



Club Rideshare

June 2023 Newsletter



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Want to Turn Your Carpool into a Vanpool?

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) refers to vanpooling as a “super carpool”—so if you’d like to supersize your carpool, the Rideshare Office can help.

In a vanpool, riders regularly commute together in a leased van, splitting expenses. Vanpoolers enjoy the same benefits as carpooling, including access to time-saving carpool lanes and riding free or at a discount on the 91 Express Lanes.

OCTA offers a monthly subsidy that reduces fares on average 25%. Vanpools with as few as five riders can qualify.

The County also offers a \$300 start-up incentive for new vanpools.

Contact the Rideshare Office to learn more about how to start a vanpool, find riders, and sign up for incentives.

OC Bus Launches Express Service on Beach Boulevard

Introducing...**Bravo! 529, new, faster OC Bus service from Fullerton to Huntington Beach**, traveling through Westminster (and making a stop at the West Justice Center).

Bravo! Route 529 runs along Beach Boulevard and connects to the Fullerton Park & Ride, the Goldenwest Transportation Center in Huntington Beach, and 12 major bus routes throughout Orange County.

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Thinking of Buying or Leasing an Electric Vehicle (EV)?

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

If you take the plunge into buying or leasing an EV, you may qualify for a **\$100 bonus incentive** from the County.



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 23 out of the past 24 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 Bus Launches Express Service... (continued from page 1)

It follows the same route as OC Bus Route 29, with fewer stops (13 vs. 34). That saves riders up to 10 minutes per ride.

Service runs weekdays 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. every 12 minutes during peak hours. (Buses run every 18 minutes the rest of the day).

Lunch & Learn: Save Money with the Perk Pass

If you ride transit, be sure to join the Rideshare Office's upcoming virtual "Lunch and Learn" on June 21 at noon. You'll learn all about the annual OC



Bus Perk Pass—a swipe-card that can be used on any local OCTA fixed-route bus and qualifies you for a lower per-ride rate.

If you're *not* paying for transit with a Perk Pass, you're probably paying too much in fares.

You don't need to pre-register to attend the Lunch and Learn. 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, contact the Rideshare Office at 714.834.7600.



Metrolink Service Restored in South Orange County

Metrolink trains recently resumed travel to and from the Oceanside Station on the Orange County and Inland Empire-Orange County lines. Tracks in the area had previously been closed due to falling debris in San Clemente.

Amtrak Pacific Surfliner also resumed service.

Other Service Updates:

On May 22, Metrolink updated its schedule, which is available digitally only. Printed timetables will resume in July.

See the most recent schedule [here](#).



Good News for OC Bus Route 43 and 543 Riders

Faster travel times may soon be on the way! OCTA received a federal funding grant for a project that focuses on improving travel times on OC Bus Route 43 and Bravo! Route 543.

The project will test using a cloud-based transit signal priority system along Harbor Boulevard.

Harbor Boulevard is one of OCTA's busiest routes, with an average daily ridership of roughly 10,000 passengers.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Jocelyn Gaspar, HCA
- Kimberly Hostler, ROV
- Jonathan Johns, OCPW



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

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