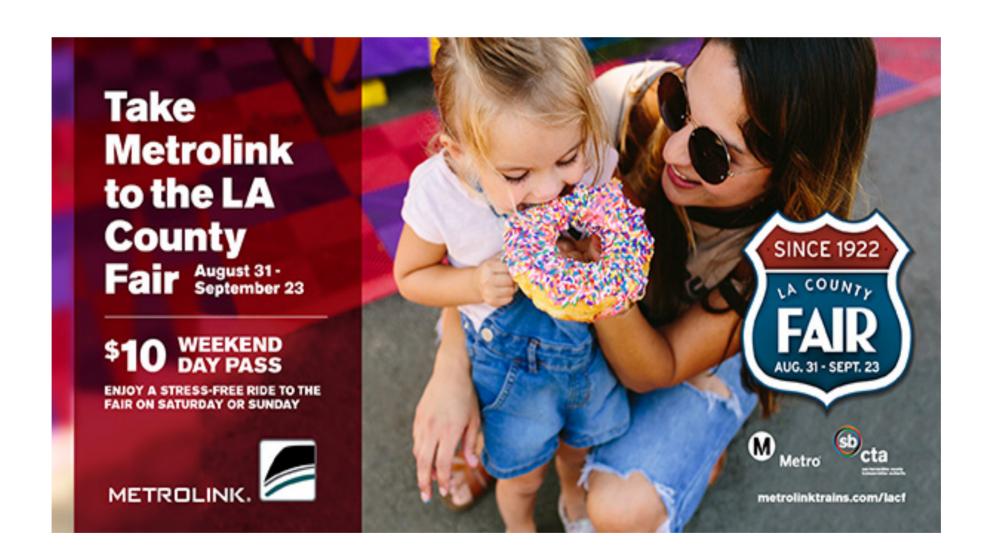




# **Target Audience**

Metrolink offered special service & promotions to the LA County Fair for the 25<sup>th</sup> year in 2018.

The targeted audience was current and potential Metrolink riders as well as internal and external stakeholders and the media.





# **Situation**

Metrolink helped passengers avoid the stress of parking and dealing with traffic to get to one of the most anticipated events of the year while taking advantage of special deals and promotions to increase overall ridership and awareness about the brand and public transportation as a whole.



# Strategy/Objective

The objective of this special service was to help give potential passengers the opportunity to avoid the stress of traffic and trying to pay and deal with parking, while also taking cars off the road by getting them to ride the train.

We wanted to increase revenue and ridership over the previous year by getting appropriate messaging out about the service and utilizing the following tactics:

- We offered a \$10 weekend day pass on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3 which was the opening weekend of the fair
- LACF tickets were given away each weekday for 10 days (20 tickets) and 12 additional tickets (3 family 4-packs) were given away over the four weeks of service to the fair
- The fair provided a free shuttle service from the platform to the gate entrance
- Advertisement space on the LACF website homepage rotating banner
- Digital ad space on the Fairplex digital billboard off the I-10 freeway & Fairplex Dr. with 2 million commuters a week passing the digital sign
- Web banners, splash pages, newsletter articles, promotional emails, paid Facebook ads, organic Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts, conductor announcements and station screen messages

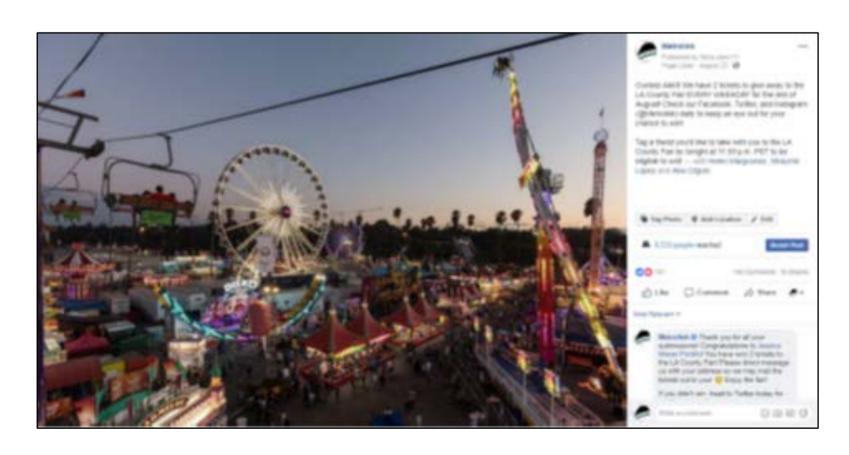
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# Webpage



# **Social Media**





# **Rack Card**

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### **Metrolink LA County Fair Service**

### Metrolink and Fairplex are pleased to Offer Train Service to the LA County Fair.

Here are a few helpful tips to make your trip a pleasant experience.

