



# Club Rideshare

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## Get Fit While You Get to Work

May is Bike Month. If you've ever thought about biking to work—or simply as far as your nearby bus stop or Metrolink station—this is a great time to get started. Biking is a low-cost, zero emission way to get where you're going. Plus, it's a great way to squeeze a workout into your day.



Some of what's happening in Orange County during Bike Month...

- **Make the pledge to bike to work** at least one day during May for a chance to win a Trek 2 bike or Fitbit Charge 2.
- **Bring your bike onboard Metrolink** during Bike Week, May 13-17, and you can ride free.
- Join Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for a **Bike Rally and Group Ride** on May 16, 7:30 – 9 a.m. Meet at the Orange Metrolink Station for snacks, a raffle and to get inspired by guest speakers. Then enjoy a 3-mile group ride through Old Town Orange and the Santiago Creek Trail.
- Track how many miles you ride during the month and see how others are celebrating by signing up to **OCTA's Strava Club**.
- Join **Metrolink's Twitter party** on May 14 from 5-6 p.m. for a chance to win a bicycle.



Find out more at [octa.net/bikemonth](http://octa.net/bikemonth).

## "Why I Rideshare"

Even though **Patrick Dennis** lives mere blocks from his job working in Family Law in Orange, at first out of habit he drove to work. "People would say, 'Wow, you live so close,' and I said to myself, 'Why am I even driving?'"



He ditched the car and started walking. Then he realized he could save time by riding his bike—which he's been doing daily for the past five years.

An unexpected perk: "Riding your bike makes you feel like you did when you were a kid," Patrick says. "It's a lot nicer traffic-wise, and mentally it's really good for me."

## Taco Tuesdays

Ride Orange County transit and get a free taco on Tuesdays at Wahoo's with the purchase of a #1 combo. To get the deal, just show your valid OC Bus, Metrolink or OC Flex pass.



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## Do You Ride Metrolink?

If you ride Metrolink to work and purchase your tickets using payroll deduction, now there's an app for that!

The Rideshare Office is partnering with Metrolink so that OC employees can use a new app that allows riders to save time by using their

mobile device to order passes, board the train and transfer to buses.

Here's how it works:

1. Download the app from a link at [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com). It will require you to enter your preferred email address.
2. When it's time to retrieve your ticket, instead of going to a machine and using a Quick Card to enter your pin code, you'll use the app and enter your email address to identify your account.
3. You must contact the Rideshare Office at [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com) and provide the email you will be using to get your pass. That will serve in place of your pin code to notify us that a ticket has been retrieved to ensure the proper payroll deduction is made.
4. Then when it's time to board the train or transfer, simply scan your mobile ticket and go.

As a bonus, the first time you use the app after you download it, you'll get a free round-trip Metrolink mobile ticket!

## 3 Ways to Save Time If You Carpool

Carpoolers save money on the drive—but are you also saving all the time you could be? Here are three ways to make the ride a little quicker:

1. If you're a two-person carpool, add a person and use **91 Express Lanes for free or at a discount**. Carpools save on average 30 minutes for 10 miles versus the general use lanes.



2. Meet at a **Park & Ride lot**. This way, no one is backtracking to pick up the other.

3. Consider changing your route if it gives you access to a **carpool lane**. Carpool lanes save users on average a minute per mile, so it may be worth going a mile or two out of your way if you can use one.



## Free Bike Skills Classes

OCTA offers free bicycle classes that teach the rules of the road, how to fix a flat tire and other important skills. Classes are typically offered on Saturdays. **Sign up** to receive notifications about upcoming course dates.

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Le (Jody) Nguyen, OCHCA
- Maria Jesusa Melchor, Assessor
- Karen Leland, 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](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).



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