



Club Rideshare

January 2024 Newsletter



Reminder: Lunch and Learn Is Jan. 24

The Rideshare Office is offering a series of virtual “Lunch and Learn” workshops where you can find out ways to improve your commute.

The next Lunch and Learn is Jan. 24, 12 Noon to 1 p.m. Tune in to learn more about the money-saving incentives the County offers to employees—from transit discounts to EV rebates to tax savings and more.

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.



Ride Free on Transit Equity Day

Feb. 4 is Transit Equity Day. In honor of Rosa Parks’ birthday, it’s a day that promotes making transit affordable and accessible to people in all communities.

Fares will be free Feb. 4 on Metrolink trains throughout Southern California. Just arrive at the station and [\(continued\)](#)

It’s that time of year to renew your Club Rideshare membership. The OC Rideshare office will be sending out emails by the end of this month to all current Club Rideshare members to renew their participation.

When you renew, you’ll get a \$15 bonus in your paycheck—plus you’ll continue to qualify for \$25 prize drawings throughout the year.

To be in Club Rideshare, you must have carpooled, vanpooled, rode bus/ rail, biked or walked to work 20 or more times over the past 90 days. Driving an electric vehicle and the days you telework also count toward your rideshare totals.

Contact the Rideshare Office if you have any questions. You can now [use this link to complete a renewal application directly online](#) or [download a PDF](#) that you can print out, fill in and submit to the Rideshare Office.

How Ridesharing Helps You Keep Your New Year’s Resolutions

Even with the best of intentions, it’s easy to break your New Year’s resolutions. Good news: If you rideshare, it might actually help you stick to them! [\(continued\)](#)





...New Year's Resolutions *(from page 1)*

Here, we take a look at some of the top resolutions people make—and ways choosing an alternative to driving alone can keep you on track.

Lose weight/get in shape.

Of course, walking or biking to work is a way to fit in a workout and burn calories on the commute.

Did you know...? Riding transit can also help with your fitness goals.

Americans spend a median of nearly 20 minutes a day just walking to and from their bus or train.

Save money.

With the price of gas topping \$6 a gallon at the pumps, the money you save by driving less can really add up. You'll also spend less on auto wear and tear.

Carpooling or vanpooling may also qualify you to ride for free in express lanes instead of paying a toll.

Spend more time with family.

Metrolink trains breeze past traffic, saving you time that can be better spent at home. Carpool lanes save users on average a minute per mile.

You might also find you're up for spending more time with family if you're not drained from fighting traffic.



Ride Free... *(from page 1)*

board the train (no ticket required).

Rides are also free for the day on OC Bus, Metro Bus and Rail and Bike Share and all San Bernardino County transit providers.

"Why I Rideshare"

For nearly 10 years, Carlota Serna has been driving an EV from North Orange County to Santa Ana, where she serves as chief attorney for Child Support Services.

"It cuts time off the commute because I'm able to drive solo in the carpool lane," she says, adding that she also appreciates the environmental benefits of driving an EV. "You're leaving a very small carbon footprint."

Though her car is a plug-in hybrid (PHEV), she's able to make most of her 28-mile round-trip commute driving in fully electric mode.

Because she drives a PHEV, Carlota qualifies for County of Orange Club Rideshare benefits.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Roque Rios, DA
- Winnie Keung, Auditor Controller
- Carlota Serna, CSS



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.



New Website Makes It Easy to Sign Up for 405 Express Lanes

The 405 Express Lanes opened last month, offering motorists a chance to ride faster for a toll. The lanes run in both directions on the 405 Freeway between SR-73 in Costa Mesa and I-605 at border of Los Angeles County.

Vehicles with three or more people can use the lanes for free. Two-person carpools can ride free in off-peak hours.

All vehicles—including carpools—must have a FasTrak transponder with a valid account.

Visit 405expresslanes.com to register for a transponder and set up an account. You can also call 562.740.4405 or email

CustomerService@405expresslanes.com.



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