



OC RIDESHARE PROGRAM

Club Rideshare

e-Bulletin



When Will My Bus Get Here?



You no longer need to wonder when your bus will show up because now there's an app for that.

OC Bus data is available as a pilot project on several apps that let you use **your Smartphone to see in real-time when your bus will arrive**. Apps including Transit App, Google Maps and Moovit are available free for download to iPhone/iPad and Android.

Note: If you're a Metrolink rider, you can find up-to-date train schedule information on their **Train Tracker**.

Gear Up for Bike Month

May is National Bike Month! Events are planned all month long to help get you rolling on a fun, fit, low-cost way to commute.

You can bike all the way to work—or just as far as a nearby bus stop or Metrolink station and bring your bike on board.



Here's what's happening in Orange County...

Win Prizes

Make the **pledge to bike to work** during Bike Month to be entered into a **raffle for prizes** from Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). Then share your ride on social media for more chances to win. *(Continued)*

Play to Win \$100

Test your commuting safety skills with Play It Safe, an **interactive driving video game** from OCTA about sharing the road with bicyclists and pedestrians.

Play by May 31 for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.



"Why I Rideshare"

"I can't handle sitting in traffic—it's too stressful," says Leila Holtzen about the drive she used to make daily between her home in Norco and her job at OC's Public Works in Santa Ana. Even using express toll lanes, she never knew how long it would take. "I felt like I was at the mercy of everyone driving around me."

She recently made the switch to Metrolink. Her trip time is now only about an hour, and train fare is less than what she used to spend on gas and tolls. As an added perk, she signed up for the **Try Transit On Us benefit**, which offers cash back bonuses for the first three months of riding the train.

Leila is enjoying her shorter commute, especially when going home. "I want to know I can be with my family as soon as possible," she says.



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Ride Free on Metrolink

During Bike to Work Week, May 14-18, bring your bike on board **Metrolink**, and you'll ride free.

Bike Rides, Rallies & Parties

- **OCTA Bike Rally** is May 17, 7:30-9 a.m. Roll from the Orange Metrolink Station to OCTA Headquarters in a slow-paced group ride through Old Town Orange and the Santiago Creek Trail.
- **Other rides are also in the works**, including the annual **Ride of Silence** to raise awareness about bicycle safety on May 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at several Orange County locations.
- Join **Metrolink's Twitter Party** on May 15 for a chance to win prizes by tweeting about your bike commute.

Vanpooling—Fill a Seat, Find a Seat

In a vanpool, a group of five or more people ride together daily in a leased van, splitting expenses. It's a low-stress way to commute and is a big money-saver for those who live 15 miles or more away from work.

Contact the Rideshare Office to see if there's a vanpool going your way

Need to Fill a Seat?

Vanpool fares are cheaper when all seats are filled. If your vanpool isn't at capacity, the **Rideshare Office** can help.

To Make Vanpooling Even More of a Bargain: Orange County vanpools may qualify for \$400 a month in assistance—find out more, including how to get a new vanpool on the road, at octa.net/vanpool.



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Check the Carpool Classifieds

If you want to find a carpool, or need a rider for your existing carpool, we can add you to our OC Carpool Classifieds to help you find a match.

Fill out the form with your commute information, and the Rideshare Office will look for a fellow Orange County/Superior court employee who's going your way and wants to rideshare.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Cynthia Wolfe, OCCR
- Sara Hart, OCSD
- Stephanie Brown, OCCR



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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