



Club Rideshare

October 2022 Newsletter



Transportation Surveys Due Sept. 30

"Why I Rideshare"

While he currently often telecommutes, Andrew Bennett rides Metrolink on the days he goes into the office—from Riverside to Santa Ana, where he works for the County Health Care Agency.

One of the main reasons he chooses the train is to avoid traffic on the 91 Freeway. "If you're lucky, the drive will take an hour, but if there's a car accident, it can take two and a half hours or more," he says.

Not only does he typically get home to his family faster, but he has more energy to enjoy the evening with his young son. "When I drive, I find myself extremely tired," Andrew says. "Taking Metrolink, I have a lot more energy to play with him when I get home."



Save On Metrolink Monthly Passes

October marks Metrolink's 30th anniversary. To celebrate, they'll be offering riders a 30% discount on monthly passes throughout October, November and December.

You can save even more when you **purchase your pass via payroll deduction.**

This allows you to pay transit fares using pre-tax dollars, which will lower your overall taxable income.

To find out more, visit metrolinktrains.com.



Please take a few minutes to complete the Annual Transportation Survey. Then **submit the survey by the Friday, Sept. 30 deadline** to qualify to win one of eight \$100 Amazon gift cards. (If you submit your form after the deadline, you may still have a chance to win one of eight \$25 Amazon gift cards.)*

The survey is mandatory, and it collects information on how you commuted the week of Sept. 12-16. The County is required to conduct this survey annually to meet clean air mandates.

The data is also used to evaluate how the County is doing in providing commute services to employees and helps us identify areas where we can improve.

Get Free, Personalized Commute Information

By checking "yes" to the last question on the survey to receive a RideGuide, you'll get personalized commute information. This includes potential carpool partners, transit routing, nearby Park & Ride lots and more.

* Prizes may be subject to taxation and reported on an employee's W2.

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If you telework some or all days, or work a flex schedule, it is still important that you complete the survey.

You should have received it via email from the Rideshare Office, or you can get a link to complete it [here](#).

The New Bravo! Route 553

OC Bus this month will introduce the new **Bravo! Route 553**. The rapid, limited-stop bus service will run along Main Street in Santa Ana, Orange and Anaheim.

Currently, this corridor is served by OC Bus Route 53, which offers local service (and will continue when the limited-stop service begins).



Join a Zoom Metrolink Lunch & Learn

The County Rideshare Office will host a special Zoom meeting in partnership with Metrolink on Oct. 11, 12 - 12:30 p.m. to teach employees everything they need to know about commuting by train.

You'll also learn about special fares and discounts—including how to get a free Bring-a-Friend Day pass, bonus So Cal Explorer points, free rides on weekends and more.

For more information and the Zoom link, email rideshare@ocgov.com.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Keith Wilson, OCHCA
- Andrew Bennett, OCHCA
- Nopawan Aphiboon, OCIT



Join In on Rideshare Week Oct. 3-7 for a Chance to Win Great Prizes



Rideshare Week is coming up soon, and it promotes alternatives to driving alone, including carpooling, vanpooling, riding bus/rail, biking, walking and teleworking.

Here's what's happening:

Orange County

Rideshare at least one day during Rideshare Week and you'll have a chance to win prizes, including an Apple Watch SE and Apple AirPods Pro.

For details and to make the pledge to participate, visit Orange County Transportation Authority at octa.net/RideshareWeek.

Riverside/San Bernardino Counties

If you live in the Inland Empire, throughout the entire month of October, when you sign up and log your rideshare activity on IECommuter.org, you'll qualify to win prizes. You may also be eligible for IE Commuter's **\$5/Day program** to earn additional rewards.



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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Phone: 714.834.7600
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The Rideshare Office Has Moved!
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