



MetroLink News and Events

# Los Angeles County Fair

It's that time of year again. Yes, Metrolink is going to the Los Angeles County Fair, and you're invited! The L.A. County Fair opens its gates on Friday, September 9, and continues through Sunday, October 2. Metrolink's San Bernardino Line trains will make special stops at the Fairplex beginning Friday, September 9. Trains will then make stops at the fair on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until the end of the Fair on October 2. The Los Angeles County Fair will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays this year.

There's something for everyone at the L.A. County Fair. Would you like to do a little shopping? Stop by The Palms Market Place to check out treasures from all around the world. Are you a sports fan? Celebrate sports at the Fair's SPORTSFEST.

And the fun doesn't stop there: The L.A. County Fair offers so much more!

- Escape to the Treasures of Polynesia area to experience the flowers, food, and culture of Polynesia.

- Visit the Clock Tower Plaza, where you will find activities such as the Chalk Art Festival and Competition.
- Check out *Blues at the Fair*, featuring dynamic blues acts performing late into the night.

The L.A. County Fair opens at 11:00 a.m., Wednesdays through Fridays and 10:00 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 station ticket-vending machine prior to boarding your train. Passengers waiting for the train home from the Fair will not be allowed to board without valid fare media. Admission tickets to the Los Angeles County Fair can be purchased at the admission gates.

Hop on the Metrolink train and get ready for a fun-filled family adventure! For a complete listing of L.A. County Fair activities, please visit [www.fairplex.com](http://www.fairplex.com).

For a complete Metrolink train schedule, please visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com).

## Your Ticket to the Beach and Other Southern California Treasures!



As the summer months continue to heat up, remember that the beach and other fun places in Southern California are just a Metrolink ride away. Hop aboard a SummerLink train (formerly "The Beach Train"), which provides train service to the coast for Inland Empire and Orange County residents. Metrolink, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) are all working together to bring riders this service on Saturdays and Sundays through October 9. While other Southern California residents are dealing with traffic jams, long car rides, and beach-parking fees, you and your family

can enjoy a stress-free ride directly to the coast aboard the SummerLink!

But wait, it gets better: SummerLink not only can take you to the beach, but also to many other fun Southern California destinations at its many stops along the way. For example, hop off at the San Juan Capistrano stop and enjoy the sights and sounds of this historic town.

SummerLink runs Saturdays and Sundays from the Rialto, San Bernardino, Downtown Riverside, La Sierra, North Main Corona, West Corona, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin, Irvine, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente, San Clemente Pier, and Oceanside stations.

For more information on SummerLink train service, please call Metrolink at (800) 371-LINK (5465) or visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com) for full SummerLink details and schedules.



### Safety Matters

**ALWAYS** wait behind the line while standing on the station platform.

**ALWAYS** cross tracks at a designated crossing.

**ALWAYS** look both ways before crossing train tracks.

**ALWAYS** store your belongings below your seat or on your lap, not in the aisles.

**ALWAYS** collect your belongings and move toward the exit as soon as your station stop is announced. Remind fellow passengers to retrieve items left behind.

**ALWAYS** hold the handrail when climbing or descending the stairs on board the train and at the station.

**ALWAYS** secure bicycles at the locations across from the restrooms on each car.

**NEVER** lean on the passenger-car doors or attempt to hold them open.

**NEVER** walk along the tracks or use the right-of-way as a short cut. Trespassing on the railroad right-of-way is illegal and could result in a citation, monetary fine, serious injury, or death.

**NEVER** cross the tracks when the signal indicates that a train is coming. Flashing lights and ringing bells mean STOP and wait for the train to pass.

### The Great Train Adventure

Back to school again, and our teacher has already given us our first homework assignment! We had to pick a location in Los Angeles County that we had never visited and write a school report about it. Where haven't I been in Los Angeles? A quick online search found the Pasadena Museum of History. From their Web site I could tell that the museum has lots of fun activities for my whole family to enjoy. I told my parents about my project and instead of encouraging

me to just write about what I discovered on the Net, they told me that we could ride Metrolink into Los Angeles on Saturday and go to the museum!

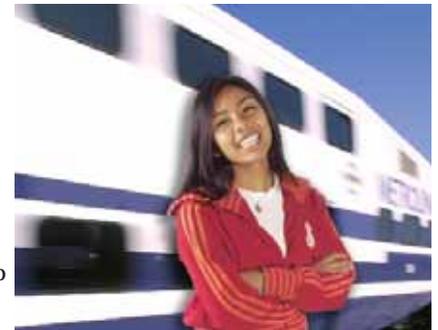
Since the Pasadena Museum of History doesn't open until noon on Saturdays, we were able to sleep in that morning (one of my favorite things to do!). We hopped on the 10:05 a.m. Metrolink train at Rialto and headed to L.A. Union Station. Once we got there, we got on a Metro bus line that took us directly to the museum.

