



Transportation from Avenal State Prison and Pleasant Valley State Prison

Directions to the Bay Area, Central California (Sacramento to Bakersfield), and Southern California (LA and San Diego)

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Getting home from AVENAL/PVSP can be difficult and expensive, and you may have no more than \$200 to pay for the trip. This guide contains information on transportation options from AVENAL/PVSP.

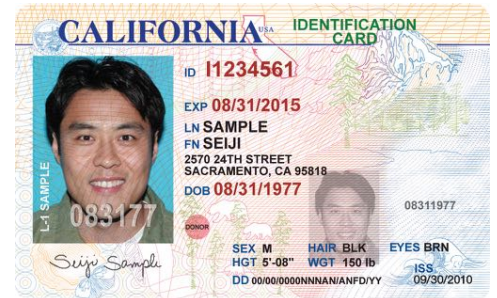
LEAVING AVENAL/PVSP:

On the day of your release, you will be taken to Receiving and Release, where you will be provided clothing, identification, and gate money. Based on PRN’s discussions with staff at Receiving and Release at both institutions, individuals at Avenal State Prison leave the institution at 7:30 am and are taken to Pleasant Valley about twenty minutes away. Avenal R&R staff report that Monday through Saturday released prisoners are taken to the Fresno Greyhound/Amtrak, and on Sunday and Holidays are taken to the Amtrak in Hanford. PVSP staff report that all released prisoners are taken to the Amtrak in Hanford.

Clothing: The prison will provide you clothes for your release. There are some clothes that have been donated, and you also may purchase clothes from PIA using your gate money. The cost is \$30.44 for a full change of clothes.

If someone has sent dressouts, they will be waiting for you at Receiving and Release. An individual must send the items thirty days prior to your release, write “dressouts” as well as the person they are being delivered to.

Identification: You may keep your CDCR-issued identification, and this will likely be the only identification available. However, recent legislation has required CDCR and DMV to supply individuals leaving prison with identification. Starting January 1st, 2015, AB 2308 requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Motor Vehicles to ensure that inmates released from state prisons have valid identification cards (pictured right).



If you are leaving prison, and you meet all the following requirements:

1. Previously held a CA driver’s license or ID card.
2. Have a usable photo on file with the DMV that is not more than 10 years old.
3. No outstanding fees due for a prior CA identification card.
4. DMV verified your name, date of birth, social security number, and legal presence in the US.

Then, you should get an identification card. **Prior to release, speak with your counselor about getting your CA ID.** Identification is in important to get public benefits, housing, and other important necessities.



Gate Money: Avenal issues debit cards as gate money (pictured left) instead of cash. This debit card should have your \$200 gate money, in addition to the money in your trust account. PVSP may have implemented the same program by the time of your release.

Fresno Amtrak Station: If you do not have someone scheduled to pick you up, you will likely be taken to Fresno Station. It looks like this:



Hanford Amtrak Station:
You may be taken to Fresno Station. It looks like this:



PURCHASING TICKETS AT AN AMTRAK STATION USING A TICKET MACHINE

The Bus/Amtrak station **may not have a ticket office**. Instead, there may be an electronic kiosk where you can purchase bus and train tickets (pictured left). Make sure you buy a ticket **all the way to your final destination**, rather than purchasing separate tickets for each leg of the journey.

The Quik-Trak machine uses a touch screen. To purchase tickets using the Quik-Trak Machine, follow these instructions:



Step 2: Touch “Create Reservation” and select the location where you would like to go, and when.



Step 3:

AMTRAK

REVIEW YOUR ITINERARY

Name: Jonathan Turnipseed **Res No:** 034856

ORIGIN	DESTINATION	TRAIN	DATE	TIME
Boston, MA	New York (Penn), NY	2155	21 Apr	7:55A
New York (Penn), NY	Philadelphia, PA	95	25 Apr	10:35A
Philadelphia, PA	Boston, MA	2154	28 Apr	8:38A

Fare Rules
Refund fee may apply.

Total: \$68.00

Buttons: Enter Amtrak Guest Rewards, Change First Train, Enter Reservation Number, Cancel Reservation, Print Tickets (highlighted), Quit, Back.

