



Club Rideshare

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Ring in 2020 by taking advantage of some of what happened in transportation in the last year—from new bus lines to safer bike lanes to freebies and more. In case you missed the big news, here are some of the highlights.

New bus routes and train are now underway, including...

- OC Bus Bravo! 529—**express service between Fullerton and Huntington Beach that travels along Beach Boulevard**, connecting to the Fullerton Park & Ride and the Goldenwest Transportation Center in Huntington Beach.

• OC Bus Route 862, **servicing Downtown Santa Ana**, including the Civic Center area, from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC).

- Two new iShuttle routes that

shuttle bus and train riders from the Irvine and Tustin Metrolink stations to nearby work areas.

- **Earlier Metrolink service on its Orange County line from Los Angeles** so riders can reach Santa Ana, Tustin, Irvine and Laguna Niguel/ Mission Viejo by 8 a.m.

The County got its first vanpool on the road...

With several new riders, it travels between Lake Elsinore and Orange County Sheriff's location on Jamboree in Newport Beach. (Contact the Rideshare Office if you'd like to find out about commuting by vanpool.)

If you use carpool lanes or Express Lanes...

Caltrans replaced the solid white lines that separate carpool lanes from general use lanes with dash lines on the 91 Freeway between Madison Street and the I-215/SR-60/SR-91 Interchange—now users may enter and exit the carpool lanes at any point along this stretch.



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Renew Your Club Rideshare Membership and Get \$15

It's that time of year again to renew your Club Rideshare membership. The OC Rideshare office will be sending out emails by the end of January to all current Club Rideshare members to renew their participation.

When you renew, 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, bicycled or walked to work 20 or more times over the past 90 days.

No longer qualify? Contact the Rideshare Office so we can help find a rideshare option that'll keep your commute rolling and allow you to continue your membership.

"Why I Rideshare"

Saving money on gas is one of the reasons Brian Fitzpatrick opts to ride OC Bus to his job at the District Attorney's office in Santa Ana. The other is convenience. "Sometimes the traffic would be okay, but sometimes it's awful," he says. "Not only don't I have to sit in traffic, but I can read or do other things while I'm on the bus to make use of the time."



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In Case You Missed the BIG News...

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There's another way to contact Metrolink...

Customers can now text questions to 1.800.371.5465 (LINK)—especially helpful if you're in the Quiet Car.

There's a new Waze to hear about traffic tie-ups...

The Waze app now allows Orange County drivers to use the app not only for current traffic, but for a heads-up on planned construction on the I-405 and other OCTA projects that could impact their commute.



OC opened its first protected bike lane...

It's on Bristol Street in Santa Ana—a 6-foot wide lane with a concrete curb providing a safety buffer. It's only a quarter mile now but will eventually be three miles.



I-405 construction continued...

Motorists signed up for updates via text, call or email to avoid construction traffic tie-ups.



Oh, and if you're hungry...

OC Bus partnered with Wahoo's for Taco Tuesdays—get a free taco on Tuesdays with the purchase of a #1 combo when you show your valid OC Bus, Metrolink or OC Flex pass.

IRS Cap Up \$5

For the 2020 tax year, the IRS cap if you pay for transit and vanpool fares using pre-tax dollars gets a slight bump—from \$265 to \$270 per month. For more information, consult your tax professional or the IRS at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).



Look for Your Perk Pass

New OC Bus Perk Passes were mailed in December to all OC Bus riders. If you did not receive a card in the mail, please call the OC Rideshare office at 714.834.7600.

Congrats Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Naomi Nguyen, Probation
- Michael Farole, SSA
- Brian Fitzpatrick, OCDA



Have You Moved?

If your home address, work/home phone numbers or email have changed, please let the Rideshare Office know by sending an email to rideshare@ocgov.com.



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