

Traffic is crazy, and parking expensive. Yet L.A. has wonderful places to go! Even those who drive find it easier to use public transportation for some trips. It costs cents, not dollars to ride if you are over 62, and there is no charge for the tap card. You will want to have it in your wallet when you need it.

Joanne D'Antonio, Travel Training Co-ordinator from Green Light to Mobility, visits the ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center to offer free travel training services. Easiest way to get a tap card is to find her is at the end of Lurinda Chin's monthly AARP Driving classes. Anyone is welcome to stop by September 11th at 4:00 pm and take a few minutes to fill out the application. Bring ID to verify age eligibility, and Joanne takes the photo Metro requires.

Need to learn to use the tap card? Attend Joanne's free workshops at ONEgeneration. These are held every couple months, and you can also apply for your tap card at the workshop. Enroll with her, and also get free individual phone travel training.

For hands-on guidance, go on a group field-training trip with Green Light to Mobility Travel Trainers. Destinations are great places like The Getty, Griffith Observatory, The Science Center, Santa Monica Pier, Olvera Street, and more. Trips usually start from an Orange Line station that has a free parking lot. They can even teach you to ride safely with a walker.

When you are ready for a trip on your own, you can get very detailed instructions to go and come back from an Orange Line stop. If you want to receive these by email or regular mail, ask to subscribe to the Green Light to Mobility *Orangeliners*. You won't get lost!

This month, in addition to ongoing regular workshops, Joanne launches a special Advanced Workshop for those who can use smart phones, tablets and computers. You can learn to plot routes. You can go to Metro.net and see maps that clearly display the exact location of any transit stop. Come with your devices September 15th at 9:30 a.m. ONEgeneration will provide WIFI. Bring passwords or Apple IDs so you can download free apps to track actual buses en route. And of course you can apply for tap cards before and after the workshop.

Green Light to Mobility is a government-funded program administered by New Horizons, North Hills. A big part of their mission is to help people over 62 learn to use public transportation safely. LAPD just began patrols on the Red and Blue Lines. Smooth new buses are in service, and there will be new electric Orange Line buses. Elevators at the end of the Orange Line in North Hollywood now take you below to the Red Line without crossing a street, and there is a coffee shop there with a rest room -- no purchase necessary to get the access code from the barista.

Join the many from ONEgeneration who now utilize public transit!