



OC RIDESHARE PROGRAM

OC Commuter

Transportation Survey Results

A big THANK YOU to all employees who completed the annual transportation survey in September. Because of your participation in the survey, we again exceeded our 90% response rate goal. And congratulations to all agencies and departments for doing a such great job!

Based on the 16,075 surveys collected, these are the areas where employees begin their commute:

Central Orange County	6015
North Orange County	3164
South Orange County	3045
LA County	1691
Riverside County	1587
San Bernardino County	451
San Diego County	114
Other	8
Total Surveys	16075

Start times and work locations add to the overall picture and show that there is a great potential for carpooling, vanpooling, transit use and bicycling as alternatives to driving alone to work.

Please look for enhancements to the OC Rideshare Program in 2014 based on these commuting trends.

The 2013 survey also revealed that 24% of employees are helping reduce the number of cars on the road by carpooling, vanpooling, using public transit, biking, or walking to work one or more days during a typical week.

During the survey week, the average vehicle ridership was 1.28, slightly above the regional average and up from last year.

The survey data also showed that 10,968 trips were eliminated from traffic by ridesharing to work or eliminating commute trips. Using an average round trip of 34 miles, that's 372,912 miles reduced in one week -- over 19 million in one year. That means a huge reduction of air pollution and traffic congestion.

Keep up the great work and thanks again for completing this important survey.

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[Get the Facts on OCTA Services & Programs](#)

From bus transit service to future improvements, this is where to get a quick overview of what OCTA offers. Scan through the facts of their services and programs and then follow the links for expanded information.

Survey Winner - Anita Hernandez!

Each year OC Rideshare randomly selects a winner from County of Orange and Superior Court employees who submitted their annual transportation survey. The winner of a \$200 Costco Gift Card is **Anita Hernandez** with the Social Services Agency. Congratulations Anita! Thank you for submitting your survey.





New Year Resolution -- Try Transit

While you are making those resolutions to lose weight or quit smoking add commuting by transit to your list. The New Year is the perfect time to give it a try. Test it out with the **Try-Transit-On-Us** incentive. You'll be reimbursed the first time you purchase a 1-day or 7-day ticket to commute to work on any public transit system. Here are some steps to help get you started:

OCTA Bus System - The OCTA Bus System has 77 bus routes, 6,200 bus stops and more than enough buses to get you to your destination. It's easy, and you can enjoy the ride instead of worrying about driving in traffic or the cost of gasoline.

1. **Find Your Route:** The best place to start is on OCTA's [system map](#). Locate your starting point and end destination then look for the route to get you there.
2. **Plan Your Trip:** With a route in mind, you can plan your trip using [JustClick](#), OCTA's online trip planner, or their [eBusbook](#) where you can print a personalized booklet with just the routes and maps you need.
3. **Pay the Fare:** You can pay cash for individual trips each time you board the bus or, more conveniently, purchase a 1-day or 7-day ticket online at www.octa.net.
4. **Get Reimbursed:** Send us proof of purchase along with the [All-In-One](#) form and you will get a reimbursement check within 30 days.

Save 60% per boarding - use an annual OCTA E-Pass to ride the bus. All you do is swipe the card on the bus and OCTA tracks the number of rides taken. At the end of the month, you'll see a deduction for your rides on your pay stub. The best part is that the cost of the E-Pass will be paid with pre-tax dollars under the Commuter Choice Benefits Program--a saving on your federal income tax. Use the [Voluntary Payroll Deduction Authorization Form](#) to sign up for the E-Pass program.

Metrolink Commuter Rail System - Metrolink has three lines with 11 stations conveniently located from Buena Park to San Clemente. Best of all, traveling on Metrolink is so easy. Here are some riding basics.

1. **Find Your Route:** Use the [system map](#) to find the station you'll leave from and the station near your destination. Look for the name of the rail line that connects the two points.
2. **Plan Your Trip:** Go to the [schedules page](#) of the station you are leaving from and choose a departure time. You can also use the online [Trip Planner](#) to plan your route. Be sure to arrive at the station 15 minutes early so you don't miss your train.
3. **Pay the Fare:** Purchase your 1-day or 7-day ticket from the Ticket Vending Machines (TVM); tickets are not sold on board.
4. **Get Reimbursed:** Send us proof of purchase along with the [All-In-One](#) form and you will get a reimbursement check within 30 days.

Save money and time - request a Metrolink Corporate Quick Card (CQC). The CQC is used to retrieve monthly passes reserved by OC Rideshare for your specific route. Each month you'll see a deduction on your pay stub for monthly passes that you've retrieved from the Ticket Vending Machine. The cost of the monthly pass will be paid with pre-tax dollars under the Commuter Choice Benefits Program. Sign up for the Metrolink Corporate Quick Card program through OC Rideshare by using the [Voluntary Payroll Deduction Authorization Form](#).



New Carpool / Vanpool List Now Available

During the transportation survey, more than 3,000 employees signed up for the Carpool/Vanpool Classifieds list. Thanks to the interest of these employees in finding carpool/vanpool partners for their commute to work the list more than quadrupled!



For your convenience, the Carpool/Vanpool list is divided into seven areas: **North Orange County, Central Orange County, South Orange County, San Bernardino County, Riverside County, Los Angeles County, and San Diego County.** Just click on the link to the area where you begin your commute and view the list of co-workers commuting from the

same area. First names and work phone numbers will make it easy for you to contact co-workers to discuss carpool or vanpool arrangements. County employees can [view the listing](#) posted on the County's INTRANET site in the **Making a Difference** section.

Once there, click on **Rideshare - County Carpool/Vanpool Classifieds List.**

To learn more about saving money by vanpooling or to join or start a new group, plan to attend upcoming Vanpool Information meetings. Meeting details will be announced throughout the year to those on the Carpool/Vanpool Classifieds list. If you are interested in attending and not yet on the classifieds list, submit an [All-in-One](#) form and we'll add you to the list of invitees.



OCEA Health Fair

The OC Rideshare Program staff hosted a booth at the 2013 OCEA Health Fair on October 1. Over 2,200 employees attended

the Fair, and hundreds of them won fun prizes by spinning the OC Rideshare Wheel. Information and enrollment forms for the many incentives offered to County of Orange and Superior Court employees were also available.

Rideshare Week (October 7-11) was also promoted by the OC Rideshare staff. Employees were encouraged to pledge to rideshare online and have a chance to win great prizes for ridesharing during Rideshare Week.

Did You Know...

- Ridesharing includes several commuting modes in which participants share a vehicle with others such as a carpool, vanpool, train or bus. It also includes non-vehicle modes such as commuting by bike and walking to work. Click [here](#) for some basic definitions and links to related FAQs.
- Southern California has more than 700 miles of carpool lanes. Using carpool lanes typically saves a minute per mile over driving alone, and even better, helps reduce the number of vehicles on the road. Click [here](#) for a carpool lane map.
- Park & Ride lots provide a convenient place to park for an easy connection with your carpool, vanpool, bus or train. They're usually free, although occasionally permits or fees may be required. Click [here](#) for a map and comprehensive list of Park & Ride lots in the Southern California region.

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