



# Club Rideshare

e-Bulletin



## 3 Ways to Fill That Empty Vanpool or Carpool Seat

The more the merrier (and the cheaper) when it comes to ridesharing. If you need to add a rider to your vanpool or carpool, here's how:

1. Contact the OC Rideshare Office at [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com) to find out if there's another OC employee with a similar commute who'd like to join.
2. Register at [ridematch.info](http://ridematch.info) or call 511 for an instant list of potential poolers—then just contact them to see if they're interested.
3. Check the [OC Carpool Classifieds](#), a list of OC employees who'd like to carpool (and if their commute matches your vanpool, they may be interested in that as well).



## "Why I Rideshare"

Clara Gonzalez made the switch to carpooling six months ago to make the 75-mile a day roundtrip commute to her job at OC Social Services Agency in Santa Ana faster and less stressful.



She shares the ride with a coworker and her daughter. Because they're three in a vehicle, they are able to use the 91 Express Lanes for free. "Not only does it save us time in the morning, but after work we get home to our families right away," she says.

## The 405 Drops to 55

As part of the 405 Improvement Project, the speed limit on the 405 Freeway between I-605 and the SR-73 is now 55 mph. This is being enforced to ensure that motorists and crews are safe throughout the duration of construction. For more information on this and other 405 project news, visit [octa.net/405map](http://octa.net/405map).

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## Taking the Mystery Out of GRH

County of Orange ridesharers have a backup plan for emergencies: the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program. GRH gives you a free ride home when you need it (up to two times per fiscal year).

**How it works:** On a day you got to work by ridesharing but an emergency

crops up, just take a taxi, rental car, Lyft, Uber or public transit home. Arrange your own ride, and you'll be reimbursed the cost. There's no pre-approval required.

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## Taking the Mystery Out of GRH (continued from page 1)

**What's an "emergency":** You most likely know if something is an emergency worthy of your getting home. GRH is for illness (yours or a family member's) or other situation where you must leave immediately. It's *not*—for example—wanting to scoot out early to catch the big game!

**How you get reimbursed:** Turn in the receipts to the Rideshare Office along with a **GRH Reimbursement Claim Form**. You'll receive a check in the mail for the cost of your ride.

**Details:** GRH can only be used to get home if you go to work by carpool, vanpool, train, bus, biking or walking. Find out more by contacting the **Rideshare Office**.

## The Survey Results Are In...

The transportation survey results are in, and it's good news! The County of Orange conducts the survey each year to determine the "average vehicle ridership"—or AVR—among employees.

The higher our AVR, the more people are sharing the ride. So an AVR of "1" means that on average each vehicle has one person in it. The County's AVR this year is 1:19, with some worksites as high as 1.28.



This is due to all of you who carpool, vanpool, ride the bus or Metrolink, or find other ways to get to work rather than driving alone. Thanks for all you do to reduce traffic, pollution and the need for additional parking.



## Holiday Transit Discounts

Take a holiday from traffic by riding bus or rail—and save money, too.

**OC Bus** rides will be free New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on New Year's Day.

You can ride all day anywhere **Metrolink** travels for only \$10 on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Sandy Lopez, OCHCA
- Harry Park, SSA
- Clara Gonzalez, SSA



## Keep an Eye Out for Your Perk Pass

Important news if you use Perk Pass—the Rideshare Office is mailing out your new pass this month to your home address. Keep an eye out for it!

If you've moved in the past year, let us know as soon as possible so we can update our records to ensure you receive your pass. Email current address info to [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).

Perk Pass allows you to use payroll deduction to pay for bus fare with pre-tax dollars, reducing your overall taxable income.

If you ride OC Bus but don't have a Perk Pass, we can help you sign up.



## 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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