

OCTA Metrolink

NEWSLINE

Orange County Commuter Rail Update

Construction at Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Station Nears Completion

The construction at the Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Metrolink station that began in summer 2009 is almost finished. More than one mile of additional track has been added. A total of 15 new switches have been installed. The northbound passenger platform was extended approximately 300 feet, and a new third platform was added to improve passenger boarding and alighting.

You'll notice there are now pedestrian shade covers on the platform and new security barriers for increased safety. All of these improvements have been made in anticipation of increased Metrolink service between Fullerton and Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo. Stay tuned for more news on the expanded Metrolink service coming soon.

Improvements Under Way at Tustin Station

Construction recently began on a new parking structure for the Tustin station. The former surface parking lot will be closed throughout the construction process. When completed, in approximately 12 months, the Tustin station parking structure will have 733 parking spaces on five levels, as well as 91 surface spaces, for a total of 824 spaces, nearly tripling the current parking capacity of the station.



To accommodate Metrolink passengers during the construction, OCTA is leasing 277 parking spaces from Printronix, located at 14600 Myford Road, northeast of the station. The temporary parking lot is within 1/4-mile (about a 5-minute walk) of the station and is easily reached using the new pedestrian walkway, linking Dow Avenue to the station. Driving

directions from the station: left on Edinger Ave., left on Jamboree Rd., left on Walnut Ave., left on Myford Rd. For a map of the alternate parking location, visit www.octa.net/pdf/pedtrailmap.pdf.

Parking to be Expanded at Fullerton Station

The City of Fullerton has partnered with OCTA to construct a new parking structure for the Fullerton Transportation Center. The proposed 820-space parking structure, located on the southwest corner of Harbor Blvd. and Santa Fe Ave., should provide significant relief for this station and its many regular passengers. Demolition of an existing building at the site will begin in January 2011, and the construction of the parking structure is expected to begin in spring 2011.



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THINGS TO DO IN ORANGE COUNTY WITH METROLINK WEEKENDS

Wondering what to do next weekend? Next month? Here's a preview of upcoming events taking place around Orange County. With Metrolink Weekends service, all of these events are just a comfortable train ride away. So give your car the weekend off and avoid parking hassles with Metrolink Weekends.

December

- 4 **Nutcracker Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Village**
Downtown Anaheim
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
From the Fullerton Station, take Route 47 South and deboard at Anaheim-Lincoln.
www.downtownanaheim.com/tree-lighting-ornament-project
- 4 **San Juan Capistrano Tree Lighting**
Historic Downtown San Juan Capistrano
4:15 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Within walking distance of the San Juan Capistrano Station
949-493-5911
- 4 **Downtown Fullerton Annual Winter Festival**
On the corner of Wilshire and N. Pomona Ave.
12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
From the Fullerton Station, walk up N. Pomona Ave. (About a 5 minute walk)
www.cityoffullerton.com/residents/community_events/winterfest.asp
- 5 **Tree Lighting Ceremony and Candlelight Procession**
Corner of Chapman Avenue and Glassell Street
3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Within walking distance of Orange Station
714-744-7264
- 6-7 **Radio City Christmas Spectacular**
Honda Center
Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
From Anaheim Station, walk to Katella Street and take Bus Route 50 East
www.hondacenter.com
- 11 **Second Saturday Art Fair**
Downtown San Juan Capistrano
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Within walking distance of San Juan Capistrano Station
www.sjcartfair.org
(949) 493-4700

January

- Anaheim Ducks
December 2010 through February 2011
Honda Center
From Anaheim Station, walk to Katella Street and take Bus Route 50 East
www.hondacenter.com
- 6 **Fiesta de Los Tres Reyes Magos**
Olvera Street, Los Angeles
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Within walking distance of LA Union Station
www.ci.la.ca.us/ELP/elpltr1.htm



- 15 **Monster Jam**
Angel Stadium
7:00 p.m.
Within walking distance of the Anaheim Station
www.monsterjam.com

- 21 - 23 **The Orange County Home Improvement Show**
Anaheim Convention Center
From Anaheim Station, walk to Katella Street and take Bus Route 50 West
www.anaheimconventioncenter.com

February

- 5 **AMA Supercross Anaheim (Auto Racing)**
Angel Stadium
7 p.m.
Within walking distance of Anaheim Station
www.amaproring.com
- 12 **Living History Day**
Mission San Juan Capistrano
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Within walking distance of the San Juan Capistrano Station
www.missionsjc.com
(949) 234-1300
- 12 & 13 **Lunar New Year Festival and Golden Dragon Festival**
Los Angeles Chinatown
1 p.m.
Parade on February 13
From Union Station, transfer to Gold Line
(213) 617-0396



For additional event listings in and around Orange County's Metrolink Stations go to www.octa.net/metroweekends. You can also go to www.metrolinktrains.com for train schedule information.