- · Metrolink will offer regular San Bernardino Line weekend service with an additional stop at the Fairplex station Sept. 1-23, 2018.
- · Additional Saturday and Sunday train departing 8:30 p.m. from the Fair returning to LA Union Station.
- · Metrolink will begin making a stop at the Fair after 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- · Metrolink will make special stops at the Fair on Labor Day, Monday, September 3. Sunday schedule will be in effect.
- · There are some Antelope Valley Line trains which connect with the San Bernardino Line trains to the LA County Fair, Visit metrolinktrains.com/lacf for train schedules.
- . For the best value, purchase the Metrolink \$10 Weekend Day Pass from the ticket vending machine at any Metrolink station (Sat/Sun only) or through the Metrolink App.
- . No wagons will be allowed on the train. For a list of approved items, visit our website at metrolinktrains.com.
- · You must have a valid ticket to board. Tickets are not sold onboard the train.

### **LA County Fair**

 Online Special Only: LACF.com Single-Day Admission. \$12 Adults: \$6 Child. Go to LACF.com, under the tickets tab click on promo/voucher and enter promo code: METROLINK

- A free shuttle will meet every train to pick you up and drop you off at Yellow Gate main entrance.
- . LACF is equipped and ready to handle ADA transport needs as required at our station.
- · For more information visit LACF.com

Contact Information: 800-371-5465 (LINK) For speech and hearing impaired: 800-698-4833 (4TDD)

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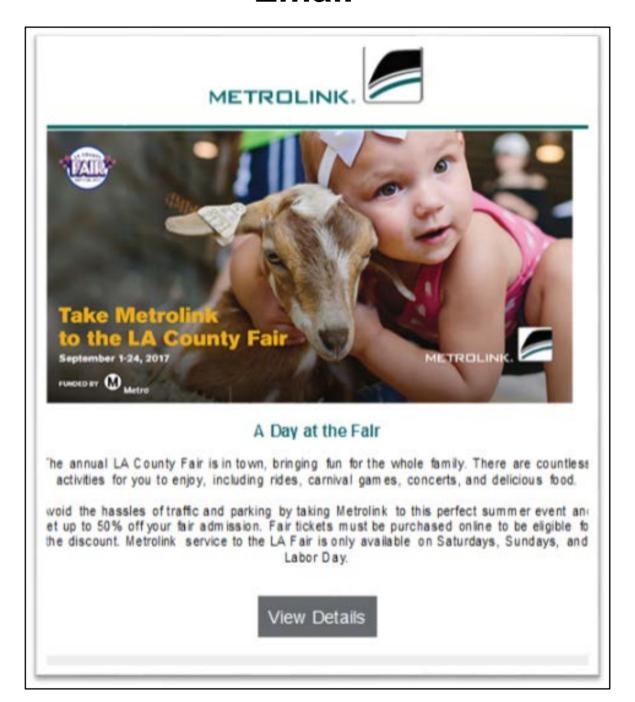








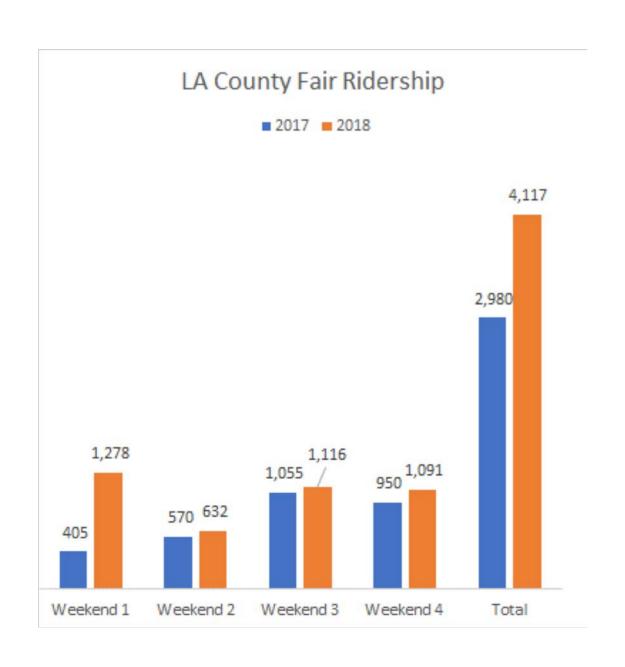
# **Promotional Email**





# Results

Metrolink ridership for 2018 came in at 4,117, which was up 38% from 2017 ridership. Special train 391X, which is funded by Metro, had a 106% increase in ridership from 2017.





## Results

Since the marketing campaign began in September of 2018 for the LA County Fair, the ridership for Metrolink as a whole has continued to increase.

Fair Attendance:

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1,204,911	1,276,817	1,317,370	1,231,243	1,251,209

Ridership:

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
3,918	3,372	4,372	2,980	4,117

