

# Metrolink Holiday Trains

On December 9, Metrolink will run special trains from Union Station to Lancaster and Ventura County. Service to/from Riverside will be operated on the 16th. And, of course, regular Saturday service on the San Bernardino Line will operate both days.

Regular (off-peak) tickets and passes will be accepted for all trains. For more information, call 808-LINK (from all L.A. area codes)

## SANTA CLARITA LINE / SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

To L.A.	290	292	294	296	FROM L.A.	291	293	295	297
Lancaster	7:23A	11:15A	3:05P	7:05P	Los Angeles	9:18A	1:15	5:05P*	9:05P
Vincent	7:38	11:30	3:20	7:20	Glendale	9:28	1:26	5:16	9:16
Princessa	8:09	12:01P	3:51	7:51	Burbank	9:34	1:32	5:22	9:22
Santa Clarita	8:15	12:07	3:57	7:57	Sylmar/S.F.	9:45	1:43	5:33	9:33
Sylmar/S.F.	8:33	12:25	4:15	8:15	Santa Clarita	10:05	2:03	5:53	9:53
Burbank	8:43	12:36	4:26	8:26	Princessa	10:10	2:08	5:58	9:58
Glendale	8:49	12:42	4:32	8:32	Vincent	10:42	2:40	6:30	10:30
Los Angeles	9:03	12:56	4:46	8:46	Lancaster	11:00	2:59	6:49	10:49

## VENTURA COUNTY LINE / SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

To L.A.	190	192	194	FROM L.A.	191	193	195
Oxnard	8:15A	--	--	Los Angeles	10:00A	1:05P	4:05P
Camarillo	8:25	--	--	Glendale	10:11	1:16	4:16
Moorpark	8:38	--	--	Burbank	10:17	1:22	4:22
Simi Valley	8:51	11:05A	2:12P	Burbank Airport	10:21	1:26	4:26
Chatsworth	9:04	11:20	2:27	Van Nuys	10:30	1:35	4:35
Northridge	9:10	11:26	2:33	Northridge	10:37	1:42	4:42
Van Nuys	9:17	11:33	2:40	Chatsworth	10:43	1:50	4:50
Burbank Airport	9:25	11:40	2:47	Simi Valley	10:55	2:02	5:02
Burbank	9:29	11:44	2:51	Moorpark	--	--	4:16
Glendale	9:35	11:50	2:57	Camarillo	--	--	4:27
Los Angeles	9:50	12:05	3:12	Oxnard	--	--	5:41

L: Regular stop to discharge or pick up passengers. Train may leave up to 5 minutes ahead of schedule.

## RIVERSIDE LINE / SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

To L.A.	401	403	405	FROM L.A.	400	402	404
Riverside	8:15A	11:10A	2:57P	Los Angeles	9:45A	1:30P	4:30P
Pedley	8:25	11:20	3:07	Industry	10:16	2:04	5:04
East Ontario	8:34	11:29	3:15	East Ontario	10:35	2:23	5:23
Industry	8:53	11:48	3:34	Pedley	10:44	2:32	5:32
Los Angeles	9:30	12:35	4:11				

Help keep all of your fellow SO.CA.TA members informed!!! If you notice any new, modified, or cancelled transit services, please call us at 213-388-2364



• First of all, starting in January, SO.CA.TA will have not one but two meeting places each month: Angelus Plaza in Downtown Los Angeles and the Eagle Rock Library. Some members were thinking about having the general meeting at Angelus, and using the Library for committee meetings, workshops, or other special meetings. (We" have an extra meeting at the Library on the 16th, at 10 a.m., just to get a feel for the place)

• All members are reminded that elections for SO.CA.TA officers will take place at this month's meeting, on December 9. Please be present and prompt. All members should also receive, along with this newsletter, a survey and renewal form. Please return the entire form (either by mail or by coming to the meeting) with your membership dues as soon as possible. Unlike in past years, January newsletter issues may not be sent to members until their dues have been received.

(We also know who has already paid for 1996; these members obviously don't have to pay again, although they still should complete and return the survey as soon as possible!)

• On November 24th, seven SO.CA.TA members went on a excursion to ride Ventura County buses. Michael Ludwig will prepare a report on our experiences for the next newsletter but we'd like to note that these excursions aren't just recreational. They help familiarize us with service in other areas, highlighting issues of frequency, hours of service, connections, etc. Some members who don't use transit daily find that the excursion gives them a dose of "seat of the pants" knowledge about transit issues. Also it can be fun (although wearing when you spend 12-15 hours on buses . . .).