Holiday Toy Express® 2010

The holidays are coming and so is the Metrolink Holiday Toy Express®, bringing cheer to a station near you. Join us this December at select Metrolink stations to decorate the holidays with a splash of giving.

Bring a toy for the “Spark of Love” toy drive and enjoy over 50,000 lights, music, a visit from Santa and more! Every selected station will host a unique event, so visit one or visit all.



For more information, visit www.octa.net/toytrain2010.

Station/Date	Time/Agency
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Saturday, December 4

Burbank (opening night)	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Glendale	6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 5

Palmdale	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Santa Clarita	7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 11

N. Main Corona	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Fullerton	6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 12

San Bernardino	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Rancho Cucamonga	7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Montclair	8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18

Irvine	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Camp Pendleton	7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 19

Moorpark	5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Camarillo	6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

New Transit System Study Under Way

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is conducting a new in-depth study called the Transit System Study (TSS).

With the study, OCTA is looking for new ways to restructure bus and rail services that address the county's diverse transportation needs.

The primary goal of the TSS is to develop recommendations for new and efficient ways to provide sustainable transit services that are consistent with current budget and funding forecasts. The study will focus on integrating bus and rail services to match ridership demand. The Metrolink Service Expansion Program and other transit initiatives will be considered in the study.

Whether you're interested in transportation, ride the bus or Metrolink, OCTA wants to hear from you! OCTA has set up a discussion board where you can contribute your ideas on improving Orange County's bus and rail transportation. We encourage you to visit www.octa.net/TSS today for more information on the study and to make your voice heard on the discussion board.



Join the
Online
Discussion



OCTA's transit
system study online
discussion board

Feedback is a good thing. Especially if it's from those riders who are effected by bus and rail transit decisions. We encourage you to take an active role by making your voice heard on our discussion board that is moderated by OCTA transit planners. To get started just jump on the GO button and start the dialogue!

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2010 Metrolink Orange County Thanksgiving Schedule

Here's a quick summary of Metrolink service that will be available during Thanksgiving 2010:

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25 – No service on Orange County lines*.

Friday, November 26 – Full regular weekday schedule will be in effect for all lines.

*Orange County Line, Inland Empire-Orange County Line, and 91 Line

Note – Amtrak operates on all holidays. Rail 2 Rail tickets may be used on Amtrak trains, excluding Wednesday, November 24; Thursday, November 25; and Sunday, November 28, 2010.

For more holiday schedules, visit www.octa.net/Metrolink.

Save on Ducks Tickets

Want to save money on Anaheim Ducks hockey tickets? Then get a Track Pack! Track Pack is a special package for Metrolink riders that includes savings on all Wednesday game tickets during the season. For example, you can get 1 game ticket, 1 hot dog and a soda all starting at \$21.50! With Track Pack, you'll save on all seating levels and price codes.

To get your Track Pack:

- Buy online at www.ticketmaster.com/promo/pnbsgo
- Call 877-WILD-WING to purchase by phone
- Buy at the Ducks' box office

Track Pack is also available for the Monday, November 29 game when the Anaheim Ducks battle the Los Angeles Kings. Get your Track Pack now and save! For more information, go to www.octa.net/Ducks.



Save with Metrolink's Corporate Pass

Want to save on the cost of your Metrolink pass? Ask your company about Metrolink's Corporate Pass Program. Organizations request and receive Metrolink passes each month on consignment. Organizations distribute the passes to their employees like you. You'll save because you can get pre-tax savings on the purchase of monthly passes or 10-trip tickets. Your employer can save by receiving federal and state tax benefits, satisfying air quality requirements and having their employees arrive at work relaxed and on time. For more information on the Corporate Pass Program, have your employer contact: Edward Hargrave at (213) 452-0206 or by e-mail at hargrave@scrra.net.

Save With Friends and Family 4-Pack

Where will you go this weekend? With the Metrolink Friends and Family 4-Pack, you can take the train from Oceanside to L.A. Union Station on the Orange County Line, or from San Bernardino to Oceanside on the Inland Empire-Orange County Line, or anywhere in between. Four people can ride on Metrolink any Saturday or Sunday for only \$29. You'll get four individual round trip Metrolink tickets at an affordable group rate. Get to the fun and save with the Metrolink Friends and Family 4-Pack!

For more information, go to www.octa.net/FF4P.



Questions? Comments?

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