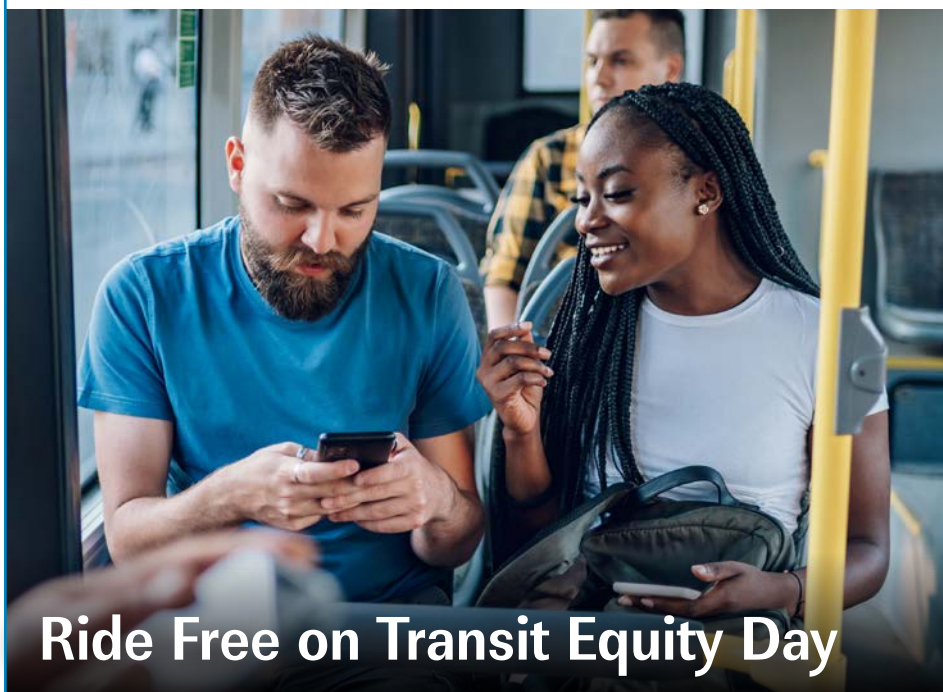




# Club Rideshare

February 2025 Newsletter



## Ride Free on Transit Equity Day

Transit Equity Day is Feb. 4. Set on Rosa Parks' birthday, it's a day that promotes making transit affordable and accessible to people in all communities.

MetroLink will honor Transit Equity Day by offering free rides on trains throughout Southern California. Just arrive at the station and board the train (no ticket is required).

Rides are also free on OC Bus, as well as Metro Bus, Rail and Bike Share, and all San Bernardino County and Ventura County buses.

## 3 Helpful Resources to Deal with Traffic and Smog During Wildfires

Whether or not you are directly impacted by wildfires, you may be dealing with other fallout—such as closed roads or worries about unsafe air quality. Winds and dry conditions are an ongoing threat in Southern California, which means it's best to be prepared. Here are three resources that can help:

1. Visit [SoCal511.com](https://www.socal511.com) or call 511.

The regional transportation resource lists updated alerts and advisories on road closures and traffic hazard warnings, any impacted transit service, alternate transportation options and more.

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## "Lunch and Learn" How to Save on Your Commute

The next Lunch and Learn is Feb. 20, 12 to 1 p.m. Tune in to learn the many ways the County rideshare program can save you money—from incentives to rebates to prizes and more.

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



## Join Metrolink for a Lunar New Year Celebration

Metrolink will ring in the Lunar New Year with a celebration at its Irvine Station on Feb. 8 at 8 a.m. The event will feature refreshments, a traditional lion dance, prizes and more.

The first 100 people to arrive will get free tickets to ride the train to the Golden Dragon Parade in Los Angeles.

Get details at [octa.net](https://www.octa.net).







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## Get the New OC Bike Route Map

What's the best route to bike to work? Orange County Transportation Authority recently updated its comprehensive OC Bikeways Map.

It can help you identify where safe bikeways are available, as well as bike routes that share traffic with vehicles but connect to dedicated bike lanes. In some cases, it also notes elevation—helpful if you're looking for a less hilly ride.

The map is available [here](#).



### 3 Helpful Resources to Deal with... (from page 1)

#### 2. Get Air Quality Reports.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) posts **daily updates on pollution levels**—including alerts during high-risk events such as wildfires.

#### 3. Protect Yourself from Wildfire Smoke.

Learn how—now and in the future—at **Smoke Ready California**. You can download the California Smoke Spotter, a free app to find out where smoke is coming from, where it's going, and what it means for your health.

The site also offers tips for checking local air quality, creating a clean air space and other helpful resources.

## Reminder: Renew Your Club Rideshare Membership

Be sure to complete the annual renewal of your Club Rideshare membership soon. When you do, 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.

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Joshua Lee, HCA
- Lisa Fernandez, CEO HRS
- Daisy Alcaraz, DA



## 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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