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Blogs, Tweets & Sites to Help You on Your Commute

Tired of traffic? Here are a few resources to help ease the commute:

The Source. Get the latest transportation news in the greater Los Angeles area at Metro's new blog—The Source at thesource.metro.net

CleverCommute.com. Clever Commute is a free information network where subscribers receive alerts on traffic and transit conditions thanks to commuters who text in updates about trains, buses and traffic.

CommuteSmart.info. Get free online carpool/vanpool matching, bus/rail itineraries, Park & Ride lot info and more at Southern California's premiere ridematching service.

Twitter.com. More and more transportation agencies "tweeting"—sending short messages to mobile devices—on everything from road closures, service changes and other updates. A few Southern California agencies that give updates via twitter:

- Caltrans—twitter.com/caltrans, (Los Angeles/Orange/Ventura counties, twitter.com/caltransdist7)
- Metro—twitter.com/metrolosangeles
- Metrolink—twitter.com/metrolink
- OCTA—twitter.com/octabusupdates



In Brief

Free Rides for the Holidays

Rides on Metro Rail and buses will be free Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (Dec. 25), and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (Jan. 1).

For details, call 1.800.COMMUTE.



Public Transit Riders Save More than \$9,000 a Year

Americans who ride public transportation can save on average \$9,190 annually vs. the cost of driving. So says a recent report from the American Public Transportation Association, which estimates the savings is \$225 more than last year based on increased gasoline and parking costs. For the full report, go to apta.com