Review the information displayed on the Review Your Itinerary screen. **Select the Print Tickets button.** Your printed ticket will appear in Ticket Dispenser after processing.

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Step 4:

AMTRAK

AMTRAK 11 02 CTD0F1

X

JONATHAN TURNIPSEED
WASHINGTON, DC 2154
CHICAGO, IL

034856
NEW YORK, NY
PHILADELPHIA, PA
2154 08NOV01

VALID PHOTO ID REQUIRED \$10.00

AMTRAK

Once your ticket has been dispensed, **sign your name** after the "X" on the top left side. You are now ready to board.

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TRAINS FROM FRESNO/HANFORD TO BAY AREA/STOCKTON/SACRAMENTO:

To get from Fresno/Hanford to the Bay Area, Stockton, Sacramento, or cities in between you can take the San Joaquin Train. Here is the schedule for northbound trains:

Hanford, CA W Central Coast, Visalia—see page 5	181	●A●F		06 07A	08 30A	11 26A	02 47P	05 06P	07 40P	WD11 00
Fresno, CA (Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park)	211	●A●F		06 45A	09 10A	12 05P	03 25P	05 45P	08 18P	WD11 50
Madera, CA	237	○A●F		7 09A	9 37A	12 29P	3 49P	6 09P	8 42P	
Merced, CA W Yosemite National Park—see page 5	269	●A●F		07 43A	10 08A	01 08P	04 27P	06 42P	09 15P	
Denair, CA (Turlock)	292	○A●F		8 04A	10 34A	1 29P	4 48P	7 10P	9 36P	
Modesto, CA	304	●A●F		08 23A	10 49A	01 42P	05 02P	07 25P	09 52P	
STOCKTON, CA										
—San Joaquin Street Station	304	●A●F		08 56A	WD11 30A	02 18P	05 38P	08 03P	WD10 35P	
—Downtown Station, East Channel Street	337	○A●F		11 19A	WD	WD	WD	WD	10 24P	
Lodi, CA	346	○A●F		WD09 30A	11 34A	WD02 50P	WD06 10P	WD08 30P	10 39P	
Elk Grove, CA	369	○A		WD09 40A		WD03 00P	WD06 20P	WD08 40P		
SACRAMENTO, CA										
—State Capitol (By request of driver)	382	○		WD10 00A		WD03 15P	WD06 55P	WD09 00P		
—Rail Station		●A●F		WD10 05A	012 30P	WD03 30P	WD06 35P	WD09 05P	WD11 30P	
Davis, CA	386	●A●F	Ar	WD10 45A	WD02 25P	WD04 55P	WD07 30P	WD09 30P		
Antioch-Pittsburg, CA	364	○A●F	Dp	9 31A		2 53P	6 07P	8 32P		
Martinez, CA	383	●A●F		09 58A		03 19P	06 31P	08 56P		
W Redwood Coast Connections—see page 5										
Richmond, CA (BART Station)	403	○A●F		10 23A		3 44P	6 58P	9 22P		
Emeryville, CA	411	●A●F		WD10 43A		WD04 00P	WD07 16P	WD09 43P		
Oakland, CA—Jack London Square	415	●A●F	Ar	WD10 55A	WD12 50P	WD04 15P	WD07 30P	WD09 55P	WD11 55P	
Emeryville, CA		●A	Dp	WD10 45A	WD11 00P	WD04 05P	WD07 20P	WD09 45P	WD12 10A	
San Francisco, CA		●A●F	Ar	WD11 15A	WD11 20P	WD04 35P	WD07 50P	WD10 10P	WD12 30A	
—Transbay Temporary Terminal		○A		WD11 15A		WD04 45P	WD08 00P	WD10 20P	WD12 35A	
—Financial Dist., Hyatt Regency		○A		WD11 25A		WD05 00P	WD08 15P	WD10 35P		
—Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39		○A		WD11 25A		WD05 15P	WD08 25P	WD10 45P		
—San Francisco Shopping Center, 835 Market Street		○A		WD11 30A						
—Moscone Center		○A		WD11 35A		WD5 25P	WD6 35P			
—Caltrain Station, 4th & Townsend Streets		○A	Ar							

