



# Club Rideshare

March 2024 Newsletter



## “Lunch and Learn” How to Save Money with the Perk Pass

The next Lunch and Learn is March 20, 12 Noon to 1 p.m. Tune in to learn more about how you can save money and make riding OC Bus more convenient by signing up for a Perk Pass from Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA).

Lunch and Learn virtual workshops are offered every other month by the Rideshare Office to 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.

If you have questions, or to sign up for an email reminder, contact the Rideshare Office at 714.834.7600.



## OCTA Free Wilderness Hikes

OCTA oversees more than 1,300 acres of protected wilderness. To encourage people to appreciate the environment, they hold a series of guided wilderness hikes through these areas that are otherwise not open to the public.

## A Disaster Doesn't Have to Leave You Stranded

Last month's record-setting rainfall caused floods, mudslides and made it hard to navigate roads and freeways. It also served as a reminder that it's good to have a plan for when another disaster strikes—whether a rainstorm, an earthquake or even a personal emergency.

Here's what you can do now to be ready:

Make a list of alternate routes to get to work/home on your usual commute.

On it, be sure to include several routes for driving as well as bus and rail. Keep the list handy so you can get where you need to go even if phones and the Internet are down. You can find bus/rail routing at [ridematch.info](http://ridematch.info), [octa.net](http://octa.net) and [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com).

Get the app.

OC Bus uses the [Transit](#) app to track bus and rail in real time so you can see if your usual bus isn't running as scheduled due to a crisis. You can also use it to find other transit options nearby if you have to evacuate the bus you're on.

Metrolink's Train Tracker is at [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com).

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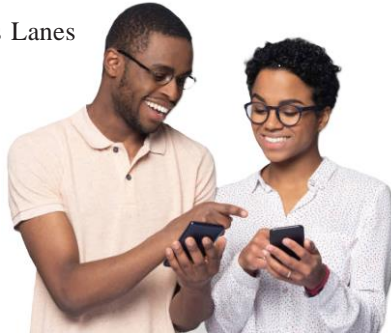


## A Disaster Doesn't... (from page 1)

Program key contacts into your phone.

This may include:

- Your usual transit provider's customer service line
- Customer service for the 91 Express Lanes and 405 Express Lanes
- The freeway service patrol
- AAA
- California Highway Patrol (1.800.TELL.CHP)
- A friend or coworker with a similar commute who might be able to help if a situation arises.



Establish a plan with family members.

Make sure you have family emergency phone numbers and a designated meeting place. An out-of-town contact (name and phone number) is also good to have—it may be easier to call long distance as local phone lines may become overloaded.

### Get familiar with So Cal 511.

Southern California transportation information is available 24/7 at [go511.com](http://go511.com) or by calling 511. The 511 network offers travel alerts, traffic reports, public transit information and routing, motorist aid and more.

In a personal emergency, don't worry—you can get a free ride home.

The County of Orange offers a Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program. On a day that you got to work by carpooling, vanpooling, bus, Metrolink, walking or biking, you can be reimbursed for the cost of a ride home in case of personal emergency, illness or unexpected overtime.

Contact the Rideshare Office.

If you're not sure about your options, contact the Rideshare Office for assistance.



## OCTA Free... (continued from page 1)

Upcoming hikes are March 16 at Wren's View Preserve and June 1 at Pacific Horizon Preserve.

See the full schedule at [preservingourlegacy.org](http://preservingourlegacy.org).



## Angels Express Is Back!

Metrolink is bringing back its Angels Express trains.

The Angels Express will be available for select home games with trains operating from L.A. Union Station, Oceanside, and Riverside-Downtown to Anaheim, just steps from the stadium.

Round-trip fares are only \$10, and kids 17 and under ride free.

## 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:

- Tiffany Duong, OCIT
- Israel De La Cruz, SSA
- Imelda Yu, Superior Court



## 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](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).

## Do You Ride the Bus or Train?

National Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day is March 18 — thank a transit worker today!



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