



# Club Rideshare

June 2022 Newsletter



## "My Commute"

When Christopher Goffredo first switched to an electric vehicle in 2015, he opted for a plug-in hybrid to test if an EV was a viable option for his commute. It came in handy when his 24 mile commute turned into 60. Four years later, he switched to fully electric. "I was driving pretty much all electric anyway," he says.



In addition to the environmental benefits, he likes how much money he saves. "I'm not paying for gas, and maintenance went way down."

Christopher also saves big on time. "I can get in the carpool lane, and I get to use the 91 Express Lanes for free except for during evening rush hour," he says. While his commute to his job at California Children's Services in Placentia is now only 22 miles, he's still happy he's making it in an EV. "I miss a ton of traffic on the 57, so it's been nice."

## Do Children Qualify as Carpool Partners?

The answer is... yes and no. Yes, children count as a passenger to allow you to legally use a carpool lane (provided you meet passenger minimums).

However, they do NOT count as a carpool partner to qualify for Club Rideshare benefits—including sign-up and renewal bonuses, prize drawings, reimbursed rides home in case of emergency and other County incentives.

To receive these, all passengers must be working adults.



## Metrolink News

### \$15 Summer Day Pass

As a special promotion for summer, Metrolink is offering a \$15 Day Pass, available Monday – Friday. The pass allows you to travel all day (weekdays only) anywhere Metrolink goes.

The Summer Day Pass is only available on the [mobile app](#).

While this is a limited-time weekday pass promotion, Metrolink does offer a \$10 Day Pass year-round for Saturdays and Sundays.

### 10-Day Flex Pass

Save 10% over regular round-trip ticket prices with Metrolink's 10-Day Flex Pass. It's ideal for commuters working a hybrid schedule or want the flexibility to ride Metrolink occasionally.

You'll get 10 1-Day Passes valid for travel within 60 days.

While it is available via their mobile app, you may be able to save even more by [purchasing your pass via payroll deduction](#). This allows you to use pre-tax dollars, reducing your overall taxable income.

Metrolink also offers a 5-Day Flex Pass.





## Free Trolleys for Summer Are Back

Now you can visit your favorite Orange County destinations this summer without the hassle of dealing with traffic and parking. Several cities offer free trolleys that shuttle riders to downtown areas, shops, restaurants, beaches and more.

Here's what's happening:

- **The San Clemente Trolley** operates daily until Sept. 25. The system is made up of two routes: a Downtown Red Line and a North San Clemente Blue Line.
- **The Laguna Niguel Trolley** will take riders from City Hall and the YMCA to various locations along Pacific Coast Highway all summer long, including Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point. It runs daily every 20 minutes until Sept. 5.
- **The Dana Point Trolley** runs daily through Sept. 5 with two loops that give riders access to coastal cities and allow them to easily transfer between other city-run trolleys.
- **The Balboa Peninsula Trolley** runs Saturdays and Sundays until Sept. 5, providing service around the peninsula. It also offers service on three major Monday holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

## Does OC Air Make the Grade?

Unfortunately...no. Orange County has among the worst air quality in the nation, earning a failing grade from the American Lung Association (ALA). The ALA annually ranks counties across the U.S. in its *State of the Air* report.

For 22 out of the past 23 years, the Southern California region has held the #1 spot in air pollution.

That's the bad news.

The good news: It could be worse! Ridesharers like you help reduce smog by choosing an alternative to driving alone. That makes a big difference, since motor vehicles are the #1 contributor to emissions that cause smog.

## OC Green Expo and EV Test Drive

Find out more about electric vehicles—and maybe even test drive one—at the OC Green Expo and EV Test Drive, June 11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in downtown Anaheim.

The free, family-friendly event features interactive activities, booths with EV information, raffles and prizes. Parking is free.

For details, visit [anaheim.net/greenexpo](http://anaheim.net/greenexpo).

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Patricia Ruvalcaba, SSA
- Christopher Goffredo, OCHCA
- Andrew Parker, Probation



## 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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