



Club Rideshare

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OC Bus Restores More Than Half of Regular Service



Your usual OC Bus route may be back in service. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) last month increased its daily service to Saturday service levels on most routes Monday through Saturday (it had temporarily been reduced to Sunday service levels due to lower ridership during the Governor’s Shelter at Home order).

Regular weekday service has been restored on 14 routes. OCTA also added more bus trips on the busiest routes to help allow for social distancing.

This change to a modified Saturday schedule means that about 60% of the regular OC Bus service that was offered before the start of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is now operating.

Sunday bus schedules will continue as usual.

To protect riders and drivers, OC Bus will continue to provide special safety measures, including hand sanitizer on every bus, enhanced nightly cleaning of buses and temporary rear-door boarding.

OC Bus riders are also asked to wear face coverings on board and follow social-distancing recommendations whenever possible.

For updated route information, go to OCBus.com.

Did You Know...?

Thanks to Metrolink riders, each year people in Southern California...

- Drive nearly 340 million fewer miles.
- Prevent 130,000 tons of emissions from being spewed into the air.



“Why I Rideshare”

Deputy Tom Taylor rides his bike two miles daily to his job at the James A. Musick Facility in Irvine. He rides rain or shine, adding that it doesn’t matter if he gets rained on when bicycling because his alternative transportation is an open Jeep with no roof. “Either way I get wet,” he says, adding that it’s easy to do a quick change of clothes when he gets to work.

While he’s been bicycling for years, Deputy Taylor originally started with walking to work. To get to work faster, he began skateboarding—then made the switch to a bike because, he says, he was tired of falling all the time. “It was getting harder to get up!”

He bikes to keep fit, and also because it’s a zero-pollution way to travel, adding, “I try to make a conscious effort to do things for the environment.”



Go 511 for Transit Updates & More

During the Coronavirus pandemic, the 511 transportation network has been posting daily updates at go511.com. Get the latest information on changes in Southern California transit services and routes, as well as express lanes and freeways that may affect your commute.



Free Virtual Bike Class

Join in on a free online bike class on July 11, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., offered by Metro using the Zoom format. It is a "Bike 101" class and covers basics of bike maintenance and repairs, including how to fix a flat tire while on the road. Find out more and register at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).



3 Quick Commute Safety Reminders...

1. Be sure to wear a mask or face covering when riding transit, carpooling or vanpooling to reduce the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus. (Many transit providers require it.)

2. Carry antibacterial wipes and/or lotion and disinfect hands frequently, especially after touching surfaces.

3. On bus or rail, practice social distancing whenever possible by sitting six feet or more away from the driver and other passengers.



Bike to Work Week Coming This Fall

Better late than never—Orange County will celebrate the postponed Bike Month (usually held in May) this September.

Bike to Work Week is Sept. 21-27, with Bike to Work Day on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Stay tuned for information on events and activities. In the meantime, be sure to mark your calendar!



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Salvador Gutierrez, OCPW
- James Volz, OCPW
- Thomas Taylor, OCSD



There's an App for That

Here, a few free apps that can make your commute more convenient:

On OC Bus...

OC Bus Mobile 2.0 lets you purchase fare and easily manage your account.

Another handy app: **Text4Next**, which delivers real-time bus arrival information to your phone.

On Metrolink...

Purchase fares using the app—then tap your mobile device to board.

While Metrolink doesn't yet have an app that gives real-time train arrival times, you can find it on the Train Tracker at [metrolinktrains.com](https://www.metrolinktrains.com).

On the I-405...

Get updates on closures and other **construction activity on I-405** as it undergoes improvements between SR-73 and I-605.

On Orange County Toll Roads...

Pay tolls, open an account, add or delete a vehicle, request a transponder and more with **The Toll Roads app**.



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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