



A Season of Sharing

The holiday season is upon us, and your Southern California transit agencies have organized toy and canned food drives to help those in need. Here's how you can get involved:

Antelope Valley Transit Authority invites residents and local businesses to "Stuff a Bus" that's decorated and waiting for toys, new clothing and non-perishable food to be donated to local charities. Contact: 661.729.2222, avta.com

Metrolink Toy Express pulls into a station near you Nov. 21 – Dec. 20. Decorated with thousands of twinkling lights, it features decorations, a live stage show—plus a chance for the kids to meet Santa. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to children's programs. Contact: 1.800.371.LINK, metrolinktrains.com

Norwalk Transit will put a special holiday bus on all routes—decorated with festive artwork and visiting public venues in December—to collect new, unwrapped toys and clothing for local charities. Contact: 562.929.5550, ci.norwalk.ca.us

Omnitrans will collect new, unwrapped toys to donate to the Spark of Love Toy Drive on Dec. 4 at Ontario Mills Mall. Contact: omnitrans.org.

Traffic Reporters Take Home Golden Pylons

Southland transit agencies recently handed out Golden Pylon Awards to the region's top traffic reporters at an awards luncheon, honoring reporters who promote

rideshare options such as carpool lanes, vanpools and public transportation. Winners were: (left to right): Vera Jimenez (CBS-2), Tori Scott (KSBK, KYMT), Tiffany Brazil-Galea'I (KCLA, KIXA), Mark Wheeler (KLOS), Arianna Ortiz (K-Earth and KFVB) and CHP officer Vince Ramirez (FOX 11 morning news).



In Brief

Metro Eastside Gold Line Extension Opens

The Metro Eastside Gold Line Extension will open Nov. 15. This six-mile light rail extension will connect

Union Station in downtown Los Angeles with Little Tokyo, the

Arts District, Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles. For schedule information and maps, go to metro.net.



Metrolink Continues "4-Pack Deal"

Even though summer is long over, Metrolink will continue to offer its Friends and Family 4-Pack (initially introduced as a "summer special"). The 4-pack is \$29 and includes four tickets usable for all day on all Metrolink lines, Saturdays and Sundays, as well as the Thanksgiving holiday and New Year's Day. For more information, go to metrolinktrains.com



Need a Carpool Partner?

Go to CommuteSmart.info for an instant list of people who live and work near you and work a similar schedule who may also want to share the ride.