We arrived at the museum and started our day by taking a tour of the Fenyes Mansion and the Fenyes Garden. The garden is filled with sprawling greenery and colors that surround the house. They told us that the garden is often used for parties and weddings.

While we were there, we also visited the Finnish Folk Art Museum located on the Pasadena Museum grounds. The museum looks like a nineteenth-century Finnish farmhouse and is filled with really neat artifacts and exhibits. My younger brother told me this was his favorite part of the entire museum (but I still won't include him in my report!).

After an exhausting day of interesting activities, my family and I headed back to L.A. Union Station for our 8:30 p.m. train, but not before we stopped in Old Town Pasadena for a delicious dinner. As we headed back on our San Bernardino Line train, I sat back and thought about how great my report will be with all the great memories I had from our trip to Pasadena!

For complete Metrolink San Bernardino Line weekend schedules, please log on to [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com).



**One in a Million**

Long time Metrolink commuter Darayus Mistry started his day off with a surprise party on Wednesday, August 3, as representatives of Metrolink, Amtrak and Caltrans, were on hand to surprise him with confetti and balloons at Los Angeles Union Station. As the 1 Millionth Rail 2 Rail passenger, Mr. Mistry received a gigantic Metrolink annual pass, a California Rail Pass and an Amtrak Surfliner business class



ticket for two. Mr. Mistry, a Metrolink rider for ten years, boards his train at the Tustin or Irvine station each morning and then transfers to an Amtrak train in Los Angeles to complete his trip to work in Van Nuys.

If you have a Metrolink Monthly pass on the Ventura or Orange County Lines, Rail 2 Rail allows you to use a combination of Amtrak and Metrolink trains for your daily trip.

Metrolink's Rail 2 Rail service is funded by the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro).

For more information about Rail 2 Rail please visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com) or call 800 371-LINK (5465.)



**Ask Metrolink!**

Dear Metrolink,

As I was getting on my train this morning to work, I almost tripped over a briefcase that was in the aisle. The person

who left the briefcase in the aisle saw me struggling over the item, but did not even attempt to move it. When I got to an empty seat another passenger had her feet on it. I didn't even want to sit down because now the seat was dirty! I've ridden the train for almost five years and have never had these problems before. Can you please give me some guidance? Thank you.

Sincerely,  
A Loyal Rider

Dear Loyal Rider,

Thank you so much for your letter. We understand your frustration as this is not an uncommon complaint since ridership has grown over the last 5 years.

Here's what we recommend:

Courteously ask the person to move the briefcase. Alternatively, speak to the conductor about your concerns because they will help you. Metrolink's policy is that riders must stow their personal belongings on their laps or underneath their seats, because anything in the aisle can create a safety hazard. Passengers must keep their feet off the seats at all times. Here at Metrolink, our top priority is providing our riders with a safe and comfortable train experience.

Sincerely,  
Metrolink

**Meet Metrolink's Board Members**



**Mayor Judith Valles**

San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles' impressive public service career began in 1998. She was first elected as the City of San Bernardino's mayor in March 1998 in a landslide victory and re-elected in 2001, becoming the first mayor in the city's history to run unopposed and the first Latina in the nation to be mayor of a city with a population of more than 100,000.

Since taking office, Mayor Valles has made tremendous progress in the revitalization of San Bernardino. Her strong leadership has been a catalyst for tourism and development in the Inland Empire. As mayor, she has established a healthy and growing budget reserve for the first time in many decades.

Mayor Judith Valles has a B.A. from the University of Redlands and an M.A. from the University of California, Riverside. During her public service career, she has been recognized with numerous awards, including the following: 2000 Outstanding Public Official of the Inland Empire, from the American Society of Public Administration; U.S. House of Representatives Outstanding Woman of the Year; and the 2003 Bishop's Award.



**Supervisor Paul Biane**

Second District Supervisor Paul Biane was elected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in November 2002, after serving eight years as a Rancho Cucamonga city councilman. He is currently the vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Biane serves as president of San Bernardino Associated Governments, which is the county's transportation authority. He also serves as the chairman of the Local Agency Formation Commission, of which he has been a member since 2003. Supervisor Biane is a member of the board of directors for San Bernardino County's state-of-the-art Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, as well as the Cal-ID Remote Access Network Board, which is a regional board of public-safety agencies that provide fingerprint technology and DNA services to members.

