



Club Rideshare

April 2024 Newsletter



5 Great Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22, and there's plenty happening to help you celebrate.

1. Motor vehicles are behind most of the emissions that cause smog. To encourage people to try transit instead of driving alone, rides will be free all day on **Metrolink, OC Bus, Metro Bus/Rail** and all **San Bernardino County** and **Ventura County** transit providers.



2. Do you live in the Inland Empire? You'll have a chance to win prizes, including an Apple Watch, gift cards, whale watching tickets and more when you rideshare in April.
 - Create or log into your account at IECommuter.org.
 - Sign up for the promotion at IECommuter.org/EarthDay.
 - Throughout April, log any day you rideshare or telework. Each day logged is an entry into the prize drawing.

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"My Commute"

Israel De La Cruz drives an electric vehicle about 36 miles round trip from Anaheim Hills to where he works for the Social Services Administration in Santa Ana.

He made the switch to EV in 2017. "I think it was the lure of not having to pay for gas anymore," he says. "I was paying nearly \$180 a month. Now that I'm charging my car instead, my electric bill has only gone up about \$30—so that's \$150 in savings every month."

He also likes how much less maintenance his EV requires, only having taken it into the dealership twice in seven years.

Israel eventually plans to trade in his EV for a truck. The one he's hoping to buy, however, is the Tesla Cybertruck, adding, "That's how much I'm invested in staying with electric vehicles."



Save the Date: Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn is April 24, 12 Noon to 1 p.m. Mark your calendars to join in to learn more about Metrolink trains: how to ride, passes, pre-tax benefits and more.

Lunch and Learn virtual workshops are offered by the Rideshare Office to

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3. Calculate your personal carbon footprint

and see how changes you make (like ridesharing) can add up.

4. Attend an "eco fashion show." Metrolink is hosting a fashion competition on April 22 at L.A. Union Station. The show will feature fashions that recycle or upcycle items otherwise destined for the landfill designed by students in Southern California.



5. Join in on events in Irvine throughout the month, an Earth Day festival in Rancho Mission Viejo on April 13, a family festival April 20 in Corona—or find more Earth Day events near you at earthday.org.



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help you find out ways to improve your commute.

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.

Free Rides for Students Program Gets Extended

Metrolink is extending its Student Adventure Pass through the end of the 2023-24 school year (June 30). The pilot program, originally set to sunset last month, allows anyone with a valid student ID to ride Metrolink trains for free.



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Brent Wangsness, Courts
- Alan Young, Auditor/Controller
- Erika Killen, 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 rideshare@ocgov.com.



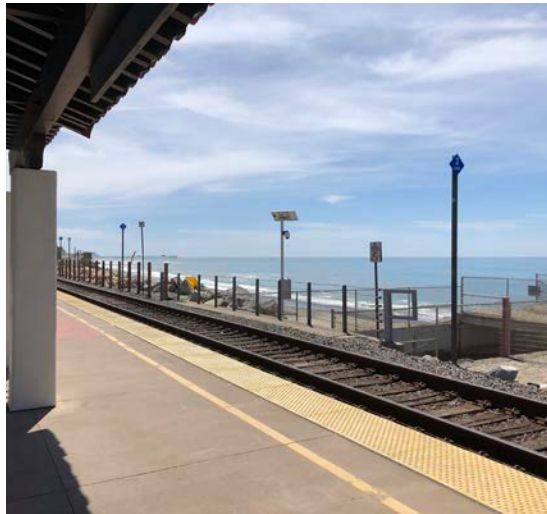
Metrolink Service Expected to Resume

Metrolink rail service through the San Clemente area is expected to soon be fully restored.

Last January, debris from the hillside slope along the Mariposa Trail Bridge in San Clemente fell onto the right of way and railroad tracks about a half-mile north of Metrolink's San Clemente Pier Station. As a result, all rail movement was suspended through the San Clemente area.

Metrolink service to and from Oceanside through San Clemente is projected to resume in early April (though the timeline may be adjusted if project issues arise).

For service updates, visit metrolinktrains.com.



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