



# Club Rideshare

OC RIDESHARE PROGRAM

e-Bulletin



## “Help – My Commute Changed!”

It can happen—you move, or your work hours change, or the bus cancels your usual route, and the next thing you know, the way you’ve been ridesharing to work is no longer a fit. Before you revert to driving and all the expense and hassle that goes with it, the Rideshare Office offers these tips for getting back on the rideshare track:

• **Get help finding a new carpool, vanpool or bus/rail route.** The Rideshare Office is happy

to help you find a new rideshare arrangement.

You can also go online to [ridematch.info](http://ridematch.info), where you can quickly plug in your commute information to get an instant list of potential carpool partners, vanpools, or a bus/rail route (including fare and transfer details).



• **Switch modes.** If, say, a switch in work schedule means you can’t carpool anymore, consider looking at other ways you can rideshare, such as bus or rail (which may offer times or routes that suit your schedule as well or better).

• **Rideshare when you can vs. daily.** In order to stay an active member of OC’s **Club Rideshare** and earn special benefits, you only need to carpool, vanpool, walk, bike or ride bus/rail 20 work days in a 3-month period—or about once or twice a week.



## Perk Pass Offers Lower Bus Fares

You can save money on OC Bus fare by using Perk Pass, a discount bus pass available through the Rideshare Office. Perk Pass gets you the lowest fare per ride that OC Bus offers—only \$1.25 per boarding. The most you pay per month is \$69, no matter how many trips you take.

To save even more, you can pay for your pass via a payroll deduction using pre-tax dollars, lowering your overall taxable income.

Sign up using Payroll **Deduction Authorization Form**.



## Spotlight On: Metrolink Discounts in Orange

Ride Metrolink to the City of Orange station, then show your valid ticket for special discounts at these great destinations. They’re all in the historic Old Towne District, walkable from the station:

- Citrus City Grille
- Dave & Busters
- The Pie Hole
- Don Jefe Jalapenos Grill
- Ruby’s Diner and Streamliner Lounge
- Watson’s Soda Fountain & Café



For schedule information and other destination discounts, visit [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com).

## \$2 Waze Rides Are Back

A popular pilot program that offered \$2 rides with Waze Carpool to and from Irvine (regardless of the length of the trip) is back until Aug. 1.

To catch a ride, download the Waze App, and then input where you live and your destination. The app will



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match you with others going your way and will automatically transfer money to the driver to cover the cost of gas and other expenses.

Find out more by visiting Orange County Transportation Authority at [octa.net/waze](http://octa.net/waze).

## Ride the OC Fair Express & Save

Ride the OC Fair Express bus to the Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa for just \$2 each way, plus get a coupon for a bargain \$4 general fair admission (a \$10 savings). It runs Saturday and Sunday during the fair, beginning July 14.

If you're connecting to the OC Fair Express from Metrolink, you'll catch it at the Anaheim Canyon, Santa Ana, Irvine or Anaheim-ARTIC Metrolink stations. When you show your valid Metrolink ticket, you'll ride for free.

For details, visit [octa.net/Bus/OC-Fair-Express/Overview](http://octa.net/Bus/OC-Fair-Express/Overview).



## Heading to the Beach?

Avoid driving and parking hassles by leaving the car at home and riding transit instead. It's easier than you might think.

### On Metrolink...

The San Clemente Pier and Oceanside **Metrolink stations** are a short walk from the ocean. You can even bring your surfboard on the train, stowing it in a special carrier on designated bike/board train cars. On weekend days, it's just \$10 to ride all day.

### OC Bus...

OC Bus recently **adjusted several of its routes** to better accommodate the beach crowd in the summer.

### Free Shuttles...

Get closer to the sand by hopping on a **free summer shuttle**, available in Laguna Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and Dana Point.

Many shuttles connect to each other and to transit and Metrolink stops.



## "Why I Rideshare"

One of this month's Club Rideshare \$25 prize winners is James Bogan, whose biggest motivation for riding Metrolink to work is to avoid driving the 91 Freeway.



"When you drive, you not only have to look out for yourself, you have to look out for everyone around you," he says. "And that's more stressful than work!"

James takes a bus from Lake Elsinore to catch Metrolink at the Corona station. From there, the train ride to his information technology job in the SSA office in Orange is a stress-free 30 minutes.

Because he starts work before rush hour hits, it's on the commute home that he saves the most time. "It'd take me two-plus hours to drive—and the aggravation of doing that," he says, adding that in 16 years, he's only been on the 91 once.

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Ruben Penamora, OCPW
- Charles Huffman, OCHCA
- James Bogan, SSA



## 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](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).



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