



Club Rideshare

OC RIDESHARE PROGRAM

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Ride Free on Dump the Pump Day

Dump the Pump Day is Thursday, June 21, and to celebrate, OC Bus will be offering free rides all day. Just board any OC Bus and your fare is waived.



The one-day event aims to remind people of the high cost of driving, both in the cost of gas as well as wear and tear on your car. Taking bus or rail, hopping in a carpool, or biking or walking can get you where you're going, without needing to fill up the gas tank.

With gas prices on the rise, reaching \$4 or more a gallon in some areas,

finding ways to reduce your fuel use is smarter than ever.

To find out more about Dump the Pump Day in Orange County, visit ocbus.com/free.



Did You Know...?

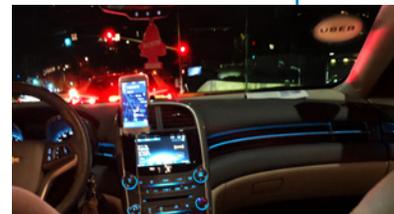
The Rideshare Office will pay you back for the cost of your ride if you need to get home in an emergency on day you rideshare (up to two times a year).

"Employees don't need to fear getting stuck at work if they're without a car but need to quickly get home," says Orange County ETC Denise Van Stratten. "Our Guaranteed Ride Home program is there to provide a safety net."

To claim a reimbursement, save your receipt from your taxi, rental car,

Metrolink, bus, Uber, Lyft or car share service. Submit it

along with the [GRH Claim Form](#) within 60 days.



Surf's Up!

You can ride the train—then ride the waves.

Metrolink lets you bring your **surfboard on board**, stowing it in special netting carriers. Designated bike/board cars are on the Orange County and Inland Empire-Orange County line trains to San Clemente Pier or Oceanside North Strand beaches.



OC Bus Likes Bikes

Good news for cyclists: This summer, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will begin installing racks that will hold up to three bikes at once on the front of its buses, expanding bike capacity by 50%.

Currently, OC buses only hold two bikes, and cyclists often need to wait for the next bus because racks are full.

"Why I Rideshare"

Binny Tailor used to clock nearly 120 miles every day on her car driving between home in Lake Elsinore and her job in the Hall of Records in Santa Ana. Then in January she met two women who live near her and work a similar schedule, and they decided to give carpooling a try to cut down on gas costs and put fewer miles on their cars.

"We all get along, and it's less stressful because we take turns driving," says Binny.



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If you're not sure how to stow your bike on a bike rack, OC Bus offers this [instructional video](#).

Want to Take Your Bike On Board Metrolink?

Look for special Bike Cars designated by a yellow decal on the side of the train. While bikes are allowed on all Metrolink train cars (three per car), Bike Cars are designed to hold nine bikes on the lower level.

Open Houses for the I-405

Find out how construction will affect your commute at an I-405 Improvement Project [community open house](#), hosted by OCTA and Caltrans.

You'll get an overview of the project, news on the bridge construction schedule, a demonstration of the interactive map and Waze app and an opportunity to ask questions.

Construction will impact 16 miles of the I-405, adding one regular lane in each direction from Euclid Street to I-605 and express lanes from SR-73 to I-605.

Open House Schedule

- June 5, 6-8 p.m., 18041 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach
- June 7, 6-8 p.m., 3021 Blume Dr., Rossmore
- June 14, 6-8 p.m., 2701 Fairview Rd., Costa Mesa

The Most Polluted City Is...

Eight of the nation's 10 most polluted cities are in California, according to the recent ["State of the Air" report](#)—none of the worst in Orange County, however. Los Angeles/Long Beach ranks no. 1 in air pollution.

The report—issued annually by the American Lung Association—noted that ocean breezes that blow pollutants in and mountains that trap them give California clean air challenges that other areas don't face.

A big "thank you" to all our ridesharers who help reduce pollutants—your efforts make a difference!



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They travel on the 91 Express Lanes, which allow three-person carpools to ride at a discount. "We all pitched in and got the transponder so it takes us less time to get to work as well."

Find Your Best Park & Ride

Park & Rides are designated lots that allow you to park and connect with a carpool, vanpool, bus or rail. You can meet up at a lot near home or along the route you drive.

These lots are kept paved, striped and well lit. You can park free of charge for up to 72 hours.

Caltrans recently updated its Park & Ride map for Orange County—[click here](#) to find the best one for your commute.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Russell Baldwin, OCSD
- Colleen Byrne, Probation
- Richard Sanchez, OCPW



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.

We can also help you find a new rideshare arrangement if your move affected how you usually get to work.



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