

Population: 1.765 million (2010) Source Google Search, **Curitiba is also known for its Bus Rapid Transit service.NB**

[Mapping Metro Rail's Huge Ridership Boom Since 2000](#)

Curbed LA Aug 28, 2013

It may not win any awards for special effects wizardry, but it's neat to see how ridership has built steadily over time. Earlier reporting bears this out--in 2012 (when the Expo Line and Orange Line extension opened), ridership was up 12 percent over the previous year and 16 percent on the year before that. During that time, plain old bus ridership remained flat.

[LA County Fair](#)

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Take Metrolink to the L.A. County Fair on Weekends

Purchase a Metrolink \$10 Weekend Day Pass to get to the L.A. County Fair for a day of food and fun. This year the L.A. County Fair is offering Metrolink riders a special \$10 admission ticket on weekends.

[Railcar Maker to Hire 150 in Palmdale](#)

LA Business Journal Aug 27, 2013

In April 2012, Kinkisharyo received an \$891 million railcar contract from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to deliver 235 cars for use on the region's expanding light-rail network. The first 28 cars are scheduled for delivery by the end of 2015.



Needed at all train stations is current information for passengers of the status and locations of trains so people can find and not miss their trains. Such information can be the difference between passengers taking the train for the first time or trying it again after the first try. Photo at the Oceanside

Transportation Center by Noel T. Braymer

[Expanded Central Coast Railroad Festival Set for October 10th to 14th in San Luis Obispo County, CA](#)

The Fifth Annual Central Coast Railroad Festival, set for October 10-14, 2013, in the heart of the California Central Coast, will focus on special concert and film events, vintage rail excursions, the Grand Opening of the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum and model railroading of all types. Activities will take place at numerous railroad, historical and educational locations throughout San Luis Obispo and northern Santa Barbara Counties.

The long awaited Grand Opening for the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum will occur on Saturday, October 12th. This event will be a major focal point for the 2013 Festival and the celebration will include an Official Opening Ceremony along with new exhibits, running models, tours, music and programs for all ages.

Further information and details on the Central Coast Railroad Festival, including the developing schedule of events, promotional videos, a list of participating organizations and an email notification sign up, can be found at www.ccrf.com Festival staffers can be reached at 805-773-4173 .

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