



# Club Rideshare

October 2021 Newsletter



**OCTOBER 4-8**



## RIDESHARE WEEK

### Drive Less, Smile More

Rideshare Week is Oct. 4-8. When you join in the fun by ridesharing, you'll have a chance to win prizes.

Make the pledge to carpool, ride bus or rail, bike or walk to work—or work at home—at least one day during the Rideshare Week. You'll be entered for a chance to win an Apple Watch or Apple AirPods Pro courtesy of Orange County Transportation Authority and their sponsor Spectrumotion.

For details and to pledge, go to [octa.net/rideshareweek](https://octa.net/rideshareweek).

Metrolink will also be celebrating Rideshare Week—for details visit them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or at [metrolinktrains.com](https://metrolinktrains.com).

### "Why I Rideshare"

Fabiola Lemus Ortiz carpools daily with her husband from Tustin to where she works in the County's Social Services Agency for the Family Self Sufficiency department in Laguna Hills.

Because they can hop onto the carpool lane on the 5 Freeway, the trip only takes about 15 minutes.

Fabiola doesn't drive, so she also rides the bus to get where she needs to go and was a regular bus rider when she previously worked for the County in Santa Ana.

"I've been making use of the rideshare program for a while now—even before when I would commute to Santa Ana," she says. "I'm able to get the bus pass through our payroll deduction, so I don't have to worry about being stranded somewhere if I don't have a ride. I can just pull up my bus card. It's very convenient."



## Metrolink Back to School Free Tickets & Contest

A special offer for students: When they download and register on [the Metrolink mobile app](#) for the first time with a school email (ending in .edu), they'll receive two round-trip tickets. The tickets will appear as a code in their ticket wallet the day after registering.

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### Make the Clean Air Day Pledge

The fourth annual California Clean Air Day is Oct. 6.

**Pledge to make any of dozens of little changes**—both at home and on the commute—that can add up to have a big impact on air quality.

You can also find out about free, virtual Clean Air Day events at [cleanairday.org](https://cleanairday.org).



## Metrolink Back to School... (continued from page 1)

Students who currently ride Metrolink also have a chance to win monthly passes for their entire semester.

To qualify, they must complete the form at [metrolinktrains.com/backtoschool-contest](http://metrolinktrains.com/backtoschool-contest), and submit a photo of themselves on their Metrolink commute.

Both offers are good through October.

## If You Asked for a RideGuide, It's Coming Soon



The annual transportation survey conducted last month lets us know how many employees are ridesharing and provides information so we can see where we need to improve.

If you checked "yes" to receiving a RideGuide on the survey, you'll soon be receiving a full list of your updated commute options, including potential carpoolers, bus/rail routing, Park & Ride lots and more.

"With all the changes to the commute in the past year and a half, the RideGuide will come in handy—especially for those employees who've been teleworking and are returning to the office," says Denise Van Stratten, employee transportation coordinator for the County.

If you didn't ask for a RideGuide in the survey but want one, contact the Rideshare Office by calling 714.834.7600 or sending an email to [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).

You can also get personalized commute help online at [ridematch.info](http://ridematch.info) or by calling 511.

## TSA Extends Mask Mandate for Mass Transit

The US Transportation Security Administration (TSA) currently requires that people wear a mask on public transportation. This will remain in effect until at least Jan. 18, 2022.

That means that if you ride the bus, Metrolink, Metro Rail or in a vanpool—for the safety of yourself and other passengers—please mask up!

If you have any questions regarding this requirement or need additional information about TSA procedures during the pandemic, visit [tsa.gov/coronavirus](http://tsa.gov/coronavirus).

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

We'd like to extend a big "congrats" and thanks for ridesharing to September winners of the Club Rideshare monthly prize drawing of \$25:

- Erin Hamamura, Probation
- Robin Brandes-Gibbs, Superior Court
- Eric Wiseman, OCDA



## Have You Moved?

If your home address, work/home phone number or email has changed, please let the Rideshare Office know by sending an email to [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).



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