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Get a FREE Metro Pass and Dump the Pump!

On **Thursday, June 19, 2008**, Metro joins the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and other transit agencies nationwide to celebrate the third annual National Dump the Pump Day. Dump the Pump Day is designed to encourage people to get out of their cars and walk, bike or use public transportation to conserve fuel and reduce the environmental impact of everyday commuting. Locally, Metro is teaming with [Trailnet](#) and the [St. Louis Bicycle Federation](#) to encourage people to Dump the Pump.

Each year, public transportation use in the U.S. saves 1.4 billion gallons of gasoline - almost 4 million gallons of gasoline per day, and reduces the nation's carbon emissions by 37 million metric tons annually - equivalent to the electricity used by 4.9 million households. Since January 2003, gas prices have increased by more than 150 percent. With fuel costs continuing to rise, Dump the Pump Day presents a great opportunity for commuters to try Metro and see how it can be an economical and convenient transportation option.

“By participating in Dump the Pump Day, we hope people who have never used Metro will decide to give us a try instead of driving their car,” say Robert Baer, President and CEO of Metro. “We welcome new riders and thank our regular riders for continuing to choose Metro.”

As an incentive for St. Louis area commuters to get out of their vehicles and try transit, Metro is offering a **FREE ONE-DAY PASS** for Dump the Pump Day. The Free One-Day Pass is valid for **Thursday, June 19th only**, and allows commuters to try MetroBus and MetroLink for the entire day. **Commuters must have their pass with them to ride free on Dump the Pump Day.**

Interested individuals can use one of several options to get their free Metro one-day pass:

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Receive Your Pass By Mail

Send an email with the subject line “Free Pass” to customerservice@metrostlouis.org and include your name and full mailing address, or call 314-982-1400, extension 1668, and leave your name and full mailing address. All requests **must be received by Sunday, June 15, 2008.**

Get Your Pass at Participating MetroRide Centers

You can also pick up your free One-Day Pass at both [MetroRide locations](#). The Downtown MetroRide Center is located inside America's Center at 7th & Washington in downtown St. Louis, and the Clayton MetroRide location is on the Second Level of the Clayton MetroBus Transfer Center/MetroLink Station at 232 S. Meramec Ave., between Meramec and Central avenues. Both Centers are open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Or Meet Us At An Event

Metro will distribute passes at the Metro Information Table at the St. Louis Galleria on Saturday, June 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Spot a Green Team Member on June 19th for a chance to win a free get-away trip.

Since two of transit's major benefits are saving **money** and saving the **environment**, on Dump the Pump Day, Metro's **Green Team** members will roam through MetroBus Transfer Centers and MetroLink locations around the area. They will be dressed in **green**, and have entry forms for a chance to win a two-night, get-a-way trip to Kansas City, MO, courtesy of Amtrak and Drury Hotels.

For more information about National Dump the Pump Day, log on to www.apta.com or visit www.metrostlouis.org. For Metro Transit Information, call (314) 231-2345 from Missouri or (618) 271-2345 from Illinois. Transit Information is available from 7:00 .m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. For TTY Assistance, customers may call (314) 982-1555 from Missouri and (618) 875-1200 from Illinois.

About Metro

Metro is the operator of the Metro public transportation system for the St. Louis region, which includes the 87 vehicle, 46-mile MetroLink light rail system; 411 MetroBus vehicle fleet that operates on 75 MetroBus routes; and Metro Call-A-Ride, a paratransit fleet of 122 vans. Over 54 million passengers boarded on the Metro System in Fiscal Year 2007.

Metro also oversees the operations of the St. Louis Downtown Airport and surrounding industrial business park, the Gateway Arch Revenue Collections Center, the Gateway Arch Transportation System, the Gateway Arch Riverboats, and the Gateway Arch Parking Facility.

About Trailnet

Trailnet Promotes Active Living in St. Louis through bicycle and pedestrian activities to improve the health of individuals, communities and the environment. We improve St. Louis regional quality of life by offering Bicycle Rides and Recreational Events, promoting Transportation Alternatives, providing Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, collaborating on Trails, Greenways and Bicycle Pedestrian Compatible Roadways and assisting with Public Outreach and Advocacy.

About the St. Louis Bicycle Federation

A non-profit organization, the St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation shares a vision of a bike-friendly region that covers the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. Our mission is to make the St. Louis region more friendly, safe, and accessible to people on bicycles through educational outreach, advocacy, and improved facilities.

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