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Fun With Transit



Calling all Kings and Ducks hockey fans...

The Dodger Stadium Express will make a special run to take fans from Union Station to the LA Kings vs. Anaheim Ducks NHL Series game on Jan. 25. For details go to metro.net.

Snap & Win photo contest

Submit your photo of Metrolink and it could be featured on the cover of the next All Lines Timetable, distributed through the six counties where Metrolink operates. Contest ends Jan. 31. Details are at metrolinktrains.com.



Be a safety superhero and win a 30-day OCTA pass



Watch and Win!

Watch a snappy, 60-second safety video for your chance to win a free 30-day Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) bus pass. OCTA is awarding one pass per week through January—watch all four videos to increase your chances of winning. View the videos at octa.net.

Discounts at area attractions & great destinations

Show your bus/rail pass for discounts at restaurants, museums, shops, local attractions and special events:

- Metro: metro.net/service/discounts/
- Metrolink: <http://metrolinktrains.com/news/promotions>
- OCTA: octa.net/Bus-Transit/Partner-Discounts/?terms=discounts

At these same websites—as well as at Omnitrans.org/blog—you can learn about great Southern California destinations accessible by bus or rail.



In Brief

Important Tax Information for 2014

If you vanpool or ride transit to work, the maximum amount that you can set aside pre-tax for commuting expenses in 2014 has dropped to \$130* a month—nearly half of last year's cap of \$245. Check with your employer or Internal Revenue Service or your tax consultant for information on how this impacts how you pay for commuting expenses.



Call 511 for Roadside Assistance

Metro in Los Angeles County is phasing out the #399 roadside non-emergency number—now, to summon roadside assistance from Metro Freeway Service Patrol, dial 511 and choose the "motorist aid" option. You'll be connected to an operator who will help you get free services including changing a flat tire, jump-starting battery, refilling your radiator, providing a gallon of fuel or towing your vehicle to a safe location.



Roadside assistance is also available via 511 in Orange County.

*If Congress has not acted to change this after CommuteSmart News went to press