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# CMF UPDATE

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COVID-19 has changed all of our lives in countless ways. For the last few months, we have made real-time adjustments as stay at home orders, school closures and staged efforts to reopen our region and state have demanded much of our attention. We thank you for your patience as we have worked to identify ways to meet virtually with the community and provide a virtual tour of our facilities.

Metrolink has taken this time to rethink how we move into the future. This includes how our agency communicates with you. From this point forward, we will send one comprehensive monthly update to the community, which will include status updates of the CMF Action Plan, updates on projects at CMF, and other helpful information.

## Metrolink's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus):

At Metrolink, safety is foundational. Our agency has taken steps to protect against the spread of the COVID-19 disease while protecting our team members, riders, and communities.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the resulting school closures and Governor's Shelter In Place Order, Metrolink saw a reduction in ridership of approximately 90% at its lowest. As a result, Metrolink temporarily reduced its service by 30% on March 26, 2020. You can find the latest schedule information at [metrolinktrains.com/temporary-service](https://www.metrolinktrains.com/temporary-service).

Metrolink has utilized the reduced service levels to accelerate maintenance and rehabilitation activities. For our trains, Metrolink is utilizing four fewer trainsets per day to operate the reduced service. As a result, we have enhanced preventive

maintenance on the equipment and used the additional flexibility to address unscheduled maintenance events more strategically. For the infrastructure, Metrolink has used the longer work windows afforded by reduced service to accelerate repairs to track, ties and signal infrastructure.

## Recovery Plan Framework

The Metrolink team is working hard to adjust and prepare for the “new normal” and emerge from this pandemic a smarter, better, essential Metrolink. With that in mind, we have developed a Recovery Plan Framework with five key pillars:

1. Health & Safety
2. Operational Transparency
3. The Triple Bottom Line
4. Future-Proof Operations
5. Sustainable Financial Performance

The most recent update to the Metrolink Board of Directors was presented on July 24, 2020. You can find the Board item at this [LINK](#).

To get more information about Metrolink's service or response to COVID-19, please visit [metrolinktrains.com/coronavirus](http://metrolinktrains.com/coronavirus) or text “ML19” to “#333777”.

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## CMF AT A GLANCE

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## Kids Ride Free Weekends at Metrolink



If you're looking for fun, safe and affordable things to do on the weekends, we're your partner. Metrolink is introducing Kids Ride Free Weekends. Beginning Saturday, August 29, families can

take Metrolink to destinations across Southern California on weekends for only \$10 per adult, and kids (ages 17 and under) ride free.

Southern California is rich with all kinds of outdoor experiences that are accessible via Metrolink and are just begging to be explored. As we at Metrolink like to say, when you ride the train, the journey is part of the experience – so why not take a rail trip?

The experience is fun for families: sit comfortably (and socially distanced!) on our spacious, clean and disinfected double-decker trains and enjoy the mountain, ocean and city views as you whiz by traffic on your way to your destination. On-board amenities include face-to-face table seating perfect for families and a restroom and two hand sanitizer stations on each train car. Plus, every train has a bike car where you can load up your bikes, surfboards or picnic baskets.

Are you ready? It's easy to take family trips on Metrolink:

1. Check our system map to see where we travel, then choose a destination to explore. Maybe it's one of these bike trails, or the San Clemente Pier. Art lovers might want to go to one of the many destinations showcased in Mural Map LA to see the spectacular street art that makes Southern California so special.
2. Plan your schedule on our website or our Metrolink Mobile App.
3. On the day of your weekend trip, purchase a \$10 Weekend Day Pass for each adult – contactless on the Metrolink Mobile App or use our new ticket machines at our stations. With every \$10 Weekend Day Pass you buy, up to 3 kids, 17 years old and under, ride free – anywhere Metrolink travels.

No ticket is needed for the children, they simply board with their parents. Face masks are required on Metrolink platforms and trains, except for children two years old and under.

For more information on Kids Ride Free Weekends and to learn about area destinations to see by train please visit, metrolinktrains.com/kidsridefree.

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## All 25 Tier 0 Locomotives are Now Decommissioned

As of April 10, 2020, all 25 Tier 0 locomotives in Metrolink's fleet are now decommissioned. As part of a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), older locomotives must be permanently disabled. According to South

“For repowers and replacement projects, the existing (old) engine must be destroyed and rendered permanently unusable and irreparable. There must be no cannibalization of parts from the old engine. Destruction methods and requirements are specified in the Statement of Work and the CMP Guidelines.”

Removing older locomotives makes our fleet cleaner. In comparison to the Tier 4, that is an 85% reduction in emissions. We will continue to update you on our progress as we provide safer, cleaner and more efficient rail service. As part of its Fleet Modernization Plan, Metrolink is evaluating the potential to retrofit some of these decommissioned locomotives for zero-emissions operation. The Plan is scheduled for completion by the end of 2020.



