



# Club Rideshare

May 2026 Newsletter



## Save 25% on OC Bus Fares

Due to changes in OCTA's invoicing process, the County has ended the Perk Pass program. Instead, employees can now get a 25% reimbursement on OC Bus fares. Standard fares using Wave are \$2 per trip, with daily and monthly caps of \$4.50 and \$69.

To get started, create an account and add funds directly onto your OCTA **Wave mobile app**, **Wave digital account or physical Wave card** (available for \$2 at the **OCTA Store** or \$4 at participating retail locations).

Then submit a copy of your fare costs each month using the **OCTA Monthly Pass Reimbursement E-Form**, and submit by the 5th of the following month. Your reimbursement will be added to your next paycheck.

Questions? Contact the Rideshare Office at 714.834.7600, [rideshare@ceo.oc.gov](mailto:rideshare@ceo.oc.gov).



## "My Commute"

For more than 15 years, Colleen Byrne took Metrolink from her home in Riverside to the Orange Station to get to her job as deputy probation correctional officer at OC Juvenile Hall. She recently stopped, and for a good reason—she retired!

## Get in Gear for Bike Month

May is National Bike Month, and Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is encouraging you to look at your commute "from a new angle" and give bicycling a try. With the high price of gas these days, there's no better time to get started.

Here's what's happening throughout Bike Month:

### OCTA Bike Rally and Ride

Meet up with other cyclists on May 13 at 7:30 a.m. at the Orange Metrolink Station for a rally with free t-shirts, refreshments and speakers who'll inspire your ride and outline helpful bike resources. Attendees will also have a chance to win a Pace 4 Step Through Aventon e-bike (valued at \$1,799), along with other prizes. After the rally, enjoy a group ride to OCTA headquarters on Main Street.

### Make the Pledge & Win

Pledge to commute by bike at least once during Bike Month to qualify to win a Soltera 2.5 Aventon e-bike (valued at \$1,199). Find

out more and make the pledge at [octa.net/bikemonth](http://octa.net/bikemonth).



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## Get in Gear... (from page 1)

### Free Rides on Metrolink

Cyclists can ride Metrolink for free on Bike to Work Day, May 21, 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.

## Free Trolleys to Your Favorite OC Summer Destinations



Skip the drive and hop on free summer trolleys that take you to destinations around Orange County. Many of the trolleys connect to each other—as well as to transit and Metrolink stops—making it easier to travel without a car.

Trolleys will be running in Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Newport Balboa Peninsula,

San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.

Get details on routes and opening dates at [octa.net](http://octa.net).

## Tips for Saving Money on Gas

Tired of paying too much at the pumps? While gas prices are approaching all-time highs, there are a few ways to spend a little less:

**Use a gas station app.** Smartphone apps, such as those from AAA or [GasBuddy](#), can show you the lowest gas prices near you. The Google Maps and Waze apps also offer gas price information.



**Save money based on how you pay.** Some stations offer a lower price if you pay with cash. Another option is to pay with a cash-back credit card. Even if the credit card price is higher than paying cash, the reward could make using the credit card a better deal.

**Lighten up.** An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce your mpg by up to 2%. The exception: If that “extra weight” is a carpool partner who is either pitching in on gas or trading off driving days.

**Make fewer trips.** Bundle errands and appointments so you don't have to make multiple trips. You'll not only drive fewer miles, but you'll be starting an already warm, more fuel-efficient engine.

**Leave the car at home.** Whenever you can, opt to walk, bike, carpool, vanpool or ride transit instead of driving. The Rideshare Office can help you find alternatives to driving or visit [ridematch.info](http://ridematch.info) to generate a list of potential carpool partners, get transit routing and more.

Credit Price	Gasoline	Cash Price
549 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	Regular	539 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>
569 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	Plus	559 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>
579 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	Premium	569 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>
609 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	Diesel #2	599 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>10</sub>

## “My Commute”... (from page 1)

Although Byrne had long been interested in riding the train, it wasn't until her work schedule changed that she was able to give it a try. “It made it easy to go back and forth to work. I didn't have to fight that 91,” she says. It also brought her commute time down to a reliable 35 minutes instead of always needing to leave home early to allow for traffic. “I had to give myself an hour and a half to get to work when I used to drive, because you never know.”



While she enjoyed reducing wear and tear on her vehicle and saving money on gas, the biggest benefit was being able to relax on the train. “You could close your eyes, do some work, check your phone, do Sudoku—even make new friends,” she adds. “I have a lifelong friend that I made on the Metrolink. Just that alone was worth it all.”

## 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:

- Jennifer Chau, Social Services Agency
- Colleen Byrne, Probation
- Vince Luong, Audit Controller



## 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](mailto:rideshare@ceo.oc.gov).



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