



Club Rideshare

April 2026 Newsletter



Celebrate Earth Day with Free Rides & More

Earth Day, observed on April 22, recognizes efforts to protect the environment. Here are several ways to participate:

- Motor vehicles are the primary source of smog-causing emissions in Southern California. To promote alternatives to driving alone, free rides will be offered all day on Metrolink, OC Bus, Metro Bus and Rail, Riverside Transit Agency buses, and all San Bernardino County and Ventura County transit providers.

- Attend local Earth Day events, such as a beach cleanup, festival, or workshop. Find events near you at earthday.org.

- Visit CoolCalifornia.org to calculate your carbon footprint and discover ways to reduce it.

- Take action with any of these **50 small things you can do** to help reduce pollution, such as driving less.

- Live in Riverside or San Bernardino counties? Log your rideshare and telework days at IECommuter.org throughout April. You could win prizes including a Beats Bluetooth speaker and wireless earbuds, a Kodak photo printer, Dana Wharf Whale Watching and Fishing tickets and more. Sign up at IECommuter.org/EarthDay.



Don't Let High Gas Prices Get You Down

The recent spike in gas prices is giving many commuters sticker shock at the pump. Even worse, California's gas prices are on average the highest in the nation, according to AAA, surpassing \$5 a gallon as of mid-March.

While you can drive around looking for cheaper gas, one way to save money on gas prices is simply to drive less. Whenever you can, walk or bike for short errands. Combine trips so you make fewer. Share the ride to work with a coworker or add another rider to your existing carpool.

Visit ridematch.info (Los Angeles/Orange/Ventura), IECommuter.org (Riverside/San Bernardino) or contact the Rideshare Office for help finding potential carpool partners, transit routing and other options.



New OC Bus App, No More Paper Passes

Paper passes will be accepted on OC Bus through April 30. After this date, please use the Wave app, a Wave card, a contactless credit or debit card, or exact cash for single rides.

Save the Date for the Next Lunch and Learn

The next Lunch and Learn virtual workshop is April 22, 12 to 1 p.m. Tune in to discover the benefits of vanpooling and if it can be an option for you.

A vanpool is a group of riders who commute together regularly in a leased van, splitting expenses. It is ideal for people who

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Save the Date... (from page 1)

commute 30 or more miles round trip and work a fairly consistent schedule. You'll learn how to find a seat on an existing vanpool, start a vanpool, and even qualify for monthly subsidies of up to \$800 toward lease costs.

Lunch and Learn workshops are offered every other month by the Rideshare Office. To register sign in, [click here](#).

What Will You Do if an Earthquake Shakes Up Your Commute?

If an earthquake damages roads and disrupts transit, do you have a plan to get home from work? Can you manage the commute in the days following a quake? In recognition of Earthquake Preparedness Month, the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) offers these tips to help you prepare a plan in advance:



Write down alternate routes to your worksite and home. Include driving routes as well as bus and rail. Keep the list handy so you can get where you need to go even if phones and Internet are down.

Establish a plan with family members. Make sure you have family emergency phone numbers and a designated meeting place. An out-of-town contact (name and phone number) is also good to have—it may be easier to call long distance as local phone lines could become overloaded.



Identify and contact potential carpool partners. Carpooling can be a

good option if bus or train routes are impacted, as well as if you'd feel safer not driving alone.

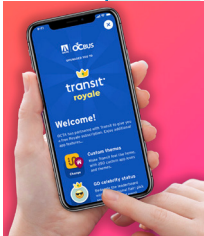
Program key contacts into your phone, such as the Rideshare Office number (714.834.7600), local transit providers, local transit police, freeway service patrol, AAA, California Highway Patrol (1.800.TELL.CHP) and the 511 regional transportation information line.

Get advance warning on earthquakes.

Cal OES's Earthquake Warning California program uses ground motion sensors from across the state to detect earthquakes before humans can feel them. [Download their free app](#) to receive emergency alerts.

New OC Bus App... (from page 1)

As a result of recent program changes, the County will discontinue OCTA Perk Passes for employees. Beginning April 1, a new pilot program will reimburse 25% of employees' monthly bus pass costs, up to \$17.25 per month.



The OC Bus mobile fare payment app was discontinued last month and replaced by the **Wave app**.

OC Bus will continue to use the Transit app for trip planning and real-time information. Sign up via the **OCTA website** to get a free upgrade to Transit Royale, the premium version of the app.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Yvette Torres, Sheriff's Department
- Anthony Kuo, Auditor-Controller
- Jeffery Cooper, 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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