



Club Rideshare

October 2025 Newsletter



Rideshare & Win During Rideshare Week!

Rideshare Week is Oct. 6-10. Join the thousands of Southern Californians who'll carpool, vanpool, ride transit, bike or walk to work instead of driving alone. When you do, you'll have a chance to win great prizes—plus contribute to cleaner air and less traffic.

Here's what's happening:



Orange County

Orange County commuters can enter to win a Commuter Essentials Kit that includes a set of AirPods Pro 2, battery charger, YETI Rambler, Kindle and a tote. Just pledge to rideshare at least one day during Rideshare Week to qualify.

Find out more: octa.net/rideshareweek.

Riverside/San Bernardino Counties

If you live in the Inland Empire, you could win any of dozens of prizes including Apple AirPods 4, an Apple Watch, a getaway at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa and more.



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Ride Free on California Clean Air Day

MetroLink will offer free rides across its entire system on Oct. 1 in celebration of California Clean Air Day. No ticket is needed—just hop on board any MetroLink train and ride for free all day long.

Rides will also be free on OC Bus, Metro Bus and Rail, and on all San Bernardino County and Ventura County transit agencies for the day.

Visit cleanairday.org for more information and to take the Clean Air Pledge.



Are You Missing Out on Any Rideshare Benefits?

The next Lunch and Learn is Oct. 1, 12 to 1 p.m. Tune in to learn more about the money-saving incentives the County offers to employees—from transit discounts to EV rebates to tax savings and more.

Make sure you aren't missing out on any benefits you may qualify for if you rideshare, telework or buy or lease an EV. You may also find out about commute options that will save you money or get you to work even faster.

Rideshare staff will be available after the presentation to answer questions.

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Throughout the month of October, simply log your commute at IECommuter.org and register for the **Rideshare Week promotion**. Each day you rideshare or telework is an entry into the prize drawing.

Important EV Updates

Carpool Lane Access Ends With 60-Day Grace Period

Electric vehicle drivers as of Sept. 30 no longer have access to carpool lanes if driving alone, per a new federal law. However, California is allowing a 60-day grace period as of Oct. 1—meaning if you're caught driving solo in carpool lanes during that time with an EV decal, you won't be cited.



Thinking of Buying or Leasing an EV?

Even if the carpool lane incentive has ended, driving an EV offers plenty of other advantages—including saving thousands of dollars each year in fuel costs.

Find out more about EVs during **National Drive Electric Month**, which continues through Oct. 12.

It features dozens of EV events—from virtual workshops to EV showcases and even a chance to test drive vehicles.

The County also offers a **one-time \$100 bonus** when you lease or buy a qualifying EV.

Look for Your RideGuide if You Checked "Yes" on the Survey

When you filled out the annual transportation survey, you had the option to receive a free RideGuide commute planner. If you checked "yes," here's some good news: You should receive your RideGuide via email soon.

A RideGuide gives you commute options based on where you live, work and your work schedule. It includes everything from bus/rail routing to vanpool seats available to where to find a convenient Park & Ride.

Even if you currently have a rideshare arrangement, it may come in handy if your carpool partner drops out or your usual bus route changes.

Didn't request a RideGuide on the survey but would like one now? Contact OC Rideshare at 714.834.7600 or rideshare@ceo.oc.gov.

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Lunch and Learn virtual workshops are offered every other month by the Rideshare Office. You don't need to pre-register to attend the Lunch and Learn. Just [click on this link](#) at the start of the workshop to participate.

If you have questions, or to sign up for an email reminder, contact the Rideshare Office at 714.834.7600.

OCTA Hosts Therapy and Service Animal Training

On Oct. 4, therapy and service animals and their handlers can learn how to safely and comfortably navigate the transit system. Orange County Transportation Authority will host a day where participants can board designated buses and ride together—free of charge.

It starts at the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center and goes to various sites throughout Orange County.

For more information and to register, visit octa.net.



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Jennifer Chau, SSA
- Eric Monreal, OCSD
- Lorena Yonamine, SSA

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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