

CommuteSmart News

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GET TO WORK FASTER, CHEAPER AND WITH LESS STRESS

Keep Your *New Year's Resolutions*



Did you know that ridesharing can help you keep your New Year's resolutions? Here's how. If you resolve to...

1. Lose weight/get in shape—studies have shown that the extra walking to bus or train stops can add up over time to increased fitness and weight loss. Of course, biking or walking all the way to work is a great way to get in shape, too.



- 2. Save money**—Carpool with one other person and cut your gas costs in half—plus Southern California transit riders save on average more than \$10,000 a year over those who drive to work.
- 3. Take up a hobby/spend time with family**—All that time you save in the carpool lane (on average 40 minutes a day) can give you more time to pursue other interests or enjoy time at home instead of in the car.

For more information on rideshare options, call 511 or visit Go511.com or IE511.org.

More Trains, More Often

Trains on Metro's three highest-ridership rail lines now run every 10 minutes from 6 p.m. to midnight—twice as often as previously—as part of a pilot project running through June.

The new program uses shorter trains on the Red, Purple and Blue lines to reduce wait times while not significantly raising service costs.

For details, go to Metro.net.



Free Birthday Bus Pass

You have until Dec. 31 of this year to sign up for your free Omnitrans birthday bus pass for 2012. Go to omnitrans.org, and click on the birthday cake icon.

Get Regular Updates on Carpool/Vanpool Matches

If you've ever used RideMatch.info to find a carpool partner or vanpool and didn't get any matches, a new feature may help get you the rideshare information you need.

RideMatch.info is the largest, longest-running online rideshare-matching service in Southern California.

Based on your home and work location and work hours, it automatically provides a list of people with similar commutes who might want to carpool, as well as any vanpools.

As a new feature, you can now request to be notified of any matches that might arise as new people sign up for the service or change their commute. You'll always have the most up-to-date ridematching information delivered to you via email whenever a new match appears.

