



Club Rideshare

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SoCal511.com—Your One Stop Shop for Commute Help

511 is the official nationwide number for travel information. Here in Southern California, you can call 511 for assistance 24/7—and you can also find help at the recently expanded website [SoCal511.com](https://www.socal511.com) (formerly go511.com).

You can access the following tools and services:

- See traffic maps and alerts
- View traffic cameras for real-time road and freeway conditions
- Plan a trip using transit
- Get information on biking, vanpool, carpooling, Park & Rides and more.

SoCal511 features transportation information for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

Find Out if Vanpooling Is for You at a Virtual “Lunch and Learn”

The Rideshare Office is offering a series of “Lunch and Learn” workshops where you can find out about rideshare options, deals, discounts and ways to make your commute better.

The workshops run 30 minutes and are conducted online via Teams, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session.

The next Lunch and Learn is April 19 at 12 Noon, and it’s all about vanpooling.

A vanpool is a “super carpool” of people who commute together on a regular basis in a leased van, splitting expenses. It’s ideal if you travel

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“My Commute”

When Pamela Niemi makes her 15-minute daily commute from Tustin to the Civic Center in Santa Ana, she gets to drive right past the gas pumps. That’s because five years ago she switched over to a fully electric vehicle.



“Driving an electric vehicle, I have saved a ton of money because it’s so much less expensive than using gas, particularly lately,” she says.

While cost savings may have been the impetus to go electric, it has had other benefits as well—including access to carpool lanes for the first couple years she had it. “I get to save money, help keep the environment clean,” she says. “Plus, it’s just a nice ride.”

Arrow Fares Just \$1

For a limited time, fares to ride San Bernardino’s Arrow are just \$1.

Arrow trains run nine miles between University of Redlands and Metrolink’s San Bernardino-Downtown Station—with daily connections to and from Metrolink’s San Bernardino and Inland Empire-Orange County lines.

For more information, visit [metrolinktrains.com/arrow](https://www.metrolinktrains.com/arrow).





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15 or more miles to work and have a fairly consistent schedule. You'll save on gas and auto wear and tear and reduce the stress of commuting.

At this workshop, learn how to get a vanpool going, qualify for monthly subsidies of up to \$500, pay for fares while saving on income tax and more.

How to Join the Lunch & Learn

You don't need to pre-register. Just [click on this link](#) at the start of the workshop to participate.

If you have questions, or to sign up for an email reminder about the Lunch & Learn, contact the Rideshare Office at 714.834.7600, rideshare@ocgov.com.

Did Your OC Bus Route Change?

OC Bus last month changed some routes to improve frequency, service quality and reliability.

Some buses have been rerouted, and others have been extended to connect with transit hubs.

To view the changes, click [here](#).



Anaheim Canyon Metrolink Station Is Looking Good!



Metrolink recently unveiled the new and improved Anaheim Canyon station. One of the changes was to add a second track of about 3,400 feet, allowing more than one train at a time to stop at or pass through the station.

Located just north of SR-91 near La Palma and Tustin avenues, the Anaheim Canyon station is part of the Inland Empire-Orange County

line, with more than 36 trains traveling through the area daily.

Get Tips for E-Bike Safety from OCTA

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) offers a series of short, fun videos with e-bike safety tips, including rules of the road and how to properly fit a bike helmet.

You can also find a bikeways map, e-bike regulations for trails, and more at octa.net/bike/e-bikes.



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.

Join OCTA on a Free Wilderness Hike

OCTA holds monthly docent-led hikes through protected wilderness preserves in the county. The hikes are free, although space is limited, and registration is required.

The next hike is April 22, 9-11 a.m. at the **Pacific Horizon Preserve in Laguna Beach**.

For the full list of hikes scheduled for 2023, [view the OCTA Events Calendar here](#).

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:

- Amber Gomez, SSA
- Karen Simerlink, OCHCA
- Michael Farole, SSA



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