

Could You Still Pass a Driving Test?



More than 20% of drivers on the road—amounting to roughly 41 million licensed Americans—would not pass a written drivers test exam if taken today, according to a survey conducted by GMAC Insurance. The survey tested driver knowledge by administering 20 actual questions taken from state Department of Motor Vehicles exams. Idaho and Wisconsin tied for first in the nation, with an average test score of 87%; New York drivers ranked last, just below Hawaii, New Jersey and California. How would you stack up? Take the test at gmacinsurance.com

Short-Term Riders Wanted/Needed

Don't let summer vacation plans derail your rideshare efforts. If your regular carpool partner is on vacation or you have openings on your vanpool

that need to be filled for a week or two, check out the Ride Exchange—an online bulletin board where Southland commuters can post or find temporary vacancies. Go to CommuteSmart.info/rideexchange



What's Happening



Metrolink Fare Changes

Metrolink approved a 3% average fare increase effective August 1 and several changes in connecting transit transfer policy, including discontinuation of free transfer privileges. For details, go to metrolinktrains.com

Stretching a Summer Travel Budget

More than half of summer vacationers said they plan to use a city's local public transit system to get around during their visit, according to a new survey released by the American Public Transportation Association. Nearly 30% of those surveyed said the availability of transit was a strong factor in deciding their vacation plans. For the full report, go to apta.com



Car-Free Fridays

Leave your car at home and instead bike to work or find another alternative to celebrate "Car-Free Friday," the last Friday in every month (so this month it's July 31). For details on local events, go to la-bike.org