Supervisor Biane is a sixth-generation Inland Empire resident who grew up in Alta Loma.

## Station City News

Oceanside—Don't miss Oceanside's biggest end-of-the-summer block party! The 25th Annual Oceanside Harbor Days will be held this year on Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18.

This two-day event, presented by the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, the City of Oceanside, and the Harbor District, boasts over 250 arts and crafts, gift, and clothing booths, as well as a wide variety of delicious food fare. Musical entertainment is scheduled throughout the weekend along with an exciting children's area filled with a rock-climbing area, carnival rides, games, and much more.

Oceanside Harbor Days runs from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days.

Free parking is available at the corner of Myers and Mission in downtown

Oceanside, with free shuttles leaving from the

NCTD Transit Center. Contact the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce at (760) 722-1534 for further details.

Norwalk—The City of Norwalk is hosting the Annual 16th of September Celebration, on Saturday, September 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., outside of City Hall at 12700 Norwalk Boulevard.

This popular family event, which highlights the Latino cultural influence within the community, will feature free entertainment, food, contests, games, prizes, and a children's play area with a moon bounce and giant slide.

Festivities will also include the 2005 Miss 16th of September Pageant. Single women ages 17-21 residing in Norwalk are invited to participate. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Melody Baca at (562) 929-5579.

For general information, please call the City of Norwalk at (562) 929-5544.

Anaheim—The City of Anaheim is proud to announce the 14th Annual Transportation Faire Charity Event and Chili Cook-Off Competition, taking place on Wednesday, September 14. This year's theme will be Disneyland's 50th anniversary. For more information on this event, please contact the city's Commuter Services Office at (714) 765-5277.

## Covina Transit Center Parking Structure

On September 22, a new state-of-the-art parking structure will officially open at the Covina Transit Center. To help accommodate the hundreds of faithful commuters and increased ridership, the new four-level parking structure will be adding 422 spaces, bringing the grand total to 890.

The Covina Metrolink station, one of the busiest on the San Bernardino Line, will celebrate the grand opening of the new structure on Thursday, September 22, the event will also include the presentation of the 17th Annual Richard A. Miller Community Beautification Awards.

## Off to a Good Start...

On July 1, 2005, Connex officially came on board as Metrolink's new operations contractor, supplying 57 conductors and 56 engineers to Metrolink trains. Connex replaced Amtrak, which had been supplying engineers and conductors to Metrolink since 1992. Though Connex officially began work just a month ago, Amtrak, Connex, and Metrolink have been working for months to ensure a smooth transition invisible to Metrolink riders. A vast majority of the new team of Connex conductors, engineers, and contractor-operation managers came from Amtrak and played a key role in the transition. Connex employees have met the same strict safety, training, and experience standards as Amtrak employees met.

Though Amtrak is no longer Metrolink's contract operator, Amtrak and Metrolink will continue to work together on other projects, including Rail 2 Rail, which allows Metrolink monthly-pass holders on the Ventura or Orange County lines to ride Amtrak trains within the bounds of their normal Metrolink origin and destination pairs.

Connex will be providing service to Metrolink for five years, with a five-year renewal option.

Metrolink would like to thank Amtrak for their service over the last 13 years and welcome Connex into the Metrolink family!

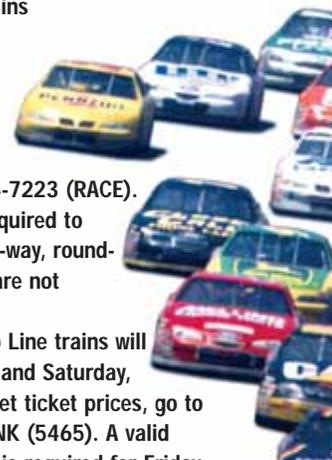
## Metrolink Races to the California Speedway

Get to the California Speedway for NASCAR under the lights! On Sunday, September 4, special Metrolink trains chartered by The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) will get you to all the racing action. Speed by the traffic and arrive in style.

For train and race tickets, go to [www.californiaspeedway.com](http://www.californiaspeedway.com) or call (800) 944-7223 (RACE).

A valid Speedway Charter train ticket is required to board the charter train. Regular Metrolink one-way, round-trip, 4-trip, 10-trip, and monthly-pass tickets are not valid on these trains.

Selected regular Metrolink San Bernardino Line trains will stop at the Speedway on Friday, September 2, and Saturday, September 3. For schedule information or to get ticket prices, go to [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com) or call (800) 371-LINK (5465). A valid Metrolink round-trip ticket or pass to Fontana is required for Friday and Saturday trains.



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