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A QUICK CHAT WITH OUR TIMETABLE PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

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PTC is more than an idea or theory. It represents a life-saving technological revolution for the rail industry. Clearly, Metrolink and its partners needed to ensure preventable incidents would never happen again. Incorrectly signaling trains going too fast, or trains running through a red signal. These types of movements are the single most important rail safety investment of our lifetime. It involves a GPS-based predictive technology capable of preventing train-to-train collisions, over-speed derailments, unauthorized incursion into work zones and train movement on the wrong track. The areas are the Metrolink 91 Line (between Riverside-Downtown and just east of L.A. Union Station) and Inland Empire-Orange County Line track. The areas are the Metrolink 91 Line (between Riverside-Downtown and just east of L.A. Union Station) and Inland Empire-Orange County Line track. The authority of the BNSF Railway. PTC capability on passenger trains is expected to be available in the future. Metrolink has already been able to successfully test PTC on an active line in BNSF territory. The Metrolink team is currently working with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and BNSF. Combining the correctness of the safety devices, the timetables and additional stops are available at the website of the ride anytime system-wide all day Saturday. For more information, Metrolink riders are encouraged to attend the anniversary event by purchasing the $10 Weekend Day Pass valid for Saturday or Sunday travel from the ticket machine located on the station platform. Get your application by visiting metrolinktrains.com or in person at any Metrolink Station. Effective March 2014, Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) ID card, valid for 12 months at an additional cost of $30. Speech and Hearing Impaired (800) 698-4833 (4TDD). PCA ID card, valid for 12 months at an additional cost of $30. Speech and Hearing Impaired (800) 698-4833 (4TDD).
On February 20, Metrolink reached a historic milestone in our commitment to provide you with the safest possible service. With the recent completion of the Federal Railroad Administration certification of Positive Train Control (PTC) on the 91 Line, Metrolink has brought to pass our ‘Train the Train’ initiative.

Chair Pat Morris and Richard Katz, along with other dignitaries in attendance included Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, Mayor Steve Hagerty of Fullerton, Rep. Adam Schiff, Mayor Norm Yanger of Anaheim, and others. Following the press event highlighting Feinstein, Schiff, and California leaders, other dignitaries joined in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of L.A. Union Station.

WHERE: L.A. Union Station
WHEN: May 3 – May 4

For the 11th year, Metrolink brings together a classic railroad museum car and an Amtrak Exhibit Train for the 75th Anniversary of L.A. Union Station. Metrolink riders are encouraged to attend the anniversary by taking the Metrolink or Metrolink-Nokia Line to the station and asking the conductor for a ride on the Exhibit Train.

Bike with Metrolink during National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, and Metrolink wants to make it easier for you to take your bike to work, school, the trails, or wherever you go. Some Metrolink train cars have been modified to allow you to bring up to eight bikes, making it easier than ever to bike to work or school. Each bike car on the Metrolink has a bike parking area and bike racks, allowing you to carry your bike on board. For more information, visit metrolinktrains.com.

Catch a Ride to the Station

On National Bike Month, Metrolink is celebrating California’s rich railroad history through a variety of events, including the Amtrak Exhibit Train. Amtrak Exhibit Train is a one-of-a-kind mobile railroad museum car, with a collection of railroad equipment and artifacts from railroads across the country.

CRRSA hosts the Metrolink Launches Positive Train Control

Chairwoman Feinstein and Congressman Adam Schiff explain the significance of the Milestone Certification at Metrolink’s PTC launch event on April 14. With the news that Metrolink is now ready to be fully functioning with a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)-certified PTC system, the American Dream is now a reality for Metrolink’s riders.

When the Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal (now known as L.A. Union Station) opened to the public on May 3, 1939, it was celebrated as a railroad and transportation landmark in Southern California. Since then, L.A. Union Station has become a cultural and economic hub, serving over 70,000 daily passengers. In honor of the 75th anniversary, the California State Railroad Museum is hosting a gathering in Southern California to celebrate the history of railroading in California.

The $10 Weekend Day Pass valid for Saturday or Sunday travel from the Metrolink train station is available to all Metrolink riders. With the MetroLink-Nokia Line, riders can travel to the popular downtown entertainment districts of the Great Western Center, L.A. Live, and the Americana at Brand.

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Our mission is to continue to provide safe, convenient, and efficient transportation service to all California residents. Metrolink has been successful in meeting the demands of our customers and is committed to being the safest commuter rail system in the country.

### CATCH A RIDE TO THE STATION

As a Metrolink ride, your day doesn't begin or end at the station. Good things can you get off the train and take in the vibrant Metrolink towns you visit. Get your application by visiting metrolinktrains.com or calling (800) 371-5465 (LINK). Speech and hearing impaired can request a TTY by calling (800) 371-5465 (LINK). Effective March 2014, Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) can no longer ride Metrolink without a ticket to accompany a person with a disability. Effective March 2014, Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) can no longer ride Metrolink without a ticket to accompany a person with a disability.

### CELEBRATE RAILROAD HISTORY WITH METROLINK

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### LEARN MORE ABOUT METROLINK

To learn more about Metrolink, simply visit the website of Metrolink’s sister agency, Riverside Transit. Read about Metrolink’s communities, services, and other news at RiversideTransit.com.
**ML:** Nathaniel, tell us about yourself.

**NH:** I’m 15 years old and I live in Whittier. Before I lived all my life in a residential area of La Serna High School in Whittier, I played the tuba, French horn, trombone and crash cymbals. I took the bus to school for a few years.

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