



# Club Rideshare

OC RIDESHARE PROGRAM

e-Bulletin



## Carpool Lanes Open on the I-5

Work finished last month on the widening of the I-5, which includes **extending carpool lanes nearly 6 miles in each direction**—through San Clemente, Dana Point and San Juan Capistrano.

The new lanes connect with existing carpool lanes, so users don't need to exit and enter to keep traveling in them on the I-5.

The travel time you cut can really add up. Studies have shown that motorists save on average a minute for every mile they ride in a carpool lane over a general use lane.

## Taking the Worry Out of Ridesharing

If you need to get home in case of emergency or if you have to work unexpected overtime, you won't be stranded. The Rideshare Office offers Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH), reimbursing the cost of a ride home (up to two a year) by taxi, rental car, transit, Uber/Lyft or car-sharing service.

**Rules and claim forms** are available from the Rideshare Office.



## Renewal Forms Are Due

If you are ridesharing to work, make sure to turn in your Club Rideshare Renewal Form—even if nothing has changed with your commute. This lets the Rideshare Office know you're still a participant in the program, so you'll continue to get rideshare benefits, updates and qualify for prize raffles.

Contact the OC Rideshare office to receive a 2018 Club Rideshare Renewal Form.



## "Why I Rideshare"

From the day she interviewed for her job at OC's Health Care Agency nearly three years ago, Kathy St. Hilaire decided the best way to commute was by bus. "I went home, did the research on it, and thought, yay, I can get to work without dealing with traffic," she says. "The whole time I've worked here, I've never driven. Not once."

Her daily ride on OC Bus 83 takes her from Laguna Hills to the office in about 20 minutes. "I really enjoy it, and I don't have to stress," she adds. "Plus it's inexpensive."

*Get personalized assistance to find your best rideshare options by contacting the OC Rideshare Office at [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).*

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## Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22, a day to remember the importance of protecting the environment.

Some ways to celebrate:

- **Chino Creek Wetlands and Educational Park** Earth Day Celebration is April 19, 4-7 p.m. Admission is free, with environmental exhibits, shows and activities.
- **Attend a beach clean up** April 21, 8 a.m. to noon at the Santa Ana River Jetty.
- If you're in Los Angeles on Earth Day, **ride Metro Bus and Rail free** all day April 22.

## It's a Whole New Ballgame

Baseball season is here, and getting there by transit lets you enjoy the game without the hassle of traffic and parking.

**Metrolink Angels Express** is only \$7 dropping riders off steps from Angels Stadium at the Anaheim ARTIC station. Catch it from Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo or L.A. Union Station to all weekday home games starting at 7:05 p.m.

Heading to a Dodgers' game? **The Dodger Stadium Express** shuttles game-goers from L.A. Union Station for all home games—and your Dodger ticket is good for the fare.

(Look for deals on Metrolink to Union Station when the Angels battle the Dodgers for four games in July.)



## Get in Gear for Bike Month

The **OCTA Bike Festival** is April 29, kicking off Bike Month in May and offers fun for the whole family. The free event —part of the Dana Point Grand Prix of Cycling—includes a BMX Stunt Show, bike safety checks, giveaways and more.



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## If You Live in the IE...

You may qualify for \$2 a day in gift card incentives if you're new to ridesharing. If you've been ridesharing to work for three months or more, you can get a free membership in Rideshare Plus, which gives access to discounts at more than 135,000 merchants locally and nationwide.

Get details and sign up at [IECommuter.org](http://IECommuter.org).



## OC Bus Mobile Ticketing App

Eliminate the hassle of carrying paper passes or exact change by using the new **OC Bus Mobile Ticketing app**, which now works on all fixed-route buses.



The app lets you buy bus fare from your smartphone, and then activate your ticket when you're ready to ride using special screeners installed on the bus.

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Prize Winners

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

- Christina Avila, Registrar of Voters
- Kevin Nguyen, OC Public Works
- Carlos Perez, OC Health Care Agency



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