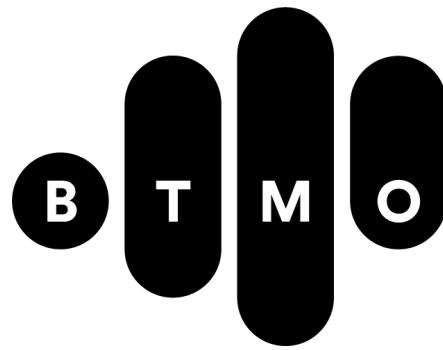


September 13th, 2024



BTMO Transportation Update

Burbank's Front Street Protected Bikeway Nearing Completion



Image Source: Joe Linton/Streetsblog

Burbank is enhancing its cycling infrastructure with the nearly finished Front Street Protected Bikeway, a mile-long project that connects the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station to key areas like Verdugo Avenue and Burbank Boulevard. **This new two-way bikeway**, positioned on the south side of the street to avoid freeway ramps, **improves access to the station and provides a safer route for cyclists**. Soft-hit posts and concrete barriers protect the bikeway, with green pavement marking conflict zones for added safety.

Though the southern portion is already open, construction continues on the northern section near Burbank Boulevard, which is expected to be completed soon. The bikeway connects to existing lanes and paths, helping close critical gaps in Burbank's cycling network. The adjacent LaTerra Select Burbank development will also include sidewalk-level protected bikeways, further improving bike access in the area.

With these upgrades, Burbank is taking significant steps toward making the city more accessible and safer for cyclists.

Rail Safety Initiatives Underway for Rail Safety Month



Image Source: Mass Transit

L.A. Metro and Metrolink are stepping up efforts to promote rail safety throughout September for Rail Safety Month. L.A. Metro is hosting community events and sharing safety messages across social media platforms, reminding riders and pedestrians to stay behind the yellow line, avoid walking on tracks, and follow posted safety signs. Safety messages in English and Spanish will also be displayed on light-rail trains traveling across Los Angeles.

Metrolink is also focusing on key rail safety initiatives, including:

- **School partnerships:** Educating middle and high school students near railroad tracks about rail safety.
- **Targeted enforcements:** LASD and local law enforcement will conduct weekly operations to address unsafe behaviors like bypassing crossing gates.
- **Railroad safety event:** From Sept. 21-22, Metrolink will join a safety event at Union Station, featuring historic and modern trains, providing educational opportunities for attendees.
- **Operation Clear Track:** On Sept. 24, law enforcement will participate in a national rail safety campaign to engage the public.
- **Red Out for Rail Safety:** On Sept. 27, Metrolink encourages staff and the public to wear red to raise awareness, using the hashtag #RedOutforRailSafety on social media.

These efforts aim to improve safety for all riders and community members around rail tracks.

Out Program and Weapon Detection Technology



Image Source: LA Metro

L.A. Metro's board has approved \$15.4 million to **expand the Tap-Out program** to all 10 end-of-line stations, starting with the downtown Santa Monica E Line in August. This program, first piloted at the North Hollywood B Line, requires riders to tap out when exiting stations to reduce fare evasion and improve safety. Since its launch, Metro has seen an increase in paid rides and customer reports of cleaner, safer stations. However, some community members have called for funds to be redirected toward public safety improvements like adding shade and better lighting at bus stops.

In addition, Metro is rolling out a **30-day weapon detection pilot** at Union Station in September and the LAX/Metro Transit Center in November. Using advanced technology similar to that used at sports events, the system will scan riders for weapons without requiring them to remove items from their pockets or bags. Other safety upgrades include the **installation of 64 smart bathrooms** (with QR codes and 10-minute time limits), **reconfigured elevators** to reduce illegal activity, and **taller fare gates** at select stations. These efforts come as Metro sees increased ridership, with levels now reaching 85% of pre-pandemic figures.

[Read the Full Article HERE](#)

Articles of Interest

ASU travel behavior research center provides insights on the future of transportation

“COOL” PRODUCTS OF TOMNET

TOMNET announces the release of its four key data products



Image Source: ASU

After seven years of research, the Center for Teaching Old Models New Tricks (TOMNET) is releasing tools and datasets aimed at improving transportation systems planning. Funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, TOMNET has focused on **understanding changes in travel behavior and factors that impact travel demand, with the goal of influencing policy and investment decisions.** The center, led by Arizona State University in collaboration with other universities, completed 60 research projects and developed several open-source tools that help transportation planners better **forecast travel demand by incorporating data on attitudes, perceptions, and mobility preferences.**

TOMNET's key products include a **dashboard on time use and telecommuting**, a **platform on well-being related to travel**, **surveys on emerging transportation technologies** and **surveys on the impacts of COVID-19 on travel behavior.** These tools provide valuable insights for policymakers to develop equitable and sustainable transportation systems. As TOMNET's grant term ends, ASU researchers will continue their work through the National Center for Understanding Future Travel Behavior and Demand, further advancing transportation research and planning.

Read the full article [HERE.](#)

Metro's FY25 Adopted Budget Book is now online

Adopted Budget

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

FY25



Image Source: LA Metro

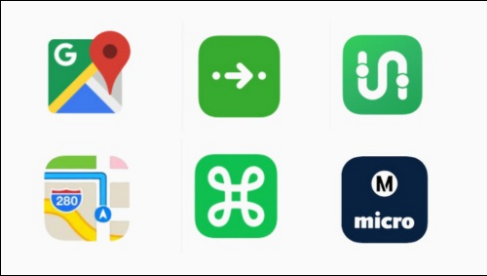
Metro has released its **\$9.0 billion balanced budget** for the 2024-25 fiscal year, emphasizing **public safety, cleanliness, and major construction projects**. Approved by the Metro Board of Directors, this budget includes input from riders and focuses on enhancing the customer experience across the transit system. Highlights include the addition of 53 **Transit Security Officers** and partnerships with **health services to address mental health issues**.

The FY25 budget also **increases cleaning efforts**, allocating \$32.2 million to hire 165 custodians and maintain Metro's buses, rail stations, and stops. **Significant construction projects, such as the completion of the LAX/Metro Transit Center, the D (Purple) Line Extension, and the A Line Extension to Pomona**, are also funded. Additionally, \$9.9 million will go toward improving the station experience at multiple locations across Los Angeles. To review and comment on the full FY25 budget, visit [Metro's budget portal](#).

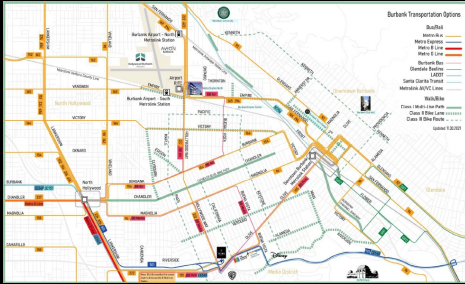
Read the full article [HERE](#).

See the Full Budget Book [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.

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

Visit our website

Get connected with the BTMO!



Burbank Transportation Management Organization | 200 W. Magnolia Blvd. | Burbank, CA 91502 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!