

Our Connections



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Cash Incentives for Scrapping High-Polluting Vehicles

In an effort to reduce the number of high-polluting vehicles in the Southern California region, the South Coast Air Quality Management District has partnered with the Foundation for California Community Colleges to launch two new websites. These websites are aimed at educating consumers about existing cash incentives for scrapping their current vehicles and replacing them with vehicles that are newer and more fuel efficient.

Each new website is designed to promote its corresponding incentive program, which are the *Fleet Modernization* and *High Emitter Replace or Scrap 2 (HEROS2)* programs. At these websites, vehicle owners may apply online, locate Gold Shield Smog Check stations, and find dealers and dismantlers in the region. Owners of eligible vehicles will be given cash incentives, ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000, to scrap their polluting vehicles. Replacement vouchers will also be given to eligible owners to assist them in upgrading to newer and cleaner models.

For details on how to apply and participate, visit www.heros2.org or www.vehicleretirement.org, or call (800) 622-7733.

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RIDESHARE LUNCHEON 2012

On November 8, 2012, over 250 ridesharing employees gathered for the Commuter Services 10th Annual Rideshare Luncheon held at the Hilton San Bernardino. This year's theme was "Live More, Drive Less." The guest speaker was Chris Balish, a seven-time Emmy Award Winning journalist and the author of *How to Live Well Without a Car*, the first book in his bestselling "How to Live Well" nonfiction book series.

During his presentation, Mr. Balish shared his story about how he was transformed from a "car-addicted indoor guy" to having a car-free lifestyle by incorporating alternative transportation into his everyday routine. Mr. Balish engaged the audience while describing the events that led up to the unexpected sale of his car and his decision to remain car free. For over ten years, Mr. Balish has not owned a car, which has helped him maintain an active lifestyle of hiking, biking, mountain biking, trail running, and horseback riding.

Although a proponent of living car free, Mr. Balish acknowledged there are many obstacles that can hinder making such a drastic lifestyle change. In light of this, he encouraged the audience to try a "car light" lifestyle and gave them tips for driving their car less, such as online shopping and movie rentals, riding a bike to the grocery store, and using car sharing services for trips to the airport.

Josie Gonzales, Fifth District Supervisor, made closing remarks and thanked ridesharing employees for reducing traffic congestion and making the County of San Bernardino a better place for residents by improving air quality in the region.

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EARTH DAY 2013



Earth Day 2013 — The Face of Climate Change

On April 22, 2013, more than one billion people around the world will take part in the 43rd anniversary of Earth Day. In preparation for this year's event, the Earth Day Network will be collecting images of people, animals, and places directly affected or threatened by climate change, as well as images of people stepping up to do something about it.

On and around Earth Day, an interactive digital display of all the collected images will be shown at thousands of events around the world. The display will also be made available online to anyone who wants to view or show it. You can participate in the effort by sending the Earth Day Network your pictures that show "The Face of Climate Change." For more information on how you can submit your story and pictures, visit www.earthday.org/2013.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Get in on the excitement, and mark your calendars for the upcoming rideshare events listed below!

05/01/13 thru 05/31/13: Bike to Work Month, bikeleague.org

06/21/13: Dump the Pump Day, apta.com



As the event dates get closer, HR-CS will provide more detailed information on how you can participate. You can also email HR-CS for more information at commuterservices@sbcounty.gov or call us at (909) 387-9640 or (909) 387-9639. We look forward to your participation!!!



Omnitrans Launches "NexTrip" Real-Time Arrival Technology

Wonder when the next bus is due to arrive at your bus stop? Up-to-the-minute, accurate answers are at your fingertips with Omnitrans' new NexTrip technology! Now you can text, click or call to access real-time information.

You can access NexTrip real-time bus information via mobile web browser, desktop computer, SMS/text, or by calling 1-800-9-OMNIBUS (select the NexTrip option). Online, you can view buses and stops on a route map with real-time tracking. You can also sign up for automatic alerts, such as notification when the bus is five minutes away!



For more information on how to take advantage of the new NexTrip technology, visit www.omnitrans.org/nextrip.

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