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In Case You Missed the Big News...



From better ways to board the bus to easier connections to the airport, 2025 was a banner year in transit. Here are six of the ways it's now easier to get around Southern California:

1. Metrolink introduced a new SoCal Day Pass. The bargain pass offers unlimited rides for \$10 on weekends and \$15 on weekdays. An LA Zone Pass is \$5 for rides all day between select stations near downtown Los Angeles.

2. Metro opened the LAX/Metro Transit Center, which offers riders convenient transit connections to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). It serves two light rail lines—the C and K Lines—as well as several Metro and city bus lines.

Ultimately, the transit center will include a direct connection to the airport

via the LAX Automated People Mover, expected to open next year.

3. ONT Connect added more service to Ontario Airport. It offers daily service between the Ontario International Airport and the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink Station. Omnitrans this year added more trips to the route—meaning more shuttles, more often. Rides are only \$2, with free transfers from Metrolink.

4. OC Bus riders can now “Wave.” OC Bus introduced its Wave fare payment system that allows riders to load value onto a Wave card or mobile account. Wave guarantees the best fare—you pay as you go without needing to prepay for discounts. Once you reach a daily or monthly cap, the rest of the rides are free.

5. In Ventura County, riders “tap to ride.” With the Tap2Ride payment system, VCTC Intercity Bus riders can pay fares with a credit card or mobile device. Simply tap your credit/debit card or phone/watch on the payment reader to board. No app or account is needed.

Tap2Ride also features fare capping, so once riders reach the 31-day cap, they ride free.

6. The nation’s longest light rail line got longer. Metro’s A Line Extension to Pomona opened, adding more than nine miles of track and four new stations.

Riders can transfer between Metro and Metrolink at the Pomona Station for a faster way to ride between the Inland Empire and Foothill Cities corridor.

Free Holiday Rides

Rides are free on Metro Bus and Rail on New Year’s Eve as well as Christmas Eve. OC Bus and Riverside Transit Agency will offer free rides on New Year’s Eve.



IRS Cap Up \$15

For the 2026 tax year, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) maximum if you pay for transit and vanpool fares using pre-tax dollars gets a slight bump—from \$325 to \$340 per month.

For more information, consult your tax professional or the IRS.



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