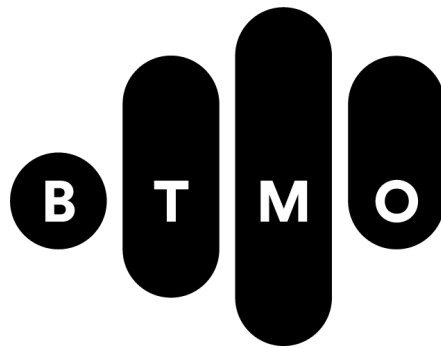


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BTMO Transportation Update

BurbankBus Unveils Free Rides for Local Students!



□ Exciting News for Burbank Students! □

The Burbank City Council has recently launched the **BurbankBus Free Fare Program**, making rides on BurbankBus completely free for middle and high school students in the Burbank Unified School District. Students simply need to present a **valid student ID** to the driver or attendant.

But that's not all—Burbank has also joined **Metro's GoPass program**, which offers free rides to K-12 and community college students in Burbank. Participating schools and colleges will be integrated into the program by mid-October. To take advantage of these exciting benefits, students can follow the resources linked below to start riding for free in LA County!

Click [here](#) for steps on how to get your GoPass once October comes around.

Click [here](#) for BurbankBus routes.

Learn More

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Chandler Bikeway!



A huge thank you to all the fantastic members of Burbank's vibrant community who joined us in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Chandler Bikeway on August 14th! It was wonderful to see familiar faces, from those who helped make the path a reality 20 years ago to those experiencing it for the first time.

The enthusiasm and support from everyone truly inspire our efforts to promote a connected, active, and sustainable lifestyle. Our BTMO team was thrilled to engage with attendees, answering questions about biking resources, commute options, and upcoming events.

We loved celebrating with everyone and look forward to many more years of biking, walking, and building a stronger, greener Burbank together. To learn more about biking in our community, explore our resources below.

Let's keep the momentum going—see you on the bikeway!

[BTMO Bike Resources](#)

[Event Highlights!](#)

Last Two Weeks to Sign-Up for Mobility Wallet!

[Mobility-Wallet-scaled image](#)

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Don't miss out—**applications for the Mobility Wallet close on August 31st!**

Metro, in collaboration with LADOT, introduced the Mobility Wallet, a prepaid, pre-loaded debit card aimed at enhancing transportation access for low-income residents across Los

Angeles County. The card allows one person, or several members of the same household, to pay for public or private transportation.

It allows you to ride:

- Public transportation, such as buses, trains, bike shares, and Metro Micro vans.
- Regional rail, like Metrolink and Amtrak.
- Private buses, such as Greyhound and Flix Bus.
- Shared rides on Uber and Lyft.
- The card can also be used to pay for trips on the FlyAway, rent scooters, and pay for services or products in bicycle shops.

Phase I (May 2023-April 2024) loaded the card with \$150 each month. Phase II, now open for applications until August 31st, offers up to **\$1800/ year** for eligible residents to use on a variety of transportation services.

Applicants must meet the income requirements for the [LIFE \(Low Income Fare is Easy\)](#) program, after which eligible participants will be randomly selected.

Read the full article [here](#).

Apply Now!

Articles of Interest

Bikeshare Demand Rises Along With Costs



Bikeshare programs across the U.S. and Canada are experiencing unprecedented popularity, with a record 157 million trips in 2023—a 20% increase from the previous year. However, rising costs are impacting affordability. The report by the National Association of City Transportation Officials highlights that while bikeshare usage grows, many programs face financial instability and rising user fees. For instance, CitiBike in New York raised e-bike fares to \$15.99 for 30 minutes. Philadelphia's Indego bikeshare is responding by reintroducing a single-ride pass at a more affordable rate of \$4.50 for 30 minutes on a classic bike. The report calls for increased public funding, removal of sales taxes, and better bike-lane infrastructure to support the continued growth and affordability of bikeshare systems.

LA28 Aiming to be a "No Car" Olympics



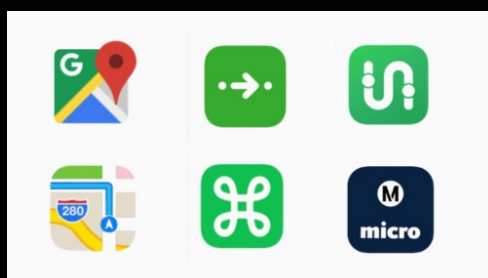
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Mayor Karen Bass announced a plan to encourage remote work and staggered hours to reduce congestion, aiming for a “no car” Olympics where spectators rely on public transportation. The city will borrow over 3,000 buses from across the U.S. to support this initiative. Inspired by the 1984 Games' success in traffic management, Bass emphasized coordinating with major employers and potentially allowing remote work for non-essential staff.

The LA 2028 team, led by Chairman Casey Wasserman, has been studying the Paris Olympics to apply best practices. The Games will focus on inclusivity and local economic benefits, including efforts to address homelessness. With a budget revision expected by year-end, the event will introduce new sports like cricket, targeting a broad global audience.

Article link: [Los Angeles Sees Remote Work Helping ‘No Car’ 2028 Olympic Games](#)

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.

Join BTMO's decades-long effort to reduce congestion and air pollution in Burbank.

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