



Club Rideshare

November 2025 Newsletter



All Aboard the Metrolink Holiday Express!

Metrolink's **Holiday Express Train** will soon be back to get the holiday season rolling. Specially decorated trains give riders a fun-filled trip with carolers, holiday characters, interactive activities, crafts and Santa and Mrs. Claus themselves. Tickets go on sale Nov. 3 and typically sell out quickly.

The Holiday Express will run in Irvine on Dec. 13 and 14.

Other events include Dec. 6 at Union Station, Dec. 7 at San Bernardino Depot Station, Dec. 20 at Riverside-Downtown Station and Dec. 21 at Simi Valley Station.

Holiday Express trains will also collect donations of new, unwrapped toys and socks for those in need.

Share Your Transportation Thoughts for a Chance to Win \$50

What changes are needed to make Orange County roads better? How can your bike ride be improved? Are the bikeways meeting your needs?

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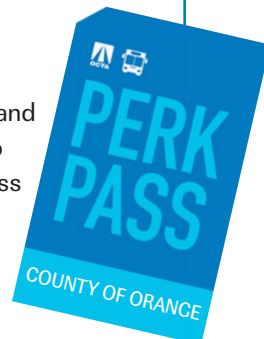


Keep an Eye Out for Your 2026 Perk Pass

Important news for County and Superior Court employees who ride transit: Your 2026 Perk Pass will be mailed to your home address during the first two weeks of December.

If you've moved in the last year, contact the Rideshare Office immediately to ensure you receive your pass.

The new annual Perk Pass is valid from Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2026.



Metrolink Says "Thanks" with a \$10 Fare

On Thanksgiving Day, you can ride Metrolink all day for a discount rate of just \$10. Note: Trains will run on their Sunday schedule for the holiday.

OC Bus Service Changes Include Better Metrolink Connections

OC Bus last month made schedule adjustments on bus routes to improve service and better meet riders' needs. This includes improving frequency on several routes and ending Routes 29 and 129 at the Metrolink Station, among other changes.

To see if your route is impacted—or if the changes mean you may have a better option on OC Bus—visit [octa.net](https://www.octa.net).



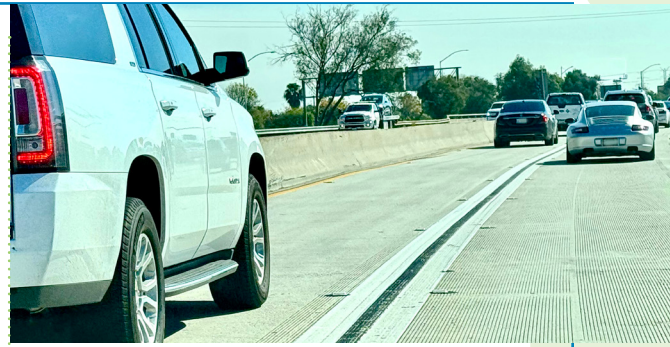
Share Your Transportation Thoughts... (from page 1)

What's working—and what isn't? Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) wants to know.

Every four years, OCTA updates its Long-Range Transportation Plan to outline priorities for transportation improvements in Orange County over the next 20-plus years.

"We want to hear directly from those who use our roads, buses, trains and bikeways every day to help shape a vision that serves our entire county," says OCTA Chair Doug Chaffee.

To weigh in, [take an online survey](#) by Nov. 9. As a thanks for your input, you'll be automatically entered to win one of four \$50 gift cards.



Are You No Longer Able to Use the Carpool Lane?

Electric vehicle drivers can no longer legally drive alone in carpool lanes, per federal law. The change went into effect Oct. 1. If you are caught driving solo in these lanes—even with a decal—you can be cited.

That's the bad news. The good news: All carpool lanes in Orange County require only two occupants per vehicle. If you'd like to keep using these time-saving lanes, the Rideshare Office can help you find a carpool partner—someone who lives and works near you and has a similar schedule. You can also get an instant list of potential carpool partners at [ridematch.info](#) or by calling 511.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Patricia Ruvalcaba, SSA
- Babar Karim, HCA – EV
- Wei Zhu, Public Works



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.



There's an App for That

"When is my bus or train going to get here?" Instead of waiting and wondering, you can download apps or sign up for notifications to easily get the most up-to-date arrival times.

On OC Bus: OC Bus uses the Transit app to allow riders to get real-time bus arrival data. It automatically shows all bus stops and transit stations near your location, or you can input specific stop information. Download it at [transitapp.com](#).

You can also [sign up to receive text alerts](#) from OCTA. Simply send a text to 91923. Type key word JOIN, then a space, then which route you want. You can sign up for up to five routes per text message.

On Metrolink: Metrolink offers a tool that makes it easier for riders to track real-time train arrivals and service interruptions. You'll be able to better time when you need to get to the station or make alternate travel plans if your usual train isn't available.

[Sign up to receive notifications via text or email](#) that are specific to the route you usually ride.



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