We are contemplating trips next year to Big Bear, the South Bay, Westside and the San Gabriel Valley. Inquiries regarding participation are welcomed.

• Finally! The long awaited SO.CA.TA Transit Guide is due to be completed and available for purchase on December 16! It will cost \$5 (or \$4 for members, even ones that have just signed up). There may be additional discounts for members who can come to meetings and purchase it . . .

• As always, *The Transit Advocate* needs articles, letters, photographs and research (newspaper clippings, etc.) from all members and interested non-members. If you see an interesting, transit-related article in the newspaper, consider sending a copy (preferably two copies) of the article to Box 41198, Los Angeles 90041. Material for publication should be received two weeks before the scheduled SO.CA.TA meeting date.



## **PUBLIC AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT NO.2 - DEC. 1995**

As a follow-up to my report last month on Alternate Rail Technology (ART): MTA's board as its November 15th meeting accepted the Phase II report which stated that ART is feasible to run between Glendale/ Burbank and downtown Los Angeles. The problems I outlined last month still loom, but for now politics dictate making as if they can be fairly easily overcome.

By January a funding report for this corridor is to be prepared. Also, cities along the other corridors proposed for ART in the 20 year plan (Northern San Gabriel valley, Harbor subdivision, Exposition corridor, Burbank branch west)-are to be contacted regarding potential funding they could contribute. Is this going to become a bidding war?

Interestingly the Planning and Programming Committee did ask as an option mid-day Metrolink shuttle be considered. This is especially noteworthy because the consultants indicate ART would effectively close corridors from being converted to light rail and CNG fueling appears unlikely. So why buy new vehicles?

In the next few weeks we hope to contact media in the other corridors and ask if they know about this proposal. Our experience with the Glendale News-Bulletin indicates that smaller papers may take more interest when we contact them versus LA Times etc. (especially when there is a local angle to what we contact them about).

At each monthly meeting, I pass around for the members present to examine a file folder containing the correspondence, relevant news clippings, etc. relating to the previous months' activities of the PLAC. Over time, I hope this will provide illustration of what an active transit advocate engages in - research, advocacy, letter writing, attending meetings and networking. To reach its full potential our group needs involved and active members.

One way you could aid SO.CA.TA is to agree to place fliers publicizing it at local libraries, community centers, transit centers, etc. We can supply you with either a master to copy, or a limited stock of fliers. To let us know that you want to help write or call:

SO.CA.TA  
3010 Wilshire Bl. #362  
Los Angeles CA 90010;  
(213) 388-2364 ext.2.



# ROUTE-OF-THE-MONTH

*A closer look at some useful services*

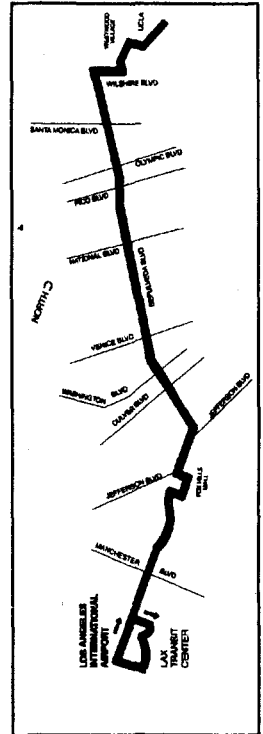
**FEATURED ROUTE:** Culver CityBus #6

**WHERE DOES IT GO:** Westwood (UCLA), West Los Angeles, Palms, Culver City, Fox Hills Mall, Westchester, Los Angeles International Airport

**WHEN DOES IT RUN:** Mon-Fri: 5:35 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
Sat-Sun-Hol: 6:30 a.m. to 11:10 p.m.

**WHAT IS THE FARE:** \$0.60. Discounts are available for students, seniors and the handicapped.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Call Culver CityBus at 1-310-559-8310



# TRANSIT TRIVIA

*Michael Ludwig*

**Last month's Transit Trivia question was:**

Not counting any MTA routes or Foothill route # 480, which bus route provides the latest service at night to Downtown Los Angeles?

**The answer:**

Gardena Municipal Bus Lines route #1 (last trip leaves Downtown at 12:20 a.m)

**This month's Transit Trivia question :**

What is the only transit system in Ventura County to not connect with VISTA?

*(The answer will be in next month's Transit Advocate, and announced at the December SO.CA.TA meeting!)*