



Club Rideshare

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3 Ways to Up Your Rideshare Game



Happy New Year to our Club Rideshare members, and thanks for ridesharing! You help reduce traffic and air pollution every day you opt for carpooling, bus/rail or another alternative to driving alone. We're grateful for all you do—but if you'd like to "up your game" and share the rideshare joy even more, we can suggest a few ways ...

1. Recruit a rider. Add a person to your carpool, or tell a coworker who lives near you how you get to work—you might

even save money on gas by sharing a ride to the Metrolink or bus station. (If they sign up to join Club Rideshare, **they'll get a \$40 bonus**—and you can pat yourself on the back for your good deed.)

2. If you love your commute, let the Rideshare Office know. We're always looking for people to feature in the OC rideshare newsletters—your story could inspire others to make a change.

3. Add a day. Ridesharing 20 days in a 90-day period gets you Club Rideshare benefits, but if you can, add a day or two more. Not only will you save money on gas and auto wear and tear over time, but did you know that on average every mile you *don't* drive keeps about a pound of pollutants from being spewed into the air? That can really add up.

Changes to the 91 Express Lanes

Do you use a transponder to travel in the toll lanes? 91 Express Lanes is phasing out hard-case transponders and instead using stickers, which are cheaper and don't require batteries. At the same time, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), which operates the lanes in Orange County, will make adjustments to payment plans.

Among the changes: Dropping the monthly fee on the Standard Plan from \$7 to \$2.

Customers will also receive a \$1 discount on all **(continued)**



Renew Your 2019 Club Rideshare and Get \$15

It's that time of year again to renew your Club Rideshare membership. The OC Rideshare office will be sending out emails by the end of January to all current Club Rideshare members to renew their participation. When you renew, you'll get a \$15 bonus in your paycheck—plus you'll continue to qualify for \$25 prize drawings throughout the year.

To be in Club Rideshare, you must have carpooled, vanpooled, rode bus/rail, bicycled or walked to work 20 or more times over the past 90 days.

If you've "fallen off the rideshare wagon" and no longer qualify, contact the Rideshare Office so we can help find a rideshare option that'll keep your commute rolling and allow you to continue membership.

"Why I Rideshare"

For nearly two decades, recent Employee of the Month honoree Jose Cansino made the long drive from Riverside to where he works at Juvenile Hall in Orange. "One day I was **(continued)**



Changes to the 91 Express Lanes (continued from front)

tolls above 30 trips (up to \$50). For cash customers, OCTA is eliminating the \$35-\$50 transponder deposit fee.

As always, if you travel with three or more people in your vehicle, you can use the lanes free or at a discount.

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

Coming Soon...Bravo! Route 529

A new limited-stop bus service, Bravo! Route 529, is expected to launch in February.

The route will operate on Beach Boulevard from the Fullerton Park & Ride to the Goldenwest Transportation Center, traveling through the cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton, and Westminster.

Schedule details will be available at octa.net or by using the bus/rail routing feature at ridematch.info.

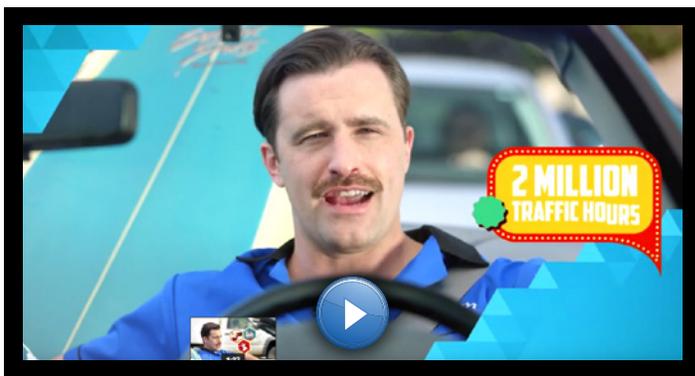


Catch Up on I-405 Construction News

OCTA recently held a series of open houses to answer questions about construction now underway on the I-405 Freeway, running between SR-73 and I-605. If you missed the open houses, **you can get the highlights from the comfort of your computer**, including:

- Open house meeting materials
- A video of an open house meeting
- Fun facts about the project (for example...it's not only adding a carpool lane, but also 11 new bike lanes).

You can also get a brief introduction in this [entertaining video](#).



"Why I Rideshare" (continued from front)

driving to my house, and a bus passed me that was in the 91 Express Lanes," he says. The phone number was on the side of the bus, so when he got home he called.

Now every day he rides the RTA 200 bus to Disneyland, where he transfers to OC Bus's Route 57. Not only does he get a senior discounted monthly pass, but the ride takes less than an hour.

"It used to take me two hours to drive, especially during the holidays," he says.

"The traffic has been crazy."

Attention OCTA Perk Pass Holder

New OC Bus Perk Passes were mailed in December to all OC Bus riders. If you did not receive a card in the mail, please call the OC Rideshare office at 714.834.7600.



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Jose Cansino, Probation
- Gladys Villalobos, SSA
- Ceasar Grijalva, 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.



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