

CommuteSmart News

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GET TO WORK FASTER, CHEAPER AND WITH LESS STRESS



Shape Up Your Commute

Workout on your way to work—plus save money and contribute to cleaner air—by trying bicycle commuting. A great time to start: Bike to Work Week, May 13-19, when thousands of Southern Californians will be giving two-wheeled commuting a go.

As part of Bike to Work Week, rideshare agencies will host Pit Stops for bicyclists, where you can stop along the way for a rest, refreshments, support and great giveaways.

Plus make the online pledge to bike and you'll qualify to win prizes such as bikes and cycling gear.

Bicycle commuting is ideal for people who live within five miles of the office. Even if you live farther away, you can bike as far as your local transit stop and stow your bike or bring it on board.

For more information on events, to pledge, or to find Pit Stop locations:

- Los Angeles County—metro.net/bikes
- Orange County—octa.net/bike
- Ventura County—goventura.org

Golden Pedal Awards

Do you or someone you know have a great story to tell about your bicycle commute? It's time again for Metro's **Golden Pedal Awards**, which honor inspiring cyclists. Nominations are due May 19. Enter at metro.net/biketowork.



Instagram Photo Contest

Share the art and joy of bicycling through Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) **Instagram photo contest**. Take and post photos of why you love to bike to work, your biking buddies or whatever makes cycling special to you for a chance to win a bike and other prizes. Contest runs through May. Enter at octa.net/bike.

In Brief

IE511 offers mobile app

IE511's new mobile app offers real-time traffic information for the Inland Empire, along with bus/rail routing, information on Park & Ride lots and carpool lanes, rideshare matching and more. Download it at IE511.org.



OCTA discontinues bus pass

As of June 30, OCTA will discontinue its OCLink Pass, a special \$7 weekend day pass. The bargain pass that OCTA now offers: the new **5 Rides Pass**, which is \$9 for five rides, octa.net.



Let transit take you out to the ballgame

Cheer on your favorite baseball team without having to fight traffic or pay for parking.

The **Dodger Stadium Express** leaves Union Station to take riders to home games, and your Dodger ticket is good for the fare.

The **Angels Express** is special **Metrolink** train service that's only \$7 round-trip to all Angels weekday home games that start at 7:05 p.m. and every Friday night game (IEOC Line only).

Visit them online or call 511 for scheduling information.

