



# Club Rideshare

September 2023 Newsletter



## Carpools to Ride Free in 405 Express Lanes



Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) recently announced that, when the I-405 Express Lanes open later this year, **carpools with three or more people in the vehicle will be able to ride free at all times.**

Vehicles with two people will be able to travel on the lanes for free during non-peak hours.

Other motorists can access the express lanes for a toll.

I-405 Express Lanes are located between SR-73 in Costa Mesa and I-605 at the Orange County Line.

All vehicles using the lanes must have a FasTrak transponder, regardless of the number of riders.

## Thinking About Switching to Electric?

National Drive Electric Week is Sept. 22-Oct. 1. Find events and networking opportunities (many are online) to learn

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## Remember: Turn in Your Transportation Survey by Sept. 8

Don't forget to complete your annual transportation survey by the Friday, Sept. 8 deadline.

When you do, you'll be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 \$100 Amazon gift cards as a thank you for your participation.

The annual transportation survey collects information on how you commuted the week of Aug. 7-11. Completing the survey is mandatory for all County of Orange and Superior Court employees—whether you rideshare, drive in to the office, telework or work a hybrid schedule.

You should have received the survey via email, or you can download it [here](#). The Rideshare Office also offers a [helpful video on how to fill in the survey](#).

## 3 Reasons to Say "Yes" to a RideGuide

When you fill out the survey, you have the option to receive a free RideGuide commute planner—which you can get by checking "yes" to the last question in the survey.

A RideGuide gives you all your commute options based on where you live and work and your work schedule. Even if you currently have a rideshare arrangement, it's still a good idea to check yes. Here's why:

1. You'll get a list of potential carpool partners in case your current carpool situation falls through. You'll also get a list of vanpools that may have a seat available.

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## 3 Reasons to Say... (continued from page 1)

2. Transit options change all the time, especially post-pandemic as agencies continue to restore service that had been reduced. The RideGuide will give you the most up-to-date schedules.
3. You don't have to use it, but it'll be there if you need it.

## Rideshare & Win

Rideshare Week is Oct. 2-6, celebrating carpooling, vanpooling, riding transit, walking and biking as alternatives to driving alone.

Here's what's happening:

### Orange County

Rideshare at least one day during Rideshare Week and you'll have a chance to **win great prizes**.

### Riverside/San Bernardino Counties

If you live in the Inland Empire, throughout the entire month of October, when you sign up and log your rideshare activity on [IECommuter.org](http://IECommuter.org), you'll qualify to win any of dozens of prizes. If you're new to ridesharing, you may also be eligible for IE Commuter's **\$5/Day program** to earn additional rewards.



## Weigh in on OC Transportation Needs

What's needed in Orange County to make it easier for people to choose alternatives to driving alone? OCTA wants to hear from you!

**Fill out a brief survey** by Sept. 18 to give your input. Results will help shape options as OCTA updates its transportation plan.

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

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Monica M Souter, Auditor Controller
- Jeffery D Vu, HCA
- Austin C Raslowsky, OCSD



## Better Carpool/Vanpool Matches for Employees Who Live in the IE

If you live in Riverside or San Bernardino counties and are interested in finding potential carpool or vanpool matches, here's some good news:

On Sept. 26, the rideshare databases for [RideMatch.info](http://RideMatch.info) and [IECommuter.org](http://IECommuter.org) will merge data. That means you can go to either site to get the best carpool/vanpool matches across all Southern California counties.

Previously, you would have been limited to those only from Los Angeles/ Orange/Ventura counties or those from Riverside/San Bernardino.

Simply log on to either site, and enter basic information about your commute. You'll get an instant list of potential carpool partners and vanpools based on your home and work locations and work hours.



## Have You Moved?

If your home address, work/home phone number or email has changed, please let the Rideshare Office know by sending an email to [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).



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