



Club Rideshare

May 2025 Newsletter



Get in Gear for Bike Month

May is National Bike Month—your chance to save money, get fit and do your share for clean air. Bike to work, or just as far as your nearby transit stop!

Here's what's happening...

Throughout Southern California

Cyclists can ride Metrolink for free Bike Day, Thursday, May 15, when they bring their bike on board.

Bikes are allowed on all trains, and Metrolink also features special **Bike Cars** designed to accommodate more bikes.

In Orange County

Win Prizes: Make the **pledge to bike one or more times in May**, and you could win an e-bike package that includes:

- An Avant Agile Commuter E-Bike, valued at \$1,499
- Helmets for an adult and a child
- Bike lock
- Baby seat



5 Ways to Save Time if You Ride Transit

- 1. Use the Transit App.** Most Southern California transit providers use the **Transit app** to show actual bus arrival times based on real-time data. You can spend less time waiting and wondering when your bus will arrive.
- 2. Check the Metrolink Real Time Train Tracker.** An official time-tracking app for Metrolink maybe in the works—in the meantime, you can use the real-time train tracker online at **metrolinktrains.com**. Just enter your station to see when your train will arrive. It also lists any advisories that could impact your ride.
- 3. Buy fares through the rideshare office.** Instead of dealing with ticket machines, you can simply order your bus pass or Metrolink tickets through the Rideshare Office. Not only will you save time, but you'll also qualify for a lower fare—plus when you use payroll deduction, you'll lower your overall taxable income as well.
- 4. Look for express bus routes.** OC Bus has four **Rapid Bus lines** that run along the same route as local buses but make fewer



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Bike Rally: Join Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for a bike rally May 22, 7:30 – 9 a.m. at the Orange Metrolink Station. Attendees will receive a free t-shirt (while supplies last) and snacks. Plus, you'll be entered to win an e-bike package available only to rally participants.

Special guest speakers will get the crowd pumped about Bike Month. Then join other cyclists on a 3-mile ride to OCTA Headquarters in Orange.

More Info: Visit octa.net/bikemonth.

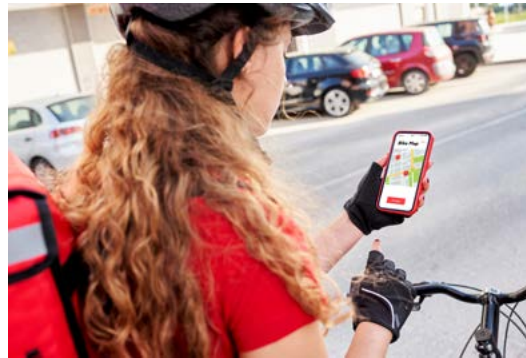
Getting Ready to Bike to Work

If you're new to bike commuting, you might want to prepare before heading out on the road.

Gear up. If your bike has been in the garage for a while, take it to your local bike shop for a tune-up.

Select a route. The route you bike isn't always the same as what you'd drive. Resources like the [Map My Ride](#) app can suggest a route with bike paths and fewer hills. OCTA recently updated its [bikeways map](#).

Consider a "bike buddy." Is there anyone at work who lives nearby that might want to ride to work with you? Knowing that someone is counting on you to ride with them can strengthen your resolve. Two bikes on the road are also more visible—and therefore safer—than one.



Speaking of safety.

Buy a Snell/ANSI-approved helmet – then wear it. Check your bike for reflectors (required in California for riding in the darkness) and other safety features. Wear brightly colored clothing, especially if you bicycle at dawn or dusk.

Riding an e-bike? OCTA has plenty of useful information, including rules of the road, safety tips and upcoming e-bike classes, at octa.net.



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stops, so take less time. If you live in Riverside, the **CommuterLink Express** with routes into Orange County may be a time-saving option for you.

5. Get home fast in an emergency.

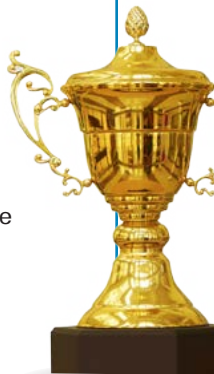
Don't worry about riding the bus home if you need to get home due to illness or emergency on a day you took transit to the office. You can instead take a train, Uber/Lyft or taxi if that will get you there faster. The **County's guaranteed ride home program** will reimburse you for the cost (up to two times per fiscal year).



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- James Callejas, OCPW
- Damien Galiana, OCSD
- Jennifer Stanley, Superior Court



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@ceo.oc.gov.



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