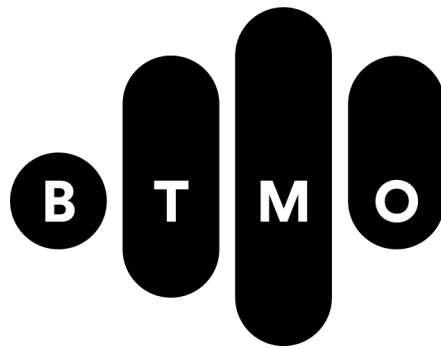


October 7th, 2024



## BTMO Transportation Update

**October 7-11 is Rideshare Week. Take Advantage of These Promotions!**



*Image Source: On the Go*

Today marks the start of Rideshare Week! From **October 7 to 11**, we encourage you to take alternatives to driving alone, including carpooling, vanpooling, taking public transportation, biking, and walking to work with others.

**Here are some promotions to take advantage of during Rideshare Week :**

Metro:

- Commuters have the chance to win prizes when they track the days they use an alternative to driving alone using the Commute Calendar at [ridematch.info](http://ridematch.info)
- Prizes include Metrolink passes and gift cards, including \$100 and \$50 at Macy's, \$100 at Uniqlo, \$100 at District Restaurant, \$100 at Joey DTLA Restaurant, and \$25 at Target

Metrolink:

- Special promotions are still in the works, so check back at [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com) for more details

Apply to Burbank's Free Bicycle Rack Program!

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# After 70 Years, Light Rail Returns to the East San Fernando Valley



*Image Source: LA Metro*

LA Metro has received a **\$893-million federal grant** to create a new light rail line in the East San Fernando Valley. The **6.7-mile light rail will connect Van Nuys to Pacoima** in minutes. The rail will also connect to local and regional bus and train stations, including the **Metro G Line express bus service that connects to Burbank**.

The San Fernando Valley has a long history of light rail transit. **In the 1920s, Pacific Electric trains, nicknamed "Red Cars," connected the Valley to other cities in LA, Orange, San Bernadino, and Riverside counties.** The Red Cars stopped running in the Valley in 1952 to make room for automobile infrastructure. Now, after 70 years, **"We are bringing back local commuter rail service to the San Fernando Valley,"** said Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, second vice chair on Metro's Board of Directors.

Construction is slated to begin later this year and be completed in 2031. Future extensions of the project plan to extend to Sylmar and the San Fernando Metrolink station.

[Read the Full Article HERE](#)

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## CicLAvia - Heart of LA Happening Sunday, October 13



Image Source: CicLAvia

It's one of the biggest open-street events of the year: **CicLAvia - Heart of LA is happening Sunday, October 13th!** You can attend this event through Metrolink train by taking the Antelope Valley line to Union Station, then connecting to the Metro D or B line toward Grand Station.

This CicLAvia event will connect **Boyle Heights, Chinatown, Downtown, Echo Park, and Little Tokyo for a car-free open street experience.** Feel free to walk, jog, bike, scoot, skate, or just spectate parts of the city that are usually busy with car traffic. Remember, only people-powered vehicles are allowed, with the exception of people with disabilities.

Read more about CicLAvia - Heart of LA below!

[Learn More!](#)

## Articles of Interest

### New Modular Curbs for Protected Bike Lanes in Downtown LA





Image Source: StreetsBlog LA

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) recently installed **new plastic modular curbs** along a bikeway on Main Street in Downtown Los Angeles. These curbs operate similar to parking wheel stops, but are made of plastic and are bolted into the ground.

These curbs were installed on Main Street specifically because bikeways were being blocked by cars. While the plastic curbs cannot fully stop a moving car from entering the bike lane at all times, the curbs act as a guide for unfamiliar drivers on where to drive/park in Downtown.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

## California Approves Complete Streets Bill

**WHAT ARE Complete Streets?**

- Space for PEOPLE**  
Curb ramps, crosswalks, and curb extensions to make it easy for pedestrians to cross streets and access destinations
- Space for BIKES**  
Designated connected routes and low-stress facilities that support people riding bikes, e-bikes and scooters
- Space for CARS**  
Traffic calming measures and design cues to encourage slower speeds and driver awareness of vulnerable road users
- Space for MASS TRANSIT**  
Bus pullouts, shelters, transit-only lanes, and signal priority to create transit-friendly roadways
- Space for SHARED MOBILITY**  
Designated curb-side space for shared bike and scooter parking that separates users from traffic, and keeps sidewalks clear and safe
- Space for REFUGE**  
Street furniture, parks, lighting, and public green spaces that promote gathering and social interaction

**CALBIKE**  
CALIFORNIA BICYCLE COALITION

Image Source: CalBike

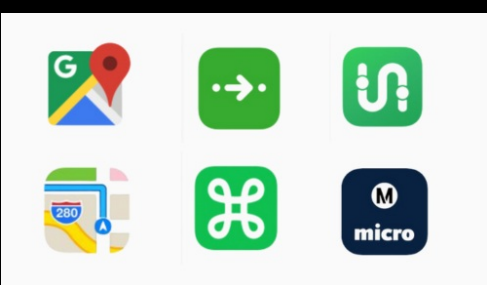
On September 26th, Governor Newsom signed **Senate Bill 960** (S.B. 960), a bill that will require Caltrans to prioritize improvements for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users when conducting maintenance. **This can include prioritizing improvements for sidewalks, bike lanes, public transportation stops, pedestrian crosswalks, median islands, curb extensions, and more.**

Along with street-level improvements, S.B. 960 requires Caltrans to integrate a more transparent decision process between local jurisdictions when safety changes are to be made on state highways that run through their communities.


Caltrans is responsible for many housing and commercial corridors along state highways. S.B. 960 presents an opportunity for crosswalk, bike lane, and sidewalk improvements to occur in areas that are in need of more pedestrian friendly modes of transportation.

Read the full article [HERE](#).

## BTMO Multi-modal Resources



Wondering how to plan your route? Check out the BTMO's [Mobility Apps](#) page for resources to help you plan the most efficient route.



If you think Burbank isn't full of transit and biking options, think again! Check out our [Bike resources page](#) for a quick glimpse at all the safe and sustainable ways to get around town by bicycle.

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