



Club Rideshare

March 2022 Newsletter



What Changes Would You Like on the 91 Freeway?

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is studying a 21-mile stretch of SR-91 to improve traffic flow while preserving the character of cities along the corridor. They're asking the public to weigh in on what changes they'd like to see by taking a brief survey.

You're also invited to a public webinar March 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom. (The webinar will be posted on OCTA's website afterwards.)

Take the survey and get the webinar link at octa.net/91plan.



Get Deals with Eat Shop Play

The OC Streetcar in Santa Ana is on track to start service in 2024. While it's under construction, you can get discounts at restaurants and shops that display the Eat Shop Play decal.

It's part of a special program that OCTA launched to increase foot traffic to local businesses along the streetcar's route.

To see what discounts are available—as well as learn about upcoming promotions and events—visit octa.net/eatshopplay.



“When Is My Bus/Train Going to Get Here?”

Like many organizations throughout the U.S., Southern California's transit agencies have been facing staffing shortages since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, bus and rail service has been impacted in many areas.

Sometimes buses or trains run later than scheduled. On occasion, a scheduled bus may not show up at all.

Here are some ways to reduce the stress of waiting and wondering when (or if) your ride will arrive.

OC Bus

Bus riders can get real-time bus arrival information and cancellations using [the OC Bus Mobile App](#) or by calling 714.636.7433. The app uses crowdsourcing to determine where your scheduled bus is and how long it will take to get to you.

If your usual bus service is canceled...

OC Flex may be an option for you. OC Flex offers shared, on-demand service in areas including parts of [Aliso Viejo](#), [Laguna Niguel](#) and [Mission Viejo](#).

Unlimited rides all day are \$4.50 (when paid on the OC Flex mobile app), or \$5 cash directly to the driver.

Find out more and download the app at octa.net/ocflex. (continued)





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Metrolink

Metrolink has been gradually restoring service on its routes and recently partnered with the **Moovit app** so riders can get real-time train arrival times.

Riverside Transit Agency

If you ride an RTA bus to/from work, you can call 951.565.5002 to check the status of your bus.

Can't Find the Information You Need?

Call 511 to be connected to the customer service line for the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) as well as other transportation agencies in Southern California.



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Go Electric, Get \$100

Thinking about purchasing or leasing an electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle? Or have you purchased or leased one within the past 90 days?

If so, you may be eligible for a **\$100 incentive** through the County's Get a Charge program.

In addition, California's Clean Vehicle Rebate Project offers **rebates up to \$7,000** if you lease or purchase a qualifying vehicle.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Souzan Azar, SSA
- Milvi Chao, OCHCA
- Megan Mares-Najjar, Superior Court



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



5 Carpool Lane Fast Facts

1. Orange County has 235 miles of carpool lanes on portions of nearly every major freeway, plus another 41 miles of express toll lanes on the 91 Freeway.

2. Carpool lanes are designed to save

the people who use them time on the drive as an incentive to rideshare.

3. You must have at least two people in the vehicle to ride in the carpool lane—and yes, kids qualify. Motorcycles and electric vehicles with a valid decal are allowed into the lanes with a solo driver.

4. Only enter or exit a carpool lane where you see dashed white lane striping (similar to those on general lanes). If you cross a double yellow or white line, you can be ticketed \$490 or more.

5. Unlike carpool lanes, anyone can ride in express toll lanes (such as those found on the 91 Freeway) for a toll. **However, carpools with three or more people in their vehicle can travel toll-free** except eastbound, Monday through Friday, from 4 to 6 p.m. (when they'll get 50% off the posted toll).

All vehicles must drive under the designated 3+ carpool lane with a transponder set to "3+" to receive the discount.



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