroad Administration and Metrolink. Historically, track damage has been caused by slides, embankment failures, liquefaction or other ground movements that cause settlement, lateral displacement, track buckling, and other factors. Earthquakes can also cause failure of the retaining walls that support embankments along the right-of-way. Our inspectors are required to observe the tracks, structures, and signals at set distances from the reported epicenter (which vary depending on the magnitude of the earthquake). They are looking at lines, surfaces, and irregularities caused by embankment slides or liquefaction; track buckling or separations due to soil movement; offset across fault rupture; damage in tunnels; disturbed ballast, cracks, or slope failures in embankments; slides; and/or potential slides in cuts, including loose rocks that could fall in an aftershock. Inspectors are not only looking at the condition of the tracks and structures but also observing the right-of-way for debris that may have fallen onto the tracks from power lines, overpasses, buildings, or billboards adjacent to the tracks.



METROLINK SUMMER SAVINGS

In case you didn't know, your Metrolink ticket or pass is good for discounts at selected events. Check out the Special Events page at www.metrolinktrains.com for your special savings. Here are some discounted events for September/October:

L.A. Angels of Anaheim

As low as \$10
September 11
www.angelsbaseball.com



L.A. Sparks

10 percent off
September 1, 11, 14
www.lasparks.com

Residence Inn by Marriott

\$139/night
Through December 28
Downtown Burbank
www.residenceinnburbank.com



Home Remodeling and Decorating Show

50 percent off October 10–13
www.thehomeshow.com

Wicked: The Musical

20 percent off Tuesday nights
through end of show
www.wickedthemusical.com



9 to 5: The Musical

Metrolink riders save 20 percent!

Don't miss the world premiere of this new musical comedy based on the classic hit movie! Be the first to see *9 to 5: The Musical*, playing at the Ahmanson Theatre September 3 to October 19. Metrolink users save 20 percent on ticket prices for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening performances.*

Allison Janney stars as Violet Newstead, the superefficient office manager who joins her coworkers—frazzled divorcee Judy Bernly (Stephanie J. Block) and sexy secretary Doralee Rhodes (Megan Hilty)—to turn the tables on their “sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot” of a boss, Franklin Hart Jr. (Marc Kudisch).

To get your discount to *9 to 5: The Musical*, show your valid Metrolink ticket or pass at the Ahmanson Theatre Box Office, or buy tickets by phone at (213) 628-2772 or online at CenterTheatreGroup.org (use the promotional code COMMUTER).

Metrolink users can take advantage of the *9 to 5: The Musical* hotel package at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel, which features:

- Deluxe accommodations
- Breakfast for two at Grand Café
- Transport to and from Union Station and to and from the Ahmanson Theatre
- Special retro-1980s amenity gift package



For more information about this special hotel package, visit CenterTheatreGroup.org.

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