



# Club Rideshare

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## Moving to the CAS Building?



Starting this month, some departments will make the move to the new County Administration South (CAS) Building, located at 601 N. Ross Street (at Santa Ana Boulevard) in Santa Ana.

The CAS Building is near the OC Bus stop for Line 462. The Santa Ana Metrolink station is about a 20-minute walk away, or you can catch a bus from the station to the nearby Civic Center.

The Rideshare Office can help you find commute options, giving you a list of potential transit routes, carpool partners—as well as providing information on resources such as Park & Ride lots or vanpools that can help you easily make the transition to your new commute.

For more information, visit the [CEO intranet website](#).

## If You Need a Ride Home...

As of July 1, the new fiscal year means that if you've maxed out your guaranteed ride home (GRH) rides, it's a new year—so you may be able to claim up to two rides home in the coming year.

GRH reimburses you for the cost if an emergency means you need to get home quickly on a day you carpooled, vanpooled, rode transit, biked or walked to work.

For more information and for the GRH reimbursement form, [click here](#) or contact the Rideshare Office.

## "Why I Rideshare"

It was the inconvenience of driving alone that drove **Erick Castellanos** to look for an alternative way to get to work.

He first looked into riding the bus—only to discover that the ideal route that ran between Chino and where he works at the Public Defender's office in Santa Ana had just been canceled.

Fate intervened when by chance he met Mike Desai at the Wellness Center and Gym and was invited to join his carpool. That was six years ago, and while the other carpools moved on, Erick and Mike have continued to share the ride two or three times a week.

"It's a really, really good stress reliever," Erick says, "And great for taking naps on the days you're not driving."

**Anabel Guzman** started taking the bus to cut costs so she could pay for her daughter's college education. What she discovered was that she actually enjoyed commuting by bus.

She rides OC Bus from Laguna Hills to where she works at Orange County Housing Authority in Santa Ana. "I really like the [\(continued\)](#)



*Erick Castellanos with fellow carpooler Mike Desai.*



## 3 Ways to Make Your Commute Earthquake-Ready

Are you ready if an earthquake hits while you're commuting? Can you get to work if your usual commute is disrupted? A 7.1 earthquake shook Southern California last month, serving as a reminder that it's best to be prepared. Here's how:



- 1. Plan alternate routes.** If downed roads and freeways mean you can't get to work the way you usually do, do you know other options? Cellphone and Internet service may not be available, so it's best to have several routes planned in advance.
- 2. Keep earthquake supplies.** Stow water, a first aid kit and other earthquake essentials in your car or vanpool—preferably enough for every person in the pool.
- 3. Create a carpool/vanpool disaster plan.** How will you meet up to get to work or home if a major quake means normal lines of communication aren't available? An advance plan with your fellow commuters means you won't leave anyone stranded. For more earthquake readiness tips, visit the [Earthquake Country Alliance](#), a regional earthquake information and safety resource.

## Don't Forget These Summer Deals...

**OC Fair Express**—Ride the **OC Fair Express** bus to the Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa for \$2 each way—plus get a coupon for a bargain \$4 general fair admission (a \$10 savings). Ride free when you show your valid Metrolink ticket.

**Angels Express—Metrolink's Angels Express** offers service to Angel Stadium on home game days for \$7 or less round trip. Up to three kids age 5 and under ride free with a fare-paying adult.

**RTA Beach Buses**—Riverside Transit offers expanded service on **CommuterLink Route 202** through Sept. 2 to the Oceanside Transit Center, just steps from the beach. Enjoy cushioned seats, free Wi-Fi, USB charging ports—and a fare of only \$3.50.



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**"Why I Rideshare"** (continued from front) ride. It's very smooth and very reliable," Guzman says. "It helps so much with the budget—and it's also doing something for our community by contributing to cutting pollution and traffic."

## \$1,000 in EV Rewards

If you're buying or leasing a new car and switch to an electric vehicle (EV), you'll not only save on gas—with charging at home being like paying less than \$2 a gallon—but you could also qualify for cash rewards.



**The Clean Fuel Reward Program**, sponsored by Southern California Edison, offers up to \$1,000 bonus on qualifying vehicles when you lease or buy an EV. You may also qualify for a **\$100 incentive from the OC Rideshare Office**.

## Metrolink Labor Day Discount

Ride **Metrolink** all day for just \$10 on Labor Day, Sept. 2 and you won't have to labor through the hassle of traffic. Metrolink will operate on a Sunday schedule on the Antelope Valley, San Bernardino, Orange County, 91/Perris Valley and IE-OC lines.

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Dena Turrietta-Quevado, SSA
- Malaquis Peralta, OCPW
- Lennie Rogers, OCDA



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