

ONTHEGO

News for
Southern California
Commuters

Join in on Earth Day with Free Rides & More

Earth Day is April 22, a day that celebrates efforts to protect the environment. Some easy ways to get involved:

- Motor vehicles are the cause of most of the emissions that cause smog in Southern California. To encourage people to choose an alternative to driving alone, rides will be free all day on **Metrolink, Metro Bus and Rail, OC Bus, Riverside Transit Agency** buses and micro transit, as well as all **San Bernardino County** and **Ventura County** transit providers.
- Attend any of dozens of local Earth Day events. From beach cleanups to festivals to workshops, you can find one near you at earthday.org.



- Visit CoolCalifornia.org to quickly calculate your personal carbon footprint and learn ways to reduce it.

- Take action with any of these **50 small things you can do** to reduce pollution.

- Live or work in Riverside or San Bernardino counties?

Log your rideshare and telework days at IECommuter.org throughout April. You could win prizes including a Beats Bluetooth speaker and wireless earbuds, a Kodak photo printer, Dana Wharf Whale Watching and Fishing tickets and more. Sign up at IECommuter.org/EarthDay.

Metro Rail Extension to Beverly Hills Opening Soon



The first section of the **D (Purple) Line Extension** will open on **May 8**. The

3.9-mile corridor includes three new stations along Wilshire Boulevard, serving Los Angeles' Miracle Mile district

to La Cienega Boulevard in Beverly Hills.

This will be the first time that rail transit has ever reached Wilshire Boulevard west of Western Avenue, currently the end of the D Line.

Travel times between Union Station in downtown L.A. and the Wilshire/La Cienega station will be about 20 minutes.

Feeling the Pinch at the Pump?

The recent spike in gas prices is giving many commuters sticker shock at the pump. Even worse, California's gas prices are on average the highest in the nation, according to AAA, surpassing \$5 a gallon as of mid-March.

While you can drive around looking for cheaper gas, one way to save money on gas prices is simply to drive less. Walk or bike for short errands. Combine trips so you make fewer. Share the ride to work with a coworker.



Visit ridematch.info (Los Angeles/Orange/Ventura), IECommuter.org (Riverside/San Bernardino) or call 511 for help finding potential carpool partners and to get transit routing and other rideshare assistance.



OntheGo for Commuters is a service of your county transportation agencies.