

# Our Connections



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## Rideshare Program Updates

### Bike to Work Month

In observance of National Bike-to-Work Month, HR-CS sponsored a "Bike to Work Challenge" during the month of May. Employees who pledged to bike to work an average of at least two days per week during May were entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of four great prizes. The prize winners were:

- Joan Bacon of HS Personnel - Commuter Bike
- Lito Mateo of TAD - Headlamp/Taillamp Combo Set
- Kurt Rowley of DA - Medium Wedge Bag/Pack
- Vanessa Lane of WDD - Repair Tool Kit



Congratulations to all the lucky winners!



Congratulations to **Rene Urquida** of the Assessor's office, the lucky winner of the 2013 Dump the Pump Day event!

Rene was one of 25 employees who pledged to use public transportation on June 20th, Dump the Pump Day, and was entered into a raffle to win either a free 31-Day Omnitrans bus pass (a \$47 dollar value) or a \$25 Big 5 gift card!

Thank you to the other 24 employees who pledged this year!



## 2013 Transportation Survey Results Are In!

In May of this year, the 2013 transportation survey was administered to all County employees. HR-CS is pleased to announce there was an astounding total of 17,560 surveys completed. This translates to a 98% Countywide completion rate!

Thank you to all the Department Transportation Survey Coordinators for their dedication to making this year's process such a success!

Job well done!!!

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## HR-CS Staff Update

HR-CS is pleased to announce Stephanie Toral has joined the HR-CS team!



In her new role, Stephanie is the primary point of contact for commuter related inquiries. Also, among other essential duties, she is responsible for distributing transit passes and rideshare incentives.

Welcome Stephanie!!!

### HR-CS Contact Information

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## DID YOU KNOW?



Heavy-duty trucks play a key role in our local economy, but also pose a significant problem for the Southland's air quality. Trucks are the number one source of nitrogen oxide emissions, a pollutant that forms fine particulate pollution, known as PM2.5, in the atmosphere.

The good news is that new trucks must meet tailpipe standards requiring sophisticated pollution controls. This is the reason new trucks are many times cleaner than older models. However, trucks have a long service life and it will take years (if not decades) for the dirtier diesel trucks in today's trucking fleet to be replaced by newer, cleaner models.



Although it will be some time before the higher polluting truck models are off the road, commuters who rideshare to work help to improve the air quality of our region. Thanks to all of you who rideshare and positively impact the quality of life in San Bernardino County.



## Commute Stress Test

Did you know ridesharing can help reduce stress? What is your commute stress temperature? Take the commute stress test below to find out!

Rate the statements below based on the following scale:

Yes = 2, Sometimes = 1, No = 0

During your daily commute...

- ... your one way trip is longer than five miles \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you get stuck in traffic \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you wait for three or more traffic lights \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you commute when traffic is at its worst \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you mutter under your breath at other drivers \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you would like to read or sleep instead of drive \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you would rather be socializing with friends \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you drive but don't really enjoy driving \_\_\_\_\_
  - ... you can think of better ways to spend your time \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Your commute stress temperature

- 0-6 You're a cool commuter!
- 7-12 Don't overheat! HR-CS can help!
- 13-18 Boiling over! Call HR-CS right away!

HR-CS can assist you with finding the best rideshare solution to reduce your commute stress temperature. To start your journey to a cooler commute, call (909) 387-9640 or email [commuterservices@sbcountry.gov](mailto:commuterservices@sbcountry.gov).

## SAVE THE DATES!

**You're invited** to attend a **Brown Bag Luncheon** event near you! This quarter, HR-CS will host several events throughout the County during the hours of **12 p.m and 1 p.m.** Locations are listed below. Join us!

**07/23/13:** HR Test Center, 175 West Fifth Street, First Floor, San Bernardino

**08/21/13:** ATC Office, 4th Floor Conf. Rooms A/B, 222 West Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino

**10/30/13:** ARMC Oak Room, 400 North Pepper, First Floor, Colton



Employees who attend will learn useful information about the benefits of ridesharing, repurposing household items, and more. In addition to **five prize drawings**, drinks and desserts will be provided at each event.

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@sbcountry.gov](mailto:commuterservices@sbcountry.gov) or call (909) 387-9640 or (909) 387-9639.