



Club Rideshare

August 2026 Newsletter

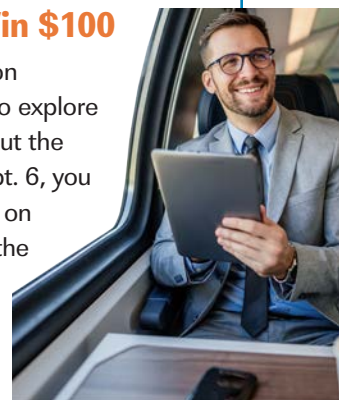


Ride Metrolink, Win \$100

A summer adventure on Metrolink is a great way to explore Southern California without the hassle of traffic. Until Sept. 6, you could win \$100 to spend on your trip when you enter the **Metrolink Weekends sweepstakes**.

It doesn't matter which station you pick, and no payment or purchase is necessary to enter.

Find out more and discover destinations that you can reach by train by visiting Orange County Transportation Authority at [octa.net](https://www.octa.net).



Lunch and Learn: Save the Date!

The next Lunch and Learn is Aug. 26, 12 to 1 p.m. Tune in to learn the positive impacts ridesharing has on your overall health and the air quality in our communities. We will also discuss different incentives offered to County employees to make ridesharing easier.

Lunch and Learn virtual workshops are offered every other month by the Rideshare Office.

You can now pre-register to attend the Lunch and Learn **by clicking this link**.

If you have questions, contact the Rideshare Office at 714.834.7600, rideshare@ceo.oc.gov.



Answers to the Biggest Questions About the New Transit Discount

The County now offers a 25% reimbursement off the cost of fares for employees who commute on OC Bus. Here, we answer the most common questions about this new incentive:

"Do I need a special bus pass?"

No, this is a reimbursement rather than a special pass. To get started, **create an account** (if you haven't already). Then 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). When you ride, standard fares will be deducted.

"What do I do to claim reimbursement?"

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

"How do I show what I spent on OC Bus for commuting?"

Simply log into your Wave account, where you'll find a tally of funds deposited and trips taken. You can use this to provide a receipt for your commute trips.

If you have additional questions, contact the Rideshare Office at 714.834.7600, rideshare@ceo.oc.gov.



Back to School – Students Ride Free or at a Discount

Did you know...? Students can ride free or at a discount on many transit providers throughout Southern California. Here's how:

Orange County

Youth ages 6-18 can ride free on OC Bus with a **Youth Ride Free pass**, available directly from participating schools or at octa.net.



Metrolink

Students get a **50% discount**—including K-12, trade school, college students and student interns—to travel anywhere on the Metrolink system, anytime.

Los Angeles County

With an active **Metro GoPass TAP card**, students at participating K-12 schools and community colleges can ride free on Metro Bus and Rail as well as on more than a dozen LA County transit providers.

Riverside County

RTA's Youth Ride Free program has been extended through June 30, 2027. The program allows anyone 18 or younger to ride free on all RTA fixed-route and GoMicro buses.

"My Commute"

Claudia Gonzalez commutes in her electric vehicle from her home in Laguna Niguel to her role as a BHC II in Santa Ana. "I'm an environmentally conscious person, so I try to do everything I can to reduce my impact—whether that means installing solar panels at home, recycling consistently, or choosing to drive an EV," she says.

She's able to charge her vehicle both at home and at work, making it a practical and cost effective option. "With gas prices constantly changing, driving an EV gives me more predictable and manageable commuting expenses."

For Gonzalez, sustainability is part of her daily mindset. "To me, it isn't just a choice—it's a responsibility. Every small action adds up, and I want to do my part."



Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

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

- Christopher Torres, OCCCR
- Raymond Garcia, OCSD
- Stephen Paredes, OCCCR



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.



New Toll Schedule on the 405 Express Lanes

As of July 1 the 405 Express Lanes adopted a **new toll schedule**. You may know that 3+ person carpools can ride free in the toll lanes. As a special promotion, until June 2027, **two-person carpools can also ride free in off-peak hours**.

A FasTrak transponder set to the number of people in the vehicle is required.



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