



# Club Rideshare

November 2024 Newsletter



## All Aboard the Holiday Express!

Metrolink's Holiday Express train will roll into the Anaheim Station on Nov. 30. The festively decorated train will bring holiday cheer—including carolers, treats, children's activities and more.

Holiday Express trains visit stations throughout Southern California until Dec. 21.

They will also collect donations of new, unwrapped toys and socks for those in need.

For schedules and details about how to donate, visit [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com).



## Get a Vanpool Subsidy of Up to \$800 a Month

Exciting news if you are thinking about joining or starting a vanpool: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) now offers vanpools subsidies of up to \$800 monthly toward vanpool lease costs (up from \$400 a month).

The standard subsidy is \$600 a month. Two additional \$100 subsidies are available:

- Vanpools that seat eight or more people with an 85% occupancy rate
- Vanpools that are zero-emissions vehicles

The vanpool must be leased through a vanpool provider contracted with OCTA and maintain at least 50% ridership.

For more information, visit [octa.net/vanpool](http://octa.net/vanpool). To see if there's a vanpool that's right for you, register or log in at [ridematch.info](http://ridematch.info).

Want to vanpool but there's not one currently available? Start one of your own! The Rideshare Office can help you find other people who live near you and work a similar schedule.

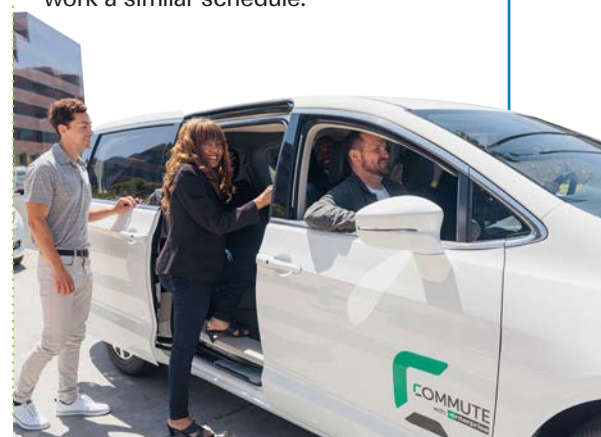
## 6 Simple Ways to Save More When You Rideshare

Ridesharing is already a bargain way to commute—but did you know there are ways to save even more? Here are a few...

- 1. Sign up for the Annual Perk Pass.** If you ride OC Bus, using a **Perk Pass gets you the lowest available fare per ride**. A Perk Pass is a swipe card that you pre-load with fares (**ordered through the Rideshare Office**) which are deducted as you ride.



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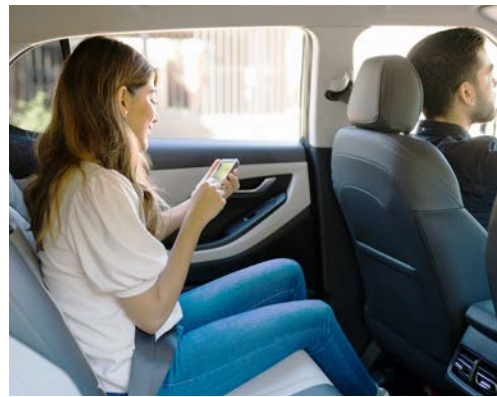


**2. Add a third person to your carpool.** Yes, two already ride cheaper than one. Three people in a carpool, however, will also allow you travel toll-free in the **91 Express Lanes** at all times and the **405 Express Lanes** during off-peak hours.

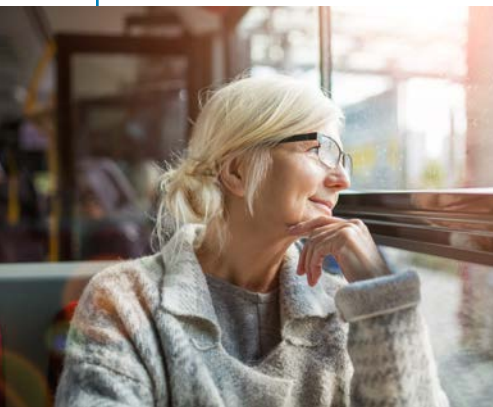
A switchable transponder set to the number of people in the vehicle is required.

**3. Try transit and get as much as 75% off fares.** The County offers an **incentive for new transit riders**. You can be reimbursed 75% of fare costs the first month, 50% the second and 25% the third.

**4. Don't pay for a ride if you need to get home in an emergency.** Thanks to the **Guaranteed Ride Home program** offered through the Rideshare Office, you can be reimbursed for the cost of a ride if you need to take a taxi or Uber/Lyft home due to illness or emergency on a day you got to work by carpooling, vanpooling, riding transit, biking or walking.



**5. Pay for transit costs using pre-tax dollars.** When you have fares automatically deducted from your paycheck, you'll pay using pre-tax dollars. This can lower your overall taxable income, saving you money at tax time.



**6. Sign up for special fares if you qualify.** OC Bus offers discounts for riders 60 and older, and Metrolink discount fares are available to riders 65 and older.



## OC Bus Can Be Your Route to Well-Being

OC Bus wants you to know that it isn't just a ride – it's "your ticket to a healthier you." By choosing public transit, you get more exercise, reduce stress and connect with your community.

They recently launched an online site that features ways you can combine wellness with the commute. It includes information such as routes to wellness destinations, free meditations, mental health resources and tips for making the most of your time on the bus.

Check out at [octa.net/wellness](https://octa.net/wellness).

## 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:

- Timothy Collins, HCA
- Nancy Ehlers, Probation
- Julian Saenz, 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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