



Club Rideshare

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It's Your Life, Enjoy the Ride

Rideshare Week is coming up Oct. 1-5, and it's your chance to celebrate commuting by carpool, vanpool, bus, train, bicycling or walking! To thank you for all you do for clean air and less traffic in Orange County, there's fun and lots of prizes in store...

Make the Pledge & Win

When you **pledge to rideshare** at least one day during Rideshare Week, you'll qualify for a chance to win prizes including Apple Watches, Fitbits, gift cards and more.

Discounted Rides on Waze

Waze Carpool is offering a **week of discounted rides** in Orange County during Rideshare Week.

Get the Latest on Rideshare Week Contests and Events

Visit Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) at octa.net or follow them on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) to learn about other promotions and perks that are being offered to ridesharers during Rideshare Week.

Do You Use 91 Express Lanes?

Beginning in 2019, 91 Express Lanes will begin phasing out hard-case transponders used to deduct tolls in favor of stickers, which are cheaper and don't require batteries.

At the same time, the OCTA, which operates the lanes in Orange County, will make fare adjustments—many of which will lower prices.

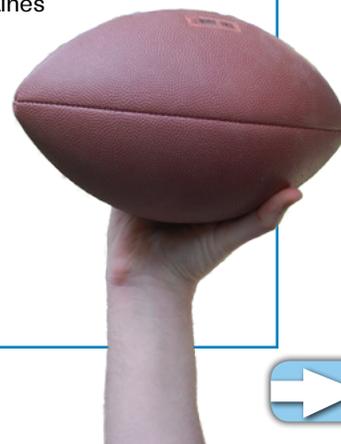
"Why I Rideshare"

David Boyajian rides OC Bus Route 24 to work as often as he can. He picks it up at the Buena Park Metrolink station near home, then rides it to where he works at the Social Services Agency in Orange. "I like it because it saves wear and tear on my car. And it's way more relaxing," he says. "I can read on the bus, which I like to do." A bonus: He takes the same bus from work to Cal State Fullerton, where he's getting his masters, adding, "It's really convenient."



Special Trains to Rams Games

Metrolink runs **special service trains from OC to LA Union Station for Ram's games**. For just \$10 you can take Metrolink to and from the games, including free transfers onto the Metro Rail Lines to get to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.



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Among the changes: Dropping the monthly fee on the Standard Plan from \$7 to \$2. Customers will also receive a \$1 discount on all tolls above 30 trips (up to \$50). For cash customers, OCTA is dropping the \$35-\$50 transponder deposit fee.

Current 91 Express Lane users can expect to start receiving stickers in February at no cost.

Did you know...?

Carpoolers and vanpoolers ride free or at a discount in the 91 Express Lanes with three or more people (transponder required).



Free Bike Skills Classes

OCTA offers free hands-on bike skills classes that teach everything from rules of the road to how to fix a flat tire. Upcoming classes are Sept. 8 at 8 a.m. in Irvine and Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. in San Clemente. For details and to RSVP, [click here](#).

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- David Boyajian, SSA
- Angela Renish, OCPW
- Adesola Haugabrook, OCHCA



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.

5 Things You (Maybe) Didn't Know About Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH)

If you rideshare to work, you won't be stuck without a ride if you need to get home fast due to illness or other emergency. The Rideshare Office offers Guaranteed Ride Home, which reimburses the cost of an alternative ride home.

Some things you might not know about using GRH...

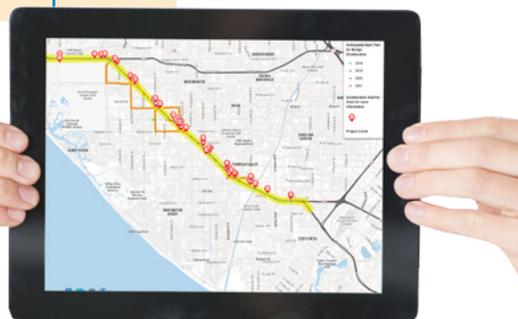
1. Use it up to two times in a fiscal year. For more information on GRH, see [eligibility requirements](#).

2. Qualified emergencies do not require pre-approval paperwork. Needing to get home quickly is already stressful enough. You can just book your ride and go.

3. You choose the type you want. Whether it's a taxi, rental car, Uber, Lyft or public transit (bus or Metrolink), take the way home that best suits your needs.

4. The reimbursement doesn't count as taxable income. Turn in your receipts after your ride to the OC Rideshare Office along with a [Reimbursement Claim Form](#). You'll receive a check in the mail, which is separate from your paycheck and does not count as taxable income.

5. You can only use it if you rideshare. GRH is meant to be a safety net. You only qualify to use it if you got to work that day by carpool, vanpool, bus, train, bicycling or walking.



Stay in the Loop on 405 Construction

Construction is underway. A 5-year improvement project on the I-405 in Orange County started with the McFadden Ave. bridge closing for the next 12 months.

The project will ultimately add general use lanes and express lanes on a 16-mile stretch of the freeway (between I-605 and SR-73), among other improvements.

See where and when construction is happening on the interactive construction map at octa.net/405map. You can also [sign up for updates](#) that are sent via your choice of automated call system, email or text.



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