TRAINS FROM FRESNO/HANFORD TO BAKERSFIELD / LOS ANGELES / SAN DIEGO

To get from Fresno/Hanford to the Bakersfield, Los Angeles, San Diego, or cities in between you can take the San Joaquin Train. Here is the schedule for southbound trains:

Fresno, CA (Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park)	205	●A●F		WD06 00A	09 55A	11 35A	02 10P	05 20P	08 06P	09 50
Hanford, CA W Central Coast, Visalia—see page 5	235	●A●F		WD06 50A	10 28A	12 09P	02 44P	05 54P	08 39P	10 23
Corcoran, CA	252	○A●F			10 44A	12 25P	3 00P	6 10P	8 55P	10 39
Vasco, CA	290	○A●F			11 20A	12 56P	3 33P	6 41P	9 26P	11 10
BAKERSFIELD, CA										
W Connections—see pages 3-5	315	●A●F	Ar	WD08 30A	012 02P	01 41P	04 11P	07 26P	10 07P	11 51
Merle Hall-Santa Clarita, CA—Metrolink Station	378	○	Dp	WD08 35A	WD12 10P	WD01 50P	WD04 20P	WD07 30P	WD10 10P	WD11 59
Amtrak-Bob Hope Airport, CA—Amtrak Station	398	○A			WD1 55P	WD03 25P	WD05 55P	WD09 05P	WD11 35P	WD1 25
Ardenwood, CA	409	○A			WD2 20P	WD03 50P	WD06 20P	WD09 30P	WD11 59P	WD1 50
LOS ANGELES, CA+										
—Union Station	415	●A	Ar	WD10 45A	WD02 30P	WD04 10P	WD06 40P	WD09 50P	WD12 30A	WD2 20
Fullerton, CA	0	●A●F	Dp	011 15A	03 00P	05 10P	07 30P	10 10P	WD12 40A	WD2 30
Orange, CA	26	●A●F		011 45A	03 30P	05 40P	8 00P	10 40P	WD1 15A	WD3 05
Anaheim, CA (Disneyland)	31	●A●F		011 54A	3 38P	05 49P	08 11P	10 49P		
Santa Ana, CA	36	●A●F		012 03P	3 46P	5 57P	08 20P	10 58P	WD1 30A	WD3 20
Riverside, CA	45	●A●F		12 18P	3 56P	6 09P	8 32P	11 08P		WD3 40
San Juan Capistrano, CA	58	●A●F		12 34P	WD04 12P	6 23P	8 48P	11 21P		WD3 55
Escondido, CA (LEGOLAND)	87	●A●F		01 09P	4 45P	07 03P	09 19P	11 53P		WD4 30
Escondido Beach, CA	102	●A●F		1 24P	5 02P	7 26P	9 42P	12 16A		WD4 50
San Diego, CA (Tijuana)	126	●A●F	Ar	02 03P	05 47P	08 07P	10 25P	12 00A		WD5 15

TRAVEL IN THE BAY AREA USING BART: Once you are in Richmond, you can transfer to Bart. **BART** stands for Bay Area Rapid Transit. BART operates five routes on 104 miles (167 km) of line, with 44 stations in four counties. With an average of 373,945 weekday passengers, 176,616 Saturday passengers, and 119,247 Sunday passengers in January 2013. The BART logo



BART CARD: This a BART card (pictured right). Insert it into the turnstile (pictured below) on both entry and exit.

