



# Club Rideshare

July 2024 Newsletter



## And the Name Is...

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is developing a new transit pass that uses contactless technology, similar to credit cards, for use on OC Bus, OC Flex and the upcoming OC Streetcar.



Next up in the process is to give the pass a name!

OCTA narrowed the choices down to three top contenders: Wave, Orange and Viva. Last month, the public had a chance cast an online vote for their favorite—and even write in their own ideas.

This month, OCTA will reveal the name of this new pass. Be the first to know by joining OCTA on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) or signing up for the [NextStop rider newsletter](#).

## Ride RTA for 25-Cents—Plus Youth Ride Free

Now through Aug. 31, you can ride Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) buses for only 25-cents. The discount rate applies on all fixed-route buses and GoMicro shuttles every day, including weekends.



Also, starting July 1, youth 18 and under can ride RTA buses for free.

Find out more at [riversidetransit.com](#).

## Getting Help If Your Commute Changes

If you move, your work schedule changes, or your usual rideshare arrangement isn't available, you don't have to revert to the expense and stress of driving alone to work.

The Rideshare Office can provide you with an updated list of options, including potential carpool partners, transit routing and more.

You can also find commute help 24/7 by logging in at [ridematch.info](#).

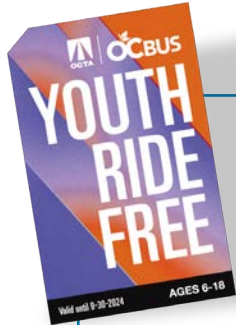


## Show Your Metrolink Pass, Get Discounts

Metrolink can get you to work and home faster and without the stress of dealing with traffic. You can also get discounts at area restaurants, merchants, special events and more when you show your Metrolink pass.

For a list of participating merchants, visit [octa.net](#).





## School's Out, but Free Rides for Youth Are Still In

Youth aged 6 to 18 can ride OC Bus free with a **Youth Ride Free Pass**. The passes are available from participating Orange County schools. (A parent signature is required.)

Although schools help distribute the passes, it's not strictly for riding to and from school—and therefore, the pass is valid even when school is not in session.

Parents of students at schools not distributing the pass can request passes directly from OCTA.

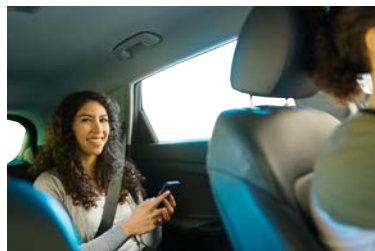
## New Fiscal Year, New GRH Rides

County of Orange and Superior Court employees can be reimbursed for a ride if they need to get home due to an emergency on a day they got to work by ridesharing—up to two rides per fiscal year.

Since a new fiscal begins on July 1, if you've claimed the maximum number of rides home this fiscal year, your total number of rides will then reset to zero.

Emergency ride options include rental car, taxi, Uber/Lyft, transit or approved car-sharing companies.

To find out more about the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program or to claim a reimbursement, [click here](#).



## iShuttle Is Up and Running Again in Irvine

Good news: Service has resumed on OC Bus iShuttles serving the Irvine area.

These bright green and blue shuttles help commuters complete that critical first and last mile to and from work, home and Metrolink stations in both Irvine and Tustin.

Irvine service had been suspended due to a brief strike of OCTA maintenance employees.

Route 400A and 401B is for travel from Tustin Station to Irvine Business Complex routes.

Routes 402C and 403D services Irvine Station to Spectrum area routes.

For more information, visit [octa.net/iShuttle](https://octa.net/iShuttle).



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### Save the Date: Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn virtual workshop is Aug. 21, 12 to 1 p.m. Save the date, and then tune in to find out more about the annual transportation survey and how it benefits you to participate.

You don't need to pre-register to attend the Lunch and Learn. Just [click on this link](#) to join in.

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

### Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Patrick Nguyen, SSA
- Sarah Lopez, OCHCA
- Maria Felix, OCSD



### 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).



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