



Club Rideshare

January 2026 Newsletter



3 Ways to Waste Less Time on the Commute

By ridesharing, you're most likely already spending less money on the commute. Here, we offer ways to spend less *time*:

1. **Don't wait so long for the bus or train.** If you ride OC Bus, download the free [Transit app](#), which allows you to track bus arrivals in real time. You'll get a more accurate idea of when to head to the bus stop versus relying solely on bus schedules.

If you ride Metrolink, you can now [subscribe to receive an alert](#) if your train is canceled or delayed. Choose whether you prefer to be notified by text, email or both.



2. **Re-check transit routes.** Routes change regularly. Use the transit tracker at [Ridematch.info](#) to find your best option. There may now be a more direct route, an express bus or a route on a different transit provider.

3. **Travel faster in express lanes—toll free or at a discount.** Toll lanes don't have to be beyond your budget. If you currently carpool with one other person, adding one more would allow you to ride in the 91 Express Lanes free (or half-price eastbound weekdays from 4 to 6 p.m.).

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Ride Free on Transit Equity Day

Feb. 4 is Transit Equity Day. In honor of Rosa Parks' birthday, it's a day that promotes making transit affordable and accessible to people in all communities.

Fares will be free Feb. 4 on Metrolink trains throughout Southern California. Simply arrive at the station and board the train (no ticket required) to ride Metrolink all day, anywhere it goes.

Rides are also free for the day on Metro Bus and Rail and Bike Share, Riverside Transit Agency, and all San Bernardino County and Ventura County buses.



Want to Keep That New Year's Resolution to Try Metrolink?

Riding Metrolink could get you to work faster and with less stress. To make it easier for you to give the train a try, Metrolink now offers an [online "how to" guide](#).

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Carpools with three or more occupants ride free at all times on the **405 Express Lanes**. You can ride free with a 2-person carpool if you're able to travel during off-peak hours.

The Rideshare Office can provide you with a list of potential carpool partners—people who live and work near you with a similar work schedule.



Renew Your Club Rideshare Membership, Get \$15

It's that time of year to renew your Club Rideshare membership. The OC Rideshare office will be sending out emails by the end of this month to all current Club Rideshare members to renew their participation.

When you renew, you'll get a \$15 bonus in your paycheck—plus you'll continue to qualify for monthly \$25 prize drawings.

To be in Club Rideshare, you must have carpooled, vanpooled, rode bus/rail, biked or walked to work 20 or more times over the past 90 days. Driving an electric vehicle and the days you telework also count toward your rideshare totals.

Contact the Rideshare Office if you have any questions. You can now [use this link to complete a renewal application directly online](#) or [download a PDF](#) that you can print out, fill in and submit to the Rideshare Office.

If you have joined Club Rideshare in the past two months, you do not need to renew your membership. It will be automatically rolled over.

Coming in 2026...Orange County's First Modern Streetcar

Orange County is on track to get its first modern streetcar this spring. **The OC Streetcar** will operate along a 4.15-mile route in Santa Ana's historic downtown.

It connects with the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and Metrolink, as well as a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.



A few fun facts about the OC Streetcar:



It offers step-by-step instructions, including:

- Finding the station closest to home and work
- Checking train schedules for the most convenient route
- How to buy tickets, including details on discounts

You'll also get information about connections on shuttles, bus or micro transit for the last leg of the ride if it's too far to walk. Most transfers are free.

If you're new to commuting by Metrolink, you may qualify for **discounts of up to 75% off fares** for the first three months through the Rideshare Office.



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Angela Renish, OCPW
- Mayra Ambriz, CEO
- Stacy Lee, 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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