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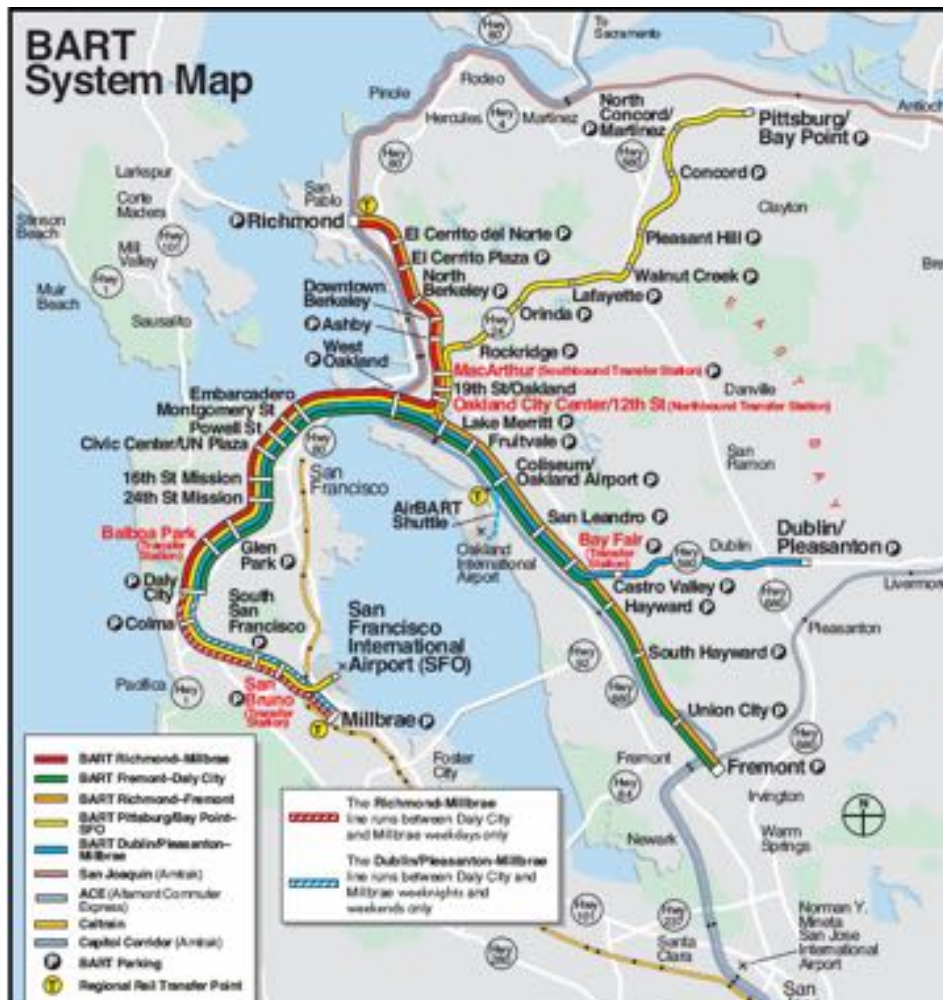


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Once you exit, the funds are removed based on the length of your travel. You can know how much money remains on your card by looking next to the arrow, where the remaining amount is printed.

The BART system is complicated, but you can get to most destinations in the Bay Area.



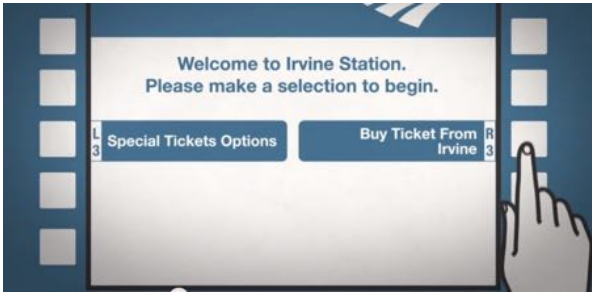
TRAVEL AROUND LOS ANGELES AREA USING METROLINK:

Once you make it to Los Angeles, you can get around the area using MetroLink:



Purchasing Metrolink Tickets with Ticketing Machine:

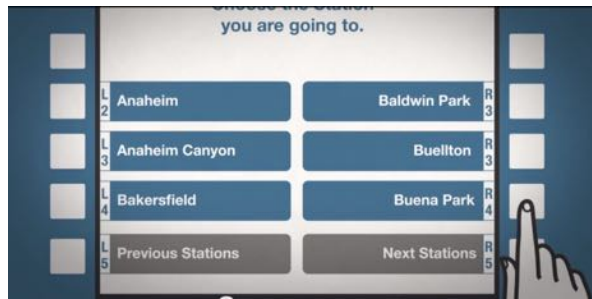
Metrolink tickets are not sold onboard the train, and must be purchased prior to boarding the train. Ticket vending machines (pictured right) are located on Metrolink train platforms. To purchase a ticket, follow these instructions:



