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 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:

![Fresno Amtrak Station](image)

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

![Hanford Amtrak Station](image)
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 Quick-Trak Machine, follow these instructions:

Step 2: Touch “Create Reservation” and select the location where you would like to go, and when.
Step 3:

Review Your Itinerary and Select “Print Tickets”. If this is Not Your Itinerary, Select “Enter Reservation Number”. You Can Enter Your Amtrak Guest Rewards Number Before Ticketing.

Name: Jonathan Turnipseed
Res No: 034856

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Total: $68.00

Enter Amtrak Guest Rewards
Change First Train
Enter Reservation Number
Cancel Reservation

Print Tickets

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.

Step 4:

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

![Northbound Train Schedule](image1)

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**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:

![Southbound Train Schedule](image2)
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, Saturday passengers, and 119,247 Sunday passengers in January 2013. The BART logo looks like this:

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

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 barding 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 destination.

**Step 3:** Select your destination.

**Step 4:** Select One Way trip.

**Step 5:** Select the ticket type. If you are over 65 or disabled, be sure to get a reduced fee ticket.
**EMERGENCY SERVICES**
These service providers can help you in the event of a problem:

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<td>Emergency Shelters for men:</td>
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<td><strong>Union Gospel Mission</strong> 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 first come/first serve basis. You can have 7 nights in, then stay out for three nights, and come back for 7 more days. Preference usually given to &quot;first timers&quot; or new people, so let the staff know if this is your first time.</td>
<td><strong>Food:</strong> 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 <strong>Shelters:</strong> Dial 2-1-1 on any phone, and someone will direct you to a shelter. Also try: City Team 722 Washington St., Oakland, CA. 510.452.3758 and wait to dial 26 <strong>Healthcare:</strong> Dial 9-1-1 if it is an emergency. 1411 E 31st St, Oakland, CA (510) 437-4800</td>
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<td><strong>Salvation Army</strong> 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Adult Shelter VOA</strong> 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.</td>
<td><strong>San Francisco General Hospital</strong> 1001 Portrero Ave. San Francisco, CA 94110 415-206-8000</td>
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<td><strong>LOS ANGELES:</strong> For all services, dial 2-1-1 on any phone.</td>
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<td><strong>Shelters:</strong> Year Round Emergency Shelter (800) 548-6047, TTY: (800) 660-4026</td>
<td><strong>BAKERSFIELD:</strong> For all services, dial 2-1-1 on any phone.</td>
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<td><strong>Shelter and Food:</strong> Bakersfield Homeless Center 1600 East Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA (661) 322-9199</td>
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