



Club Rideshare

e-Bulletin



The Results Are In...

The results of the annual transportation survey conducted last fall are in—and it turns out quite a few County of Orange staff are using alternatives to driving alone.

In general, instead of one-person-per-car arriving to County worksites, it's 1.53 (or about one and a half) persons per car—a 26% increase over last year!

This is calculated by averaging the number of drive-alone commuters with those using other options, such as carpools, vanpools, bus, rail, bicycling and walking, as well as telecommuters.

"It's unusual to have such a big drop in the drive alone rate in just a year, but this was a very unusual year," says Denise VanStratten, the County's employee transportation coordinator. "Most of the change is due to the large number of people working at home during the week of the survey. As employees start returning to the

office, we want to remind them that the Rideshare Office is here if they need help or if they've had any changes to their commute."

To contact the Rideshare Office, call 714.834.7600 or email rideshare@ocgov.com.

What's New at Metrolink

State-of-the-Art Air Filters on All Trains

Metrolink recently installed new, state-of-the-art antimicrobial air filters on all its train cars.

The filters capture and destroy (continued)



You Won't Be Stuck at Work in an Emergency

Did you know...? You can get a free ride on days you rideshare if you need to get home quickly due to illness, personal emergency or if you miss your usual ride because you have to work unexpected overtime.

The County of Orange's Guaranteed Ride Home program reimburses you for the cost of a taxi, rental car, Uber/Lyft, etc. up to two times per calendar year.

For details, reimbursement forms and a full list of qualifying ride options, [click here](#).



Reminder: Renew Your Club Rideshare Membership

Don't forget to renew your Club Rideshare membership! When you do, 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.

However, we are being flexible about membership if you can't rideshare as often due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are also allowing days you work at home to count toward your rideshare totals.

The OC Rideshare office sent out renewal emails last month (continued)



What's New at Metrolink (continued from front)

99.9% of impurities and coordinate with Metrolink's ventilation system as another layer to screen out viral and bacterial particles.

Read all about it along with other steps Metrolink has taken to protect the health and safety of customers.



Customer Appreciation Week

Metrolink kicks off Customer Appreciation Week on Feb. 14. As a thanks to riders, Metrolink will award **bonus points for So Cal Explorer loyalty program members** who ride that day. (Must register for the loyalty program before ticket purchase to receive bonus points.)

Check Out the Metrolink Store

Are you a Metrolink fan? Find fun merchandise like t-shirts, hats, mugs and more at the new **online store**. Save 15% on purchases Feb. 14-18 (discount code will be posted on social media).



Reminder: Renew (continued from front)

to all current Club Rideshare members. Contact the Rideshare Office if you didn't receive it or if you have any questions.



Faster, Easier Construction Updates on the 405

It's now easier to find the construction updates you need for your commute on the I-405 in Orange County, thanks to a redesign of the **improvement project's online portal**.

Visitors will find a clearer path to the most requested items, including maps, closures, detours, and construction information.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Kimhoan Chu, OCHCA
- Emily Bangura, OCHCA
- Jennifer Kanter, OCCR



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.

A Few Quick Commute Reminders

With the spike in Coronavirus cases in Southern California, we want to remind employees who rideshare to work:

- Wear a mask or face covering over your nose and mouth—it is required on transit.



- Practice social distancing. Limit the number of passengers in a carpool and sit as far away from each other in the car as you can. On transit, keep your distance from other passengers. Many agencies including OC Bus offer **apps that give a heads-up on how full your bus will be**.

- If you live close enough to the office to bike or walk, these are options that can allow you to get to work while keeping a safe distance from other people.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently updated its guidelines for using transportation—read it [here](#).



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