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Commuters

## New Ways to Save Money and Time on Transit



### Wildfire Victims Eligible for Metro Reduced Fare Programs

To help wildfire victims get back on their feet, Metro has modified the eligibility requirements for its reduced fare programs.

Qualifying participants will get a free transit pass for 90 days. After that, 20 free rides will be added monthly to their TAP fare card.

For details, call Customer Care at 323.GO.METRO (323.466.3867) or apply online at [taptogo.net/wildfirerresponse](https://taptogo.net/wildfirerresponse).

### OC Bus Introduces Wave Pass

OC Bus is planning to introduce a new contactless reloadable “smart card” and mobile app this summer. Called Wave, it will allow riders to pay only for rides taken rather than the fixed dollar amount on paper passes.

You are invited to provide feedback **at a public hearing**.

You can also take a **short online survey** until March 24 and be entered for a chance to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

Find out more at [octa.net/wave](https://octa.net/wave).

### Ride Arrow for Just \$1

Riders can board Metrolink’s Arrow service for only \$1 through March. Arrow trains serve five stations and cover a nine-mile route between the cities of San Bernardino and Redlands.

The discounted fare promotion includes free transfers to Omnitrans and Beaumont Transit.

Find out more at [metrolinktrains.com/arrow](https://metrolinktrains.com/arrow).

### Dial-a-Ride Now Offers Same Day Booking

Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is partnering with the **RideCo app** to make booking rides easier. Riders can request a dial-a-ride trip through the app rather than just over the phone.

It allows passengers to make same day reservations—similar to microtransit. (Previously, reservations had to be made a day ahead.)

Participating agencies include Camarillo Area Transit, Valley Express and Thousand Oaks Transit.

## Confused About the Difference Between Carpool Lanes and Express Lanes?



Southern California is home to a network of hundreds of miles of carpool lanes, as well as Express Lanes.

While the two are similar—they’re designed to allow people who use them to travel faster—there are a few key differences you need to know.

- Carpool lanes (designated as HOV, or high occupancy vehicle lanes) are free for users who meet posted occupancy requirements. That’s usually two people per vehicle, but sometimes three.

- Express Lanes allow motorists—including solo drivers—to use the lanes for a toll. However, 3+ (and sometimes 2+) person carpools can use the lanes for free or at a discount. A transponder set to the number of people in the vehicle is required.

To find out more about these time-saving lanes, visit [SoCal511.com](https://SoCal511.com).



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