*photo : one of our oldest locomotives decommissioned in August 2019*

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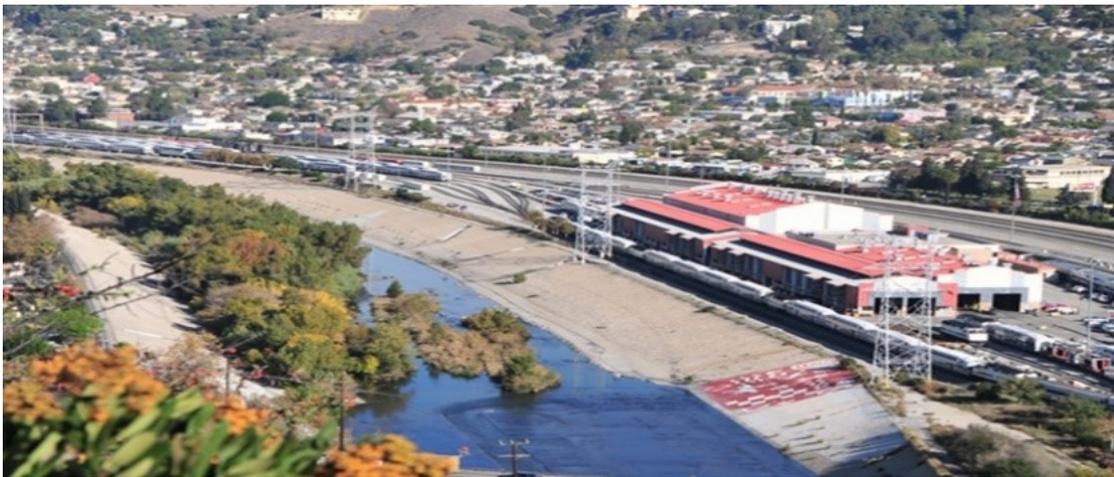
## Upcoming Virtual Community Meeting

Metrolink is committed to the community's safety. Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the Governor's Shelter in Place Order, our next community meeting will be held virtually on September 26, 2020 from 10:30am-12:30pm. We will also be providing a virtual video tour of our facility at that time.

We will continue to update you as further details come.



## Central Maintenance Facility (CMF) Action Plan August Update



We continue to make progress on our commitment to be a better neighbor to the communities near the CMF. All but one of the short-term initiatives of the CMF Action Plan have been completed and all mid-term and long-term initiatives are on schedule for on-time completion. We have completed the temporary installation and assessment of sound monitors in the yard and we have completed our analysis of how we use ground power.

The Internal Audit team presented the audit findings to Metrolink's Audit and Finance committee, then to our Board of Directors. Results of the audit were presented to the public at the CMF community meeting on February 22. To view the presentation click [here](#), the audit segment can be found on slides 8-29.

To view the latest CMF Action Plan, please click [here](#). You can also view previous updates by visiting [metrolinktrains.com/cmf](http://metrolinktrains.com/cmf).

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## Website Updates

The Internal Audit survey responses are now posted on the website. They can be viewed [here](#) or [metrolinktrains.com/cmf](http://metrolinktrains.com/cmf) in the "community resources" section.

A recap of the questions and answers segment at the February 22, 2020 meeting is now posted on the website. The recap can be viewed [here](#) or [metrolinktrains.com/cmf](http://metrolinktrains.com/cmf) in the "community resources" section.

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## CMF Drainage Project

In January we started a very important environmental and sustainability project at the Central Maintenance Facility - the CMF Drainage Upgrade Project.

From the beginning of the project, Metrolink provided weekly and monthly updates. This will be our final monthly update as the project will be completed this month.

Work crews will be closing out the project with pump equipment testing on the east and west sides of the yard.

This work will be done during business hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The community will experience little to no noise due to the work and we will continue to work with our contractor to minimize impacts to our community.

Throughout the month of August and into September you may see light clean-up activities to include adjustments to equipment and programming of the pumps. This activity will not be disruptive to the community.

Over the last six months, the 30-year old drainage system was substantially upgraded to ensure the reliability of our stormwater and sewage system. With the replacement of aging pumps, control panels and oil water separator, the main storm water runoff will be cleaned from oil before discharged to the surrounding waterway systems and ensure years of reliable automated operation for increased environmental safety of both the sewer and storm water systems.

We appreciated your patience and apologize for any

inconvenience this work caused you during this time.

If you have questions, please contact Sylvia Novoa at [novoas@scrra.net](mailto:novoas@scrra.net) or at (213) 452-0300.

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### Tier 4 Update

As of August 31, 2020, 35 of the 40 Tier 4 locomotives procured by Metrolink have been delivered to SCRRRA property. Upon delivery from the manufacturer, each locomotive must undergo extensive testing prior to its acceptance into service.

- 35 locomotives are in service
- There are currently no locomotives being prepared for service
- All 40 Tier 4 locomotives are scheduled to be in service by fall 2020. The schedule has been delayed due to supply chain impacts of COVID-19.
- 25 Legacy Tier 0 locomotives have been decommissioned

Tier 4 locomotives reduce emissions between 65% and 85% compared to legacy Tier 2 and Tier 0 locomotives in Metrolink's fleet.



### Safety Reminder

Homelessness is increasing throughout the greater Los Angeles area and camping, walking, driving or playing near any active train line or along the Metrolink right-of-way (ROW) is dangerous.

If you see an encampment along the Metrolink ROW please contact us at (866) 640-5190.

Questions and concerns can be directed to Metrolink's Community Relations 24-hour hotline at (213)452-0400 or to [communityrelations@scrra.net](mailto:communityrelations@scrra.net).

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