



Club Rideshare

September 2022 Newsletter



Rideshare & Win

October 3-7
Rideshare Week
 (DRIVE LESS, SMILE MORE)

Rideshare Week is Oct. 3-7, and you can win prizes when you rideshare.

Here's what's happening:

Rideshare at least one day during Rideshare Week and you'll have a chance to win great prizes from Orange

County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

For details and to make the pledge to participate, visit octa.net.

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.

Metrolink will also be celebrating Rideshare Week. Details are still in the works, so check back at metrolinktrains.com, or join them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

New E-Signs on OC Bus Route 53

OCTA recently installed 23 digital signs at bus stops along OC Bus Route 53.

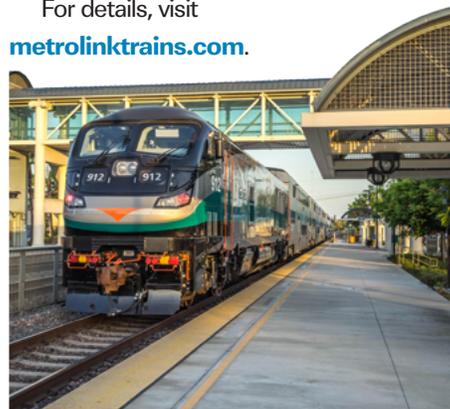
The new signs provide accurate, up-to-the-minute bus arrival time and other information to make riding the bus easier and more convenient. *(continued)*



Half-Off Metrolink Fares

Metrolink this month is introducing a new program for low-income riders that offers a 50% discount on fares.

For details, visit metrolinktrains.com.



OCTA Celebrates 50 Years

If you're an OC Bus rider, take a trip ... down memory lane as OCTA celebrates 50 years!

Bus service began in 1972 with five leased buses, three routes serving 25,000 riders and a 25-cent flat fare. By 1980, it had grown to more than 20 million riders, with those five buses becoming 500.



Read more about [OCTA's interesting history](#), then [share your own story](#) about riding OC Bus.



New E-Signs... (continued from page 1)

Route 53 is local service and runs along Main Street through Santa Ana, Orange and Anaheim.

Starting in October, OC Bus will add Bravo! Route 553—rapid, limited-stop bus service that travels the same route.

3 Surprising Rail Safety Facts

Did you know...?

1. Riding the train is a safe way to travel, but it's important for people to be careful around the tracks. A whopping 95% of all rail-related deaths are due to people walking on the tracks or vehicles at train crossings.
2. Every three hours in the U.S., a person or vehicle is hit by a train.
3. It takes the average train traveling at 55 mph *more than a mile* to stop. By the time a locomotive engineer sees a person or vehicle on the tracks, it is too late.

September is Rail Safety Month, and the 50th anniversary of Operation Lifesaver, a rail safety education organization. Get more rail safety information at oli.org.

Is There a Better Transit Route?

Over the past months, Southern California transit providers have been restoring service that had been cut due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now there are more buses and trains, new routes and more frequent service throughout the system.

If you ride transit to work, it's a good idea to check to see if your usual route is still the fastest and most convenient available. There may now be a better one.

To find the most current schedules and routes:

- Get current Metrolink schedules at metrolinktrains.com or by calling or texting 1.800.371.5465.
- OC Bus routing is available online at octa.net or by calling 714.560.OCTA (6282).
- Find routing throughout the region by calling 511 or visiting go511.com, ridematch.info (Los Angeles/Orange/Ventura) or IECommuter.org (Riverside/San Bernardino).



Learn More About Going Electric

National Drive Electric Week is Sept. 23-Oct. 2. Join in on events (many are online) to learn more about electric vehicles—especially helpful if you're thinking of buying or leasing an EV.

Find details and a frequently updated list of events at driveelectricweek.org.

If you buy or lease an EV, you may qualify for a **\$100 rebate** from the Rideshare Office.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Lynn Miles, OCHCA
- John Maxfield, OCDA
- Maria Ayala, OCSD



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



Club Rideshare

Email: rideshare@ocgov.com
Phone: 714.834.7600
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