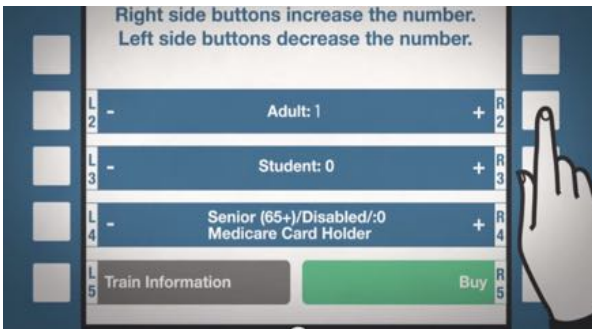
Step 1: Using the buttons surrounding this screen, select "Buy Ticket From Los Angeles"



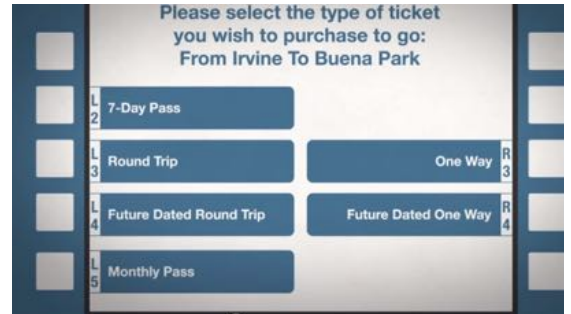
Step 2: Select the first letter of your



Step 3: Select your destination.



Step 5: Select the ticket type. If you are over 65 or disabled, be sure to get a reduced fee ticket.



Step 4: Select One Way trip.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

These service providers can help you in the event of a problem:

<p><u>SACRAMENTO:</u> For all services, dial 2-1-1 on any phone. Emergency Shelters for men:</p> <p>Union Gospel Mission 400 North Bannon Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Ph. (916) 447-3268 Provides a seven 7-night stay for single men. Be there at the black metal gate by 5:30 p.m. for a <i>first come/first serve</i> basis. You can have 7 nights in, then stay out for three nights, and come back for 7 more days. Preference usually given to "first timers" or new people, so let the staff know if this is your first time.</p> <p>Salvation Army 200 North B Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 Ph. (916) 442-0331 x0 Emergency shelter provided for single men or women only. You must be at their B street lobby at 1:00 p.m. for placement onto the waiting list. Offers a 30 to 60 day shelter assisting in employment and housing independence.</p> <p>Adult Shelter VOA 1400 North A Street, Building B, Sacramento, CA 95814 Ph. (916) 448-5507 You must show up the first time to have your name placed on the waiting list. Check in each day 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Intake is at 1:00 p.m. Call in each day for check-in after your name is on the list. When your name is close to the top, then show up or if you call in the staff will tell you to show up if you may receive a bed space.</p>	<p><u>OAKLAND</u> Food: Alameda County Community Food Bank Call 510-635-3663 to get registered to pick up food. Their address is 7900 Edgewater Drive Oakland, CA 94621</p> <p>Shelters: Dial 2-1-1 on any phone, and someone will direct you to a shelter. Also try:</p> <p>City Team 722 Washington St., Oakland, CA. 510.452.3758 and wait to dial 26</p> <p>Healthcare: Dial 9-1-1 if it is an emergency. 1411 E 31st St, Oakland, CA (510) 437-4800</p>
<p><u>LOS ANGELES:</u> For all services, dial 2-1-1 on any phone.</p> <p>Shelters: Year Round Emergency Shelter (800) 548-6047, TTY: (800) 660-4026</p>	<p><u>SAN FRANCISCO</u> Food: Glide serves over 1,000 meals daily. Glide Memorial Church 330 Ellis St. 415-674-6000</p> <p>Shelter: Dial 2-1-1 on any phone, and someone will direct you to a shelter.</p> <p>Healthcare: Dial 9-1-1 if it is an emergency. San Francisco General Hospital 1001 Portrero Ave. San Francisco, CA 94110 415-206-8000</p> <p><u>SAN DIEGO:</u> For all services, dial 2-1-1 on any phone.</p> <p><u>BAKERSFIELD:</u> For all services, dial 2-1-1 on any phone.</p> <p>Shelter and Food: Bakersfield Homeless Center 1600 East Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA (661) 322-9199</p>