

# Transportation

## BUS PASSES AND TAXI VOUCHERS

All Los Angeles County transit operators, including MTA, DASH, Foothill, Antelope Valley, and all the city bus lines, honor a "disabled identification card".

### 1. How to Apply

There are over 20 transit offices where the ID card applications may be obtained. The completed application must be returned in person to any of these offices. For the location nearest you or more information, phone 213-680-0054. All applicants must pay a non-refundable \$2.00 application fee and bring a current 1" by 1 1/4" full face photo (no hats, sunglasses or bandannas.)

To be eligible you must show any one of the following:

- Medicare identification card (a Medi-Cal card is not accepted)
- California DMV disabled or disabled veteran placard certificate with a current "valid through" date
- Proof of receiving either SSI or SSDI from the Social Security Administration
- A certification on school letterhead signed by a Special Education teacher that the applicant is a Special Education student in any LA County elementary, jr. high or senior high school
- Part III of the application form, which is a one-page certification signed by a health care professional.

Replacement of lost or stolen cards requires a \$5.00 fee and another photo. ID cards will be mailed within 10 business days after verification to the address on the application.

### 2. Other Bus Passes

- Ask the local bus company about discounts for students (including adults) and seniors .
- If you have moved from "welfare to work", GAIN or RITE can provide bus fare or car travel reimbursements as part of "post employment" services. (see page 10 CalWORKS) Department

of Rehabilitation may also provide you with a bus pass if you qualify for their services. (see page 17 Jobs)

### 3. CityRide and other paratransit

In addition, most of the cities in the County offer subsidized transportation for seniors age 65 or more or people with disabilities. For example Los Angeles City has "cityride," provided by the LA Department of Transportation. Eligible people can buy through the mail a book valued at \$66, every three months. The cost is \$15.34, but if you are receiving Medi-Cal or SSI, the cost is \$6.34. The script can be used to buy bus pass, taxi rides, or to partly pay for lift-van or dial-a-ride service for medical appointments. Call "cityride" services call from **any area code in Los Angeles** (213) or (323) or (818) or (310)808-RIDE (808-7433). The application can be requested by phone and completed by mail. Contact city hall in other cities and ask for paratransit services.

## LOW COST CAR INSURANCE

Low income drivers in Los Angeles County can purchase special auto insurance for **\$347** a year. The purpose of this Program is to provide low cost automobile liability insurance to good drivers who demonstrate financial need.

### 1. How Do I Apply?

Call (800) 622-0954 to find the agent nearest you from the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (CAARP.) You must verify your income with tax returns and also show a valid driver's license, current vehicle registration, and proof of ownership of vehicle.

To be eligible you must live in LA County; you must be at least 19 years old and have been driving for at least 3 years without losing your license; the car insured must be worth less than \$12,000; and your household must have a yearly income below :

# in household	250% of Federal Poverty Level
1	\$23,925
2	\$32,075
3	\$40,225
4	\$48,375
5	\$56,525
6	\$64,675
7	\$72,825
8	\$80,975

Also, in the last 3 years you cannot have:

- Been responsible for an accident involving bodily injury or death
- Had more than one property damage accident in which you were at fault
- More than one point for a moving violation

You also cannot be a college student claimed as a dependent on someone else's taxes.

Per household only two low cost policies are allowed. A "household" includes all related persons living under one roof. Unrelated individuals living in the same house are each considered to be their own household.

### 2. What Does the Policy Cover?

The liability limits are \$10,000 bodily injury or death per person, \$20,000 bodily injury for each accident and \$3,000 property damage for each accident. The limits are less than the mandatory limits required in California but purchasing these lower limits will satisfy the state's current financial responsibility laws. You have the option of adding \$1,000 Medical Payments for your Injuries for \$26 a year and/or \$10,000 per person/ \$20,000 per accident to protect you and your passengers from bodily injury by an Uninsured Motorist for \$64 a year. There is no physical damage or theft coverage for your car.

