



Club Rideshare

December 2021 Newsletter



Enter the Metrolink Holiday Sweepstakes & Win!



Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is awarding free Metrolink tickets to help people get to their favorite holiday events, shopping centers and other destinations.

They're conducting random drawings each month for 20 sets of tickets (approximate prize value \$110). Contest ends Dec. 31.

Find out more about the Metrolink Weekend Holiday Sweepstakes and enter at octa.net.

Ride OC Bus? Get the New App

OC Bus recently released an updated app that will replace its current app. **Free to download**, it allows riders to use their smartphones to plan a route, purchase fare and tap to ride OC Bus.

The new app features better navigation and improved features like a bigger QR code for easier scanning and in-app notifications to alert riders about OC Bus changes.

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"Why I Rideshare"

Kristie Dickinson's commute is a mere 10-minute walk from home to where she works as a court reporter for the County in Orange. It's not just luck that she has such an easy trek to the office.

"Almost three years ago, I moved here from Michigan, and the idea of driving in this traffic was very daunting," she says. At first, she'd rented a house six miles away. "I still had to budget 30 minutes to get to work in morning."

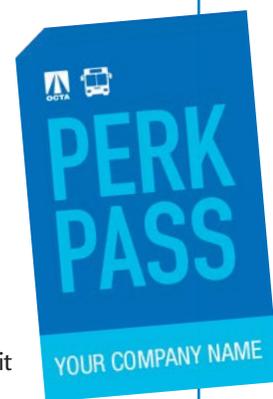
Eventually, she decided to skip the drive altogether and moved just a short walk from the office. Now, not only is getting to work a breeze, but she can easily go home for her lunch hour. "I get outside and get some fresh air. Stretch my legs."



Look for Your Perk Pass

New OC Bus Perk Passes are being mailed this month to all OC Bus riders. Your Perk Pass allows you use payroll deduction to pay for transit costs with pre-tax dollars, up to \$69 monthly.

If you don't receive a card in the mail—or if you ride transit but aren't currently signed up for Perk Pass—call the OC Rideshare office at 714.834.7600.



Ride OC Bus? Get the New App (continued from p.1)

In addition, full versions of the new app will be available in Spanish and Vietnamese to better serve the needs of diverse Orange County.

Because this is a replacement app, you'll need to download the new version and set up a new account before the original app expires on Dec. 31.

Passes purchased and not activated on the current version will also expire at that time.

The Survey Says...We're Still Driving Less



“Even as people began returning to the worksite, this year we still managed to keep our drive-alone rate down over what it was in 2019.”

Remember that transportation survey you filled in the fall? The results are in... and it is good news for County of Orange air quality. At our 10 regulated worksites combined, people are still driving less than before the pandemic.

The survey looks at the total number of employees and gives an average of how many people per vehicle are arriving at the worksite.

In 2019's survey, the average number of persons per vehicle was 1.22—or just shy of one and a quarter per vehicle. It jumped substantially to 1.5 in 2020 due to so many employees teleworking.

“Even as people began returning to the worksite, this past year we still managed to keep our drive-alone rate down over what it was in 2019,” says Denise Van Stratten, the County's employee transportation coordinator (ETC). “We're now at an average of 1.38

people per vehicle arriving to the worksite. While it's not as high as last year, it's still a step toward our ongoing goal to reduce traffic and air pollution by helping employees find alternatives to driving alone.”

So to our ridesharers: Thank you for all you do to make Orange County a better place to live and work.

Deals & Discounts

If you're a ridesharer and live in western Riverside or San Bernardino counties, you can sign up for Rideshare Plus. It's easy and free to join, and you'll get access to savings at more than 500,000 merchants locally and nationwide.

To qualify, you need to have shared the ride and/or teleworked at least five days per month for the past three consecutive months.

Find out more and sign up at IECommuter.org.



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.

Ride for \$10 All Day



On Christmas and New Year's Day, Metrolink will run on its Saturday schedule and price—so it's only \$10 to travel all day, anywhere you need to go on Metrolink.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Mara Lam, ROV
- Kristie Dickinson, Superior Court
- Synthia Jefferson, Probation



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