

Club Rideshare

November 2023 Newsletter



Get in the Spirit of the Season

Metrolink's beloved Holiday Express trains will soon be rolling again!

These festively decorated trains will bring holiday fun for the whole family to Metrolink stations throughout Southern California Nov. 25-Dec. 16.

Holiday Express events feature carolers, treats and children's activities—plus a visit from Santa.

Trains will also be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys and socks for those in need.

For a schedule of appearances, visit metrolinktrains.com.



Students Ride Free

On Metrolink...

For a limited time, Metrolink is offering a **Student Adventure Pass**. The pass allows any student with valid school identification to ride anywhere on the Metrolink

system for free. K-12, technical school, colleges, and university students are eligible.

Students can get their Student
Adventure Pass on the Metrolink
mobile app.

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"Why I Rideshare"

During the pandemic, Roque Rios started biking the three miles to get to his job at the District Attorney's office. He enjoyed being able to get in a morning bike ride—plus his boss allows him to stow his bike safely inside in an empty cubicle.

Roque has since switched to carpooling most days with his wife, Marybel, who now works for the County as well.

"We were able to sell one of the cars," he says. "There's no need to waste double the maintenance and double the gas since we're both coming to the same place."



Because they're a one-car family, the option to bike to work still comes in handy on the days they'd otherwise need to drive in separately.

Save the Date: Lunch and Learn

The Rideshare Office hosts virtual Lunch and Learn workshops every other month so employees can learn about various rideshare options.

The next Lunch and Learn is Nov. 15 from 12 to 1 p.m. It's all about Metrolink: how to ride, special discount fares, employee incentives, tax breaks and more.

Registration is not required. Just **click on this link** at the start of the workshop to participate.

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On ticket machines, they can get a paper ticket using the *Student/Youth* ticket type when selecting a ride ticket or 7-Day or Monthly Pass.

Students will need to present a valid ticket and student ID when riding the train.

The pass program launched Oct. 9 and is available for six months or until funds are depleted.

On OC Bus...

Youth Free Ride passes are available from any participating Orange County school. The pass is for youth ages 6 to 18 and allows them to ride OC Bus at no cost.

For information on how to get a Youth Free Ride Pass for the current school year, visit **octa.net/passes**.



I-405 Express Lanes Are One Step Closer to Opening

With the recent reopening of the Newland Street Bridge—the 18th and final bridge reconstructed as part of the **I-405 Improvement Project**—the entire project is nearly complete.

A 16-mile stretch of the 405 Freeway between Costa Mesa and the LA County line has been undergoing improvements since 2018.

The project will add one regular lane in each direction as well as express toll lanes.

Construction is expected to be complete by the end of this year.

Metrolink Holiday Discount

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, Metrolink will run on its Sunday schedule. It's only \$10 to ride anywhere Metrolink goes, all day long.



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

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- · Geraldo Ruiz, SSA
- Brian Maurer, Auditor Controller
- · Albert Vega, SSA

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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