



OC RIDESHARE PROGRAM

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Guaranteed Ride Home Program

Worried about being “stuck” without your vehicle if you rideshare to work? Worry no more...the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program provides employees who rideshare to work with a free taxi ride home in the event of a valid emergency. Use a [GRH Authorization form](#) to request an emergency ride home on a day that you carpool, vanpool, or ride the bus or train.

The taxi ride may be from your work location to your primary place of residence, personal vehicle or an interim emergency-related stop and then on to a final eligible destination.

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The New Club Rideshare

Club Rideshare is off to a great start --- now with more than 975 registered rideshare participants that receive the Rideshare Monthly Bulletin with links to special discounts, events and contests exclusively for Club Rideshare members. The bulletin is distributed by our staff using Constant Contact, a well known email distribution program that helps us track who reads or opens the bulletin and the items that were of the most interest.

Plus it is as easy as 1-2-3 for Club Rideshare Members to win \$25 e-Cards!

1. One winner is drawn each month from the list of those that read the bulletin
2. Two winners are drawn twice a year from those that Refer-A-Friend
3. Three winners are drawn from the list of active members each month

Not enrolled yet? Now's the time! When you register for the first time, track at least 20 days that you commuted to work by walking, carpooling, vanpooling, riding the bus, train or your bike and you will receive a \$30 e-Card. Certain restrictions apply if you have already received another start-up incentive. Click [here](#) for the All-In-One form that includes the OC Rideshare Program Guidelines.

May is Bike Month

HAPPY ORANGE COUNTY BIKE MONTH
 PLEDGE TO BIKE THIS MONTH FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD, MOVIE TICKETS AND BIKING GEAR. LOG ONTO [OCTABIKEMONTH.COM](#) TODAY!

PLEDGE NOW

FREE METROLINK RIDES
 Thursday, May 16th
 Metrolink is offering free rides on Bike To Work Day to anyone who boards the train with a bike.
[Learn more.](#)

OCTA BIKE RALLY
 Thursday, May 16th | 7:30 am - 9:00 am
 Join OCTA staff, bike stakeholders and elected officials on a bike ride from the Orange Metrolink station to the OCTA Headquarters. Get a sneak peek at the bikes and equipment for the new OCTA BikeLink system. Cyclists will meet at the Orange Metrolink Station at 7:30 a.m.

INSTAGRAM PHOTO CONTEST
 May 20-23
 Share the art and joy of cycling through our month-long Instagram photo contest. Show us why you love to ride, your favorite trails, or your bike for a chance to win a Trek commuter bike, cycling bags and other great prizes! Just use the hashtag #BikeOC when you post your photos.

Bike Month Sponsors:

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Bicycling is an environmentally friendly, inexpensive, and enjoyable way to get around. It's healthy, fun and OCTA and LA Metro offered plenty of prizes if you rode your bike to work, school, or anywhere during Bike Month. There still may be time to enter your bike commute information for a chance to win an iPad, movie tickets, riding shirt and more sponsored by OCTA and LA Metro!

Bike Routes

Looking for a bike route? Click [here](#) to find dedicated off-road bike paths, on-road striped bike lanes and popular routes in Orange County. [Learn more](#) about bicycling in Orange County.

National Dump The Pump Day

June 21 is National Dump the Pump Day, and the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), in partnership with the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and public transportation systems across the country are joining in the celebration, and you can too.

On National Dump the Pump Day everyone is encouraged to leave their cars at home and ride public transportation. Riding the train or bus is an easy way to help protect the environment and save money, particularly when gas prices are so high. The latest APTA Transit Savings Report shows that a two person household that downsizes to one vehicle can save an average of approximately \$10,000 a year.

Ride an OCTA bus to work and home for free. During Dump the Pump week, June 17-21, when you pledge



to ride OCTA, you will get a coupon to ride OCTA buses for a full day, for free and a chance to win great prizes.

Have fun and take photos showing how you Dumped the Pump, and then share them with OCTA. You could win some exciting prizes! The three photos receiving the most votes will each win a \$500 gift card! Visit OCTA.net for more information. Tell your friends too.

Thanks to Our Rideshare Coordinators

Did you know that the OC Rideshare Program has a team of employees that help maintain the [Commuter Information Display Racks](#) at nearly 30 County facilities? The racks are filled with OCTA bus schedules, Metrolink timetables, enrollment forms, incentive applications, and much more.

Rideshare Coordinators help us promote the rideshare program and guide employees to the information racks and the OC Rideshare website for the latest information. They receive training each year to assure that they stay up-to-date on ridesharing and transit changes. Our thanks for all that they do!

This year, we would like to acknowledge **Melanie Smith** with Child Support Services who has been a Rideshare Coordinator for several years. She keeps the information racks in tip-top condition and is always very helpful with any questions she receives from employees. Melanie says she enjoys helping to promote the program. Thank you Melanie!



OCTA Update

A new OCTA service called **Bravo** begins on June 10. It is the latest in faster, more convenient bus service, designed to decrease travel time for customers and improve travel speed along Harbor Boulevard between the Fullerton Transportation Center and MacArthur Boulevard in Costa Mesa. The bright blue and orange **Bravo** bus will offer you more frequent service on weekdays between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to view a map of where Route 543 will be traveling, and where Route 543 will stop along Harbor Blvd. All of the new Bravo Route 543 stops are either major transfer points or major destinations. Although Route 543 travels along part of the same route as the current Route 43, Route 543 will only stop at the identified Bravo stops along Harbor. This will make traveling down Harbor Blvd so much faster that you will say, "Bravo!"

Did You Know...

There are hundreds of connections you can make with your valid Metrolink ticket including city bus, shuttle bus, light-rail and subway lines. By special arrangement with transit systems throughout Southern California, your Metrolink ticket takes you farther than ever before. Most of these connections are free with your valid Metrolink ticket.

Three Simple Rules:

- All Metrolink tickets must be stamped with the current day's date to be valid for boarding connecting transit (Monthly Passes must be for the current month).
- Metrolink tickets are good only for free rides on most local transit services. An additional fare payment may be required for express or other non-local bus service.
- Just show your Metrolink ticket to the driver or attendant upon boarding your connecting transit service.

Click [here](#) for more details.

Metrolink Update

TAP compatible tickets are now dispensed from Metrolink Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) to allow passage through Metro's

turnstiles leading to Metro Rail lines and stations. All riders are required to physically tap their tickets at the turnstiles and validators when transferring to a Metro Rail line.

Click [here](#) for more details.

Metrolink is introducing new TAP compatible tickets.

You must tap your Metrolink ticket to access Metro Rail turnstiles.

Click here for more info.



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Depending upon your department's internal policy, social media links might not be available

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