

HOW TO GET AROUND IN L.A.



Here are a few ways to save when commuting by public transport. One must-have for all bus commuters is a Transit Access Pass (TAP) card.



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What is a TAP card?

A TAP card is a durable plastic card which is eco-friendly by eliminating disposable paper passes and stamps. Each TAP card has an electronic chip inside; just load the type of pass and stored value you want on your card, and the chip remembers it. Then you simply tap your card each time you board.



How do you use a TAP card?

TAP cards can be purchased for \$1 at any TAP Vending Machine at Metro Rail and Orange Line Stations. You can also purchase them for \$2 from regional vendor locations including Metro Customer Centers (Tip: The Central Ticketing Office at UCLA sells TAP cards).

Alternatively, you can purchase it online. A TAP card is always sold with a pass or stored value and lasts for up to 10 years (Check the expiry date on the card upon purchase). If you want to save time, you can reload passes or stored value online, by registering at <https://www.taptogo.net> (Tip: Ralph's in Westwood helps reload passes and stored value on TAP cards).



Which carriers can this card be used on?

TAP cards loaded with Stored Value can be used on any of the systems below. However, loading a Metro Pass is only valid on Metro bus and rail.

Systems that use TAP card: Access, Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA), Baldwin Park Transit, Beach Cities Transit, Burbank Bus, Carson Circuit, City of Monterey Park Spirit Bus, Compton Renaissance Transit Systems, **Culver CityBus**, Foothill Transit, Glendale Beeline GTrans (Gardena), Huntington Park Transit Unlimited, LA County Department of Public Works, **LADOT Transit**, Long Beach Transit, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), **Metro**, **Metrolink**, Montebello Bus Lines, Norwalk Transit System, Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority, Pasadena Transit, Santa Clarita Transit, **Santa Monica Big Blue Bus**, Torrance Transit.



HOW CAN I SAVE ON A TAP CARD?

1. Metro has implemented a two-hour window of free transfers when using a stored value TAP card. This new 1-Way Trip fare includes an unlimited number free transfers for up to two hours to complete a one-way trip on Metro buses and trains. This feature is not valid for round trips. Those using cash or tokens on buss cannot participate in the two hours of free transfers. To use the free two hour transfers, single fare riders will need to use a pre-loaded TAP card. When the card is tapped at the first boarding, the two hour transfer period begins and transfers will be allowed from one Metro line to another Metro line. Riders must still tap their cards at each subsequent boarding and the TAP card system will recognize if the user is within the two hour transfer window.
2. In case you use the bus frequently, the 30 Day Pass is available to all college and vocational students at a reduced price of \$43 (the regular price is \$100). To qualify for a College/Vocational discount, you must complete the College/Vocational TAP application available at select schools and Metro Customer Centers. Upon receiving your college/Vocational TAP card, you can load a reduced-rate pass every month at any Metro Customer Center or area pass vendors.



Are there any discounts on other carriers?



Big Blue Bus and Culver CityBus let students ride at 50 ¢ with a valid Bruincard, even when paying using cash or tokens (For discounts on other carriers that use the TAP card, you can go to the websites of the carriers for student discounts through <http://www.metro.net/riding/fares/tap/>).

Also, you can take advantage of BruinBus, which offers free shuttles to and from Santa Monica every Saturday (from 11:00 am to 3:15 pm) and Westwood every Sunday (from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm) through June 10, 2016. For information regarding pickup and dropoff locations as well as bus schedules, you can visit <https://main.transportation.ucla.edu/getting-around-campus/bruinbus-schedules>.

Are there student discounts available on trains?

LA's two most prominent train carriers, Metrolink and Amtrak, both offer student discounts. Metrolink offers student discounts of 25% off Monthly Pass, 7-Day Pass, One-Way and Round-Trip tickets with a valid Student ID. Amtrak's Student Advantage Card is a student discount program for students 16 years of age and older to access thousands of discount locations across the country. Student Advantage Discount Cardholders will be eligible to receive a 10% discount on the best available adult rail fare on most Amtrak trains all year long (For terms and conditions, please visit <http://www.amtrak.com/student-discount>).

