



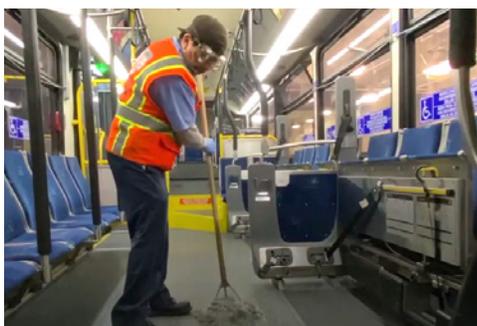
Club Rideshare

e-Bulletin



5 Important Transit Reminders

Transit agencies continue to adapt to COVID-19, taking steps to protect the safety of staff and riders—including actions such as switching to rear-door only boarding and enhancing cleaning on buses and trains, especially areas of frequent contact.



Most transit agencies have also reduced schedule frequency and changed some routes due to decreased ridership.

A few reminders:

1. Only use transit for essential travel, which includes getting to work or to get food, to care for a relative or friend, or get necessary health care.
2. Stay current on service changes and other coronavirus-related updates, which are ongoing, by visiting your transit provider online:

- OC Bus: octa.net, blog.octa.net
- RTA: riversidetransit.com
- Metrolink: metrolinktrains.com
- LA Metro: metro.net, thesource.metro.net

3. Many Southern California transit providers require face masks (exempting people with certain medical conditions or disabilities). Even if not required—for your health and safety and for that of those around you—it is recommended that you wear a cloth

mask whenever you are not able to maintain physical distance from another person who is not a family/household member.

4. Practice social distancing whenever possible. Choose a seat away from the driver and other passengers (six feet or more is ideal).
5. The Rideshare Office continues to encourage employees to **purchase transit fares using pre-tax dollars**, which not only saves you money but also helps you avoid having to touch ticket machines or fare boxes.

Questions or concerns? Contact the Rideshare Office at rideshare@ocgov.com.

Please Note:

The Rideshare Office recognizes the challenges of commuting during the coronavirus pandemic. We will continue the policy of not canceling any Club Rideshare memberships until further notice, even if rideshare minimums are not being met.

“Why I Drive an EV”

Three years ago, Joseph Kantar decided to lease an electric vehicle (EV) for his commute from the Inland Empire to where he worked at Sheriff’s Air Support in Costa Mesa. Not only did he get a great deal on a lease, but there were plenty of other perks.

“I get to ride for free in the FasTrak lanes, and solo in the carpool lanes as well, so it really helps my commute be tolerable” he says. Joseph now works at the Aliso Viejo sub station, and his 45-mile drive on the 91, 55 and 5 freeways typically takes only about 45 minutes. “So I’m still making good time, even when there’s traffic.”

Not only does his EV contribute to clean air because it’s not spewing emissions, but he also charges it with solar panels he had installed on his home.



Parking Pointers

Some of the County's workers may have temporarily changed how they get to work due to recent events. If you're driving to work these days, a few pointers:

- Parking is first-come, first-served and is shared with visitors to County offices.
- The **Civic Center Campus (CCC)**, however, has designated **employee parking facilities** that are shared among its County departments. Employees must park in their designated parking facility (or if full, use general employee parking).
 - If you've recently switched to carpooling or driving an electric vehicle to work, contact the **OC Public Works Department** for information on how to qualify to park in special Carpool Parking spaces or use on-site EV charging stations.
 - Once you are able to return to your usual rideshare arrangement, remember that the Rideshare Office is here to help.



Healthy Ways to Enjoy the Outdoors

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) not only runs OC Bus, but is also a strong advocate of cycling and walking—as both a transportation option and as a way to stay fit and get fresh air. OCTA recently offered a few suggestions on healthy ways you can enjoy the outdoors while still practicing responsible social distancing.



From bird watching, to photography to social media fun and more, [click here to find ideas to get outdoors in a safe and healthy way.](#)

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Robert Gonzales, OCDA
- Vanessa Cid Barragan, SSA
- Joseph Kantar, OCSD



Metrolink Asked Its Riders...

Metrolink recently surveyed its current riders—as well as those who stopped riding when California's stay-at-home order was issued—to explore their needs, concerns and expectations of Metrolink service going forward.

Here's what people had to say:

Seven out of 10 of current riders describe themselves as essential workers, the largest percentage of whom are healthcare workers.

One in three people who still ride Metrolink do so because they have no car available.

The majority (81%) of those who have stopped riding due to the stay-at-home order say they are likely to return to Metrolink, but not all at once. Nearly a third (28%) will return when order is lifted.

Addressing cleaning and social distancing are measures most likely to motivate reluctant riders to return—with available and abundant hand sanitizer stations topping the list of wanted amenities.

To see the full results, [click here.](#)



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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