



# Club Rideshare

e-Bulletin



## Transportation Surveys

### Due Friday!

Please take a few minutes to complete the mandatory Annual Transportation Survey. Then submit the survey by the Friday, Oct. 2 deadline to qualify to win one of 10 \$25 Amazon gift cards.

The survey collects information on how you commuted the week of Sept. 14-18. It is mandatory for employees to participate—whether you’ve been reporting to the worksite or

are currently working at home. The County is required to conduct this survey annually to meet clean-air mandates.

Survey results provide data on the rate of ridesharing and telecommuting vs. driving alone among employees. The data is also used to evaluate how the County is doing in providing commute services to employees and helps us identify areas where we can improve.

The survey should be in your inbox or you can [download it here](#). Questions? Contact OC Rideshare at 714.834.7600 or [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).

### Say “Yes” to a RideGuide

When you fill out the annual transportation survey (see story, left) you also have the option to receive a free RideGuide commute planner. The RideGuide gives you transportation options such as carpool partners, available vanpools, transit routing and more based on where you live, work and your work schedule.

With all the recent changes to transit service and other rideshare options, it could provide handy options in case your usual rideshare arrangements are not currently available.

To get a RideGuide, simply mark “yes” to the last question on the survey.

## Carpool Lanes on I-5 Now Open

Good news for those who carpool though central Orange County: Two new carpool lanes recently opened on northbound I-5 between SR-55 and SR-57.

The southbound carpool lanes opened to traffic in July.

Other improvements included removing concrete barriers between the carpool and regular lanes and restriping the carpool lanes for continuous access to allow drivers to move freely between all lanes.

For more information and construction updates, visit [octa.net/i5central](http://octa.net/i5central).



### MetroLink 5-Day Flex Pass

If you’re riding the train less these days, or want to ride only occasionally, MetroLink now offers a 5-Day Flex Pass.

Travel on the days you need to with five one-day passes. Flex Pass is good for 30 days, and users save 10% off round-trip ticket prices. [\(continued\)](#)





## “How Full Is My Bus?”

OC Bus’s official smartphone app, Transit, has a new feature that uses recent ridership numbers to predict how crowded a particular bus most likely is. Just tap on the bus icon and you’ll

get an indication of how full—or empty—you can expect your bus to be.

This allows you to see if the bus will allow room for social distancing. If not, you can decide if you want to wait for another one or find a different way to get where you need to go.

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is limiting the number of passengers on buses to allow for physical distancing of at least six feet, when possible. The guideline is for a regular 40-foot bus to carry no more than 15 passengers, and a 60-foot bus up to 20 passengers.

In the app, you’ll see if your bus falls into one of three categories of seating capacity being used:

**0-33%**

“Usually many seats available”

**34-85%**

“Usually seats available”

**85% or more**

“Usually standing room only”

The Transit app is available for free download on [Google Play](#) and [The App Store](#).

OCTA is one of 38 transit agencies worldwide offering bus capacity information via the Transit app.

## Metrolink... (continued from page 1)

You can purchase it in advance exclusively on the [Metrolink Mobile App](#) for safe, contactless ticketing.

## Celebrate Clean Air Day



California Clean Air Day is Oct. 7 this year (postponed from the original June date). Join the many Californians who’ll celebrate the day by finding an alternative to driving alone to do your share for clean air. Look for local and online events at [cleanairday.org](#). Metrolink will also participate—join them on [Twitter](#) for details.

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

We’d like to extend a big “congrats” and thanks for ridesharing to August winners of the Club Rideshare monthly prize drawing of \$25:

- Mark Stearns, OCSD
- Pondory Houli, OCCR
- Annette Barteau, 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](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).



## Kids Ride Free on Metrolink Weekends

Kids ages 17 and under can now ride Metrolink free on weekends. The cost of an adult 1-Day Pass is only \$10 on Saturdays and Sundays. With every \$10 Weekend Day Pass you buy, up to three kids ride free anywhere Metrolink travels.

No ticket is needed for the children. They simply board with their parents. Face masks are required on Metrolink platforms and trains, except for children two years old and under.



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