



Club Rideshare

November 2021 Newsletter



OC Bus Offers Workshops on Bus Riding Basics

OC Bus offers workshops to help people learn the basics of bus riding before riding for the first time. Workshops are offered in five languages (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Mandarin) and are designed for groups of 10-20 online and in person.

Training includes trip planning, fare options, how to safely board and exit, ADA accessibility standards and using mobility devices.

Learn more and sign up at [octa.net](https://www.octa.net) or call 1.888.878.2232.

Is Transit Going to the Dogs?

Twice a year on OC Bus and Metrolink, the answer is yes!

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) bi-annually offers Service Animal Training Day, the most recent one held last month.

Service animals in training had a chance to get comfortable with the sounds, movements and layout of buses and trains. They also got practice boarding, riding and exiting buses.

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"Why I Rideshare"

Ryan Knoepfel commutes daily on Metrolink to his job in the Sheriff's department in either its Orange or Aliso Viejo location. He actually gets off the train in Irvine, then hops in a car that he leaves at the station and drives the last nine or so miles to the office.



"I started taking the train because traffic's so bad," he says. "It looked like I could make it work where I didn't have to drive in every day." He's been riding the train for a few years and enjoys being able to sit back and relax on the commute instead of fighting traffic.

Another benefit: unlike traffic, trains run on a predictable schedule. "I appreciate the reliability. It's rare that there's some type of incident that you have to drive in because the train is down. Once in a while it's late but in general it's very reliable."



What a Week It Was...!

Thousands of people in Orange County pledged to share the ride for the recent Rideshare Week, held Oct. 4-8.

We'd like to say a big "thank you" to our County of Orange employees. We had

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Rides on OC Bus were free for participants (human and pup alike). A special designated route included stops at Downtown Disney and Anaheim Garden Walk—with an option to transfer to a Metrolink train as well.

To find out about the next training day—as well as other OCTA events—subscribe to OCTA’s blog [On the Move](#).



Half Price on OC Flex

A special promotion is allowing people to pay half the usual price for OC Flex group rides.

OC Flex is the on-demand, curb-to-curb shuttle serving parts of Aliso Viejo, Mission Viejo and Laguna Niguel. Inside the OC Flex zone, unlimited rides are usually just \$4.50 a day per person with the OC Flex Mobile App or \$5 when paying cash.

During the promotion, two people ride for \$4.50 (rather than \$9), three people ride for \$6.75 (usually \$13.50), and four people ride for \$9 (normally \$18).

To take advantage of this discount, riders must book and pay using the mobile app. Groups must ride with the person who booked the trip.

Learn more by downloading the mobile app at octa.net/ocflex.



Metrolink Schedule Changes

Metrolink’s schedule update went into effect Oct. 25. It includes time adjustments to many trains to increase connectivity and improve on-time performance.

Some changes are also to better coordinate with Amtrak Pacific Surfliner service.

According to a release from Metrolink, it is only making minor adjustments to its current schedule in order to effectively prepare for restored service in the next few months.

For a full list of changes, visit metrolinktrains.com.



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.

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the second-highest number of pledges of any employer in the county—which is a great reminder of how many of you are out there finding alternatives to driving alone to work.



\$10 Holiday Discount

Ride Metrolink for \$10 all day on Thanksgiving Day. Trains will run on their Sunday schedule so consult metrolinktrains.com for schedule information.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

We’d like to extend a big “congrats” and thanks for ridesharing to October winners of the Club Rideshare monthly prize drawing of \$25:

- Dorena Shafiebieg, SSA
- Ryan Knoepfel, OCSD
- Nicolas Gonzales, OCSD



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