



Club Rideshare

February 2022 Newsletter



Ride Free on Feb. 4

Feb. 4 is Transit Equity Day. In honor of Rosa Parks' birthday, it's a day that promotes making transit accessible to people in all communities.

Fares will be free Feb. 4 on Metrolink trains throughout Southern California. Look for details at metrolinktrains.com.



Be Sure to Renew Your Membership

If you haven't yet done so, **renew your Club Rideshare membership** for 2022 and you'll get a \$15 bonus in your paycheck—plus you'll continue to qualify for \$25 prize drawings throughout the year.

To be in Club Rideshare, you must have commuted by carpool, vanpool, bus, rail, bike or walking or have teleworked 20 or more times over the past 90 days.



5 Ways to LOVE Your Commute

Valentine's Day is right around the corner! The Rideshare Office can't help with your love life—but in celebration of the big day, we're passing along these ideas that'll at least help you love your daily commute.

1. Take the work out of getting to work by bus or train. Download free apps that let you use your smartphone to do everything from purchasing fares to checking routes and schedules to getting real-time data on when your bus or train will arrive.

Then all you need to do is tap your phone on the bus' fare validator to board.

Metrolink now partners with **Moovit**. OC Bus riders can manage their commutes with the **Transit app**.

You can also **find out when your OC Bus ride will arrive by texting 628246**, then entering your stop and route numbers. You'll get a text back with a report of when your bus will arrive.

2. Get to work and home faster. Sometimes the best way to love your commute is to spend less time doing it.

If you have a family member, friend or coworker that you can carpool with (while complying with COVID safety precautions) you may be able to save time on the drive by using carpool lanes or express lanes.

Carpools of three or more people can **ride for free or at a discount on the 91 Express Lanes**. (A transponder is required.)

It might be worth slightly adjusting your route if it helps you **take advantage of these time-saving lanes**.

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3. Enjoy the fresh air. If you live close to work, you might be able to get in a nice walk or bike ride on some days.

Metrolink allows riders to bring bikes on board, and all OC Bus vehicles have racks on the front to hold bikes. You may only need to bike as far as your nearby transit stop, so you won't need to get in your car at all.

4. Mix it up. You don't have to commute the same way every day. The rideshare program is designed to allow you to benefit from however you like to rideshare—even if you need to drive in some days but want to ride transit, bike, walk or carpool on other days.

You get the **perks of Club Rideshare** as long as you choose an alternative to driving 20 times over the past 90 days.

5. Spend less. Ridesharing is already typically a money-saver over driving alone, but there are ways to save even more.

Bus/rail riders can **purchase passes through payroll deduction**, which allows you to pay for these costs using pre-tax dollars, lowering your overall taxable income.

If you live in Riverside or San Bernardino counties, you may qualify for Rideshare Plus. This program rewards ridesharers with **discounts at thousands of merchants** locally and nationwide.

By choosing an alternate to driving alone, you can spend your money on something more exciting than gasoline—and what's not to love about that?

Enjoy Orange County—Virtual and In-Person Hikes

Throughout the year, OCTA offers free virtual tours, in-person hikes and equestrian rides to allow people to experience the wildlife preserves it protects.

The next hike is scheduled for Feb. 19, 9-10 a.m. at Wren's View Preserve.

Look for the full 2022 event calendar and register to participate at preservingourlegacy.org.



Metrolink Says "We Appreciate You"

Feb. 14 isn't only Valentine's Day—it is also Metrolink Customer Appreciation Day.

Find out what's happening at metrolinktrains.com, or on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Laura Correa, OCSD
- Laura Mejia, Superior Court
- Guadalupe Arteaga, SSA

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.



Help Improve OC Bus & Win \$100

PARTICIPATE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100

Making Better Connections

REIMAGINE A BETTER TRANSIT SYSTEM. Choose a way to respond below.

- Fill out online questionnaire by 2/18**
OCbus.com/Connections
- Participate in a virtual meeting**
By computer: OCbus.com/Connections
By phone: (669) 900-6833
English: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6 p.m.
Meeting ID: 870 1423 3176
Spanish: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6 p.m.
Meeting ID: 880 8349 3007
Vietnamese: Monday, February 14, 2022 at 3 p.m.
Meeting ID: 893 9379 6987
- Provide comments via phone by 2/18**
(714) 636-RIDE
- Mail comment card by 2/18**
Fill out and mail the postage-paid comment card available on the bus.
- Got questions?**
Watch for OCTA staff on board your bus or visit us at the OCTA Store, 600 S. Main St. in Orange, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Get the inside scoop and fill out surveys!

OCbus.com/Connections

What's working with OC Bus? How can they improve? Are there areas of Orange County that are underserved? What would make your riding experience better?

Give Your Feedback by Feb. 18.

As a thank you, you'll be entered into a drawing for one of five \$100 gift cards.

Your input will be valuable to help Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) determine how OC Bus and transportation will be shaped in the coming years.

Ways to Participate:

- Take an **online survey**.
- Provide comments by phone by calling 714.636.RIDE.
- Pick up a postage-paid comment card available on the bus, fill it out and mail it in.
- Join a **virtual meeting**, either by phone or online.

Find out more at OCbus.com/connections.

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