



Club Rideshare

April 2025 Newsletter



Ride Free, Win Big on

EARTH DAY

Earth Day is April 22. Here's how you can celebrate:

Free Rides

Motor vehicles are behind 40% of the emissions that cause smog in California. To encourage people to try transit instead of driving alone, rides will be free all day on **Metrolink** trains, no ticket required.

You can also ride free on **OC Bus**, **Metro Bus/Rail**, **Riverside Transit Agency buses** and all **San Bernardino County** and **Ventura County** transit providers.

Calculate Your Carbon Footprint

Visit **CoolCalifornia.org** to quickly calculate your personal carbon footprint and learn ways to reduce it.

IE Earth Day and Contest – Rideshare & Win

If you live or work in the Inland Empire, you have a chance to win prizes—including an iPad mini, Nintendo Switch Lite, and gift cards—when you rideshare or telework in April.

To participate:

- Create an account or log in 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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Lunch and Learn About Your Biking and Walking Commute Options

The next Lunch and Learn virtual workshop is April 16, 12 to 1 p.m. Save the date, and then tune in to learn about your options for biking and walking to work—including safety information, bike routing, incentives, events and more.

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.



New Improvements to the I-5 Freeway

OCTA recently announced that improvements on the I-5 Freeway between Oso Parkway and La Paz Road are complete.

The changes include converting carpool lanes to continuous access, making it more convenient for carpoolers to get in and out of the lanes.

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Get Involved

Visit earthday.org to pledge an "earth action" such as ridesharing or swapping plastic water bottles for reusable. You can also find out about Earth Day events near you including beach clean-ups, family fairs, workshops and more.

When the Unexpected Happens...

Metrolink Now Offers Uber Vouchers During Service Disruptions

Metrolink recently announced that during service disruptions when they are unable to secure alternate transportation, you may be offered an Uber Voucher. It can be redeemed from your own Uber app account on your mobile device.

You may receive the Uber Voucher in a text, Tweet, Facebook post or through the Metrolink website chatting with the Digital Assistant.

Find out more at metrolinktrains.com.

Need to Get Home from Work Due to Emergency or Illness?

On a day that you carpooled, vanpooled, rode the bus or Metrolink, biked or walked to work, you can be reimbursed for the cost of a ride home in case of emergency or illness (up to twice in a fiscal year, July 1 - June 30).

The **County's Guaranteed Ride Home program** allows you to rideshare to work without worrying about being unable to get home if you need to.



On Your Mark, Get Set for Bike Month

Discover the joys of two-wheeled commuting during Bike Month in May. Some highlights:

- Bike Week is May 12-16.
- Bike to Work Day is Thursday, May 22, when commuters are encouraged to bike to the office or to their nearby transit stop and bring their bike on board.
- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will hold a bike rally

and ride on May 22, 7 to 9 a.m. at the Orange Metrolink Station. Get pumped up about Bike Month, and then enjoy a group ride to the OCTA Administrative Headquarters in Orange.

Look for event details and updates at octa.net/bikemonth as well as in next month's issue of Club Rideshare.



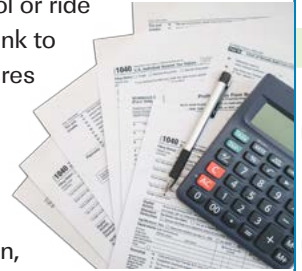
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Minor work remains on the rest of the project, so stay up to date by visiting octa.net/i5South.

A Tax Season Reminder:

If you vanpool or ride the bus/Metrolink to work and pay fares through payroll deduction, this is a reminder that for the 2025 tax season, there's a slight bump in your allowable deduction. The 2024 maximum of \$315 for 2025 is \$325 per month.

If you aren't currently paying fares using pre-tax dollars via payroll deduction, you could be missing out on tax savings. Contact the Rideshare Office for more information, or sign up using the **Voluntary Payroll Deduction Authorization Form**.



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:

- Brian Drinkward, Superior Court
- Ruth Franco, SSA
- Noelle Rojas, 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.



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