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Recognizing “Sustainable Transportation Month” and “Clean Air Day” in the County of Los Angeles

October is “Sustainable Transportation Month” which presents an annual opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits of alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle trips and the positive effects it has on the environment. Sustainable transportation alternatives include walking, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling, riding public transit, and teleworking. Sustainable Transportation Month also highlights the benefits of driving an electric or hybrid vehicle with the emphasis on having an entire commute that uses electricity instead of gas. All these alternative transportation strategies help Los Angeles County and the State of California meet their mandatory clean air goals.

In Los Angeles County, the environmental and public health benefits of meeting clean air goals are compelling. As just one example: approximately 1 in 10 children (9%) and 1 in 14 adults (6%) in the County have asthma. By promoting the use of sustainable transportation alternatives, the County can do its part to improve air quality and public health by helping to reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled.

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The County has an ongoing commitment and investment in promoting transportation alternatives; the County's Commuter Benefit Plan allows county employees to pay for work-related commuting expenses such as bus/rail passes, transit vouchers, Metrolink passes, Transit Access Pass cards (TAP cards), vanpool fees, and parking using pre-tax dollars; and Designated Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs) in each County Department are responsible for promoting awareness and assisting employees with their rideshare needs. Employees that embrace these strategies, sometimes known as ridesharing, help the County maintain compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Rule 2202, County Code Chapter 5.90, and help County regulated worksites achieve Average Vehicle Ridership targets set by the SCAQMD. Our individual transportation choices have direct outcomes on the air we all breathe and the health outcomes of our communities.

The County also participates in the annual "California Rideshare Week". This year the event will run from October 7, 2024, to October 11, 2024, and as part of this event, the County will host its Annual Civic Center Clean Air/Sustainable Transportation Fair in Grand Park on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. For those unable to attend the Grand Park Fair, the County is also hosting the 5th countywide Fair from October 1 to October 31 at [Rideshare.lacounty.gov](https://rideshare.lacounty.gov).

In a similar vein, "Clean Air Day," is statewide initiative led by the Coalition for Clean Air, will take place Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Clean Air Day events will take place all around LA County and community groups are working to sign up thousands of volunteers to take the Clean Air Pledge. The Pledge educates Angelenos about individual actions they can take to improve air quality and our shared environment through such as

avoiding single use car trips, composting food waste, or replacing gas-powered appliances with electric ones. County employees and the public are encouraged to sign up for the 2024 Clean Air Pledge at cleanairday.org/pledge.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Recognize “Clean Air Day” on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, and encourage County employees and the public to take the Clean Air Pledge to improve the environment at cleanairday.org/pledge;
2. Recognize “Sustainable Transportation Month” by promoting rideshare awareness at the 2024 Annual Civic Center Clean Air/Sustainable Transportation Fair on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Grand Park;
3. Direct County departments to disseminate information to all County employees regarding the Clean Air Day and Sustainable Transportation Month and encourage them to take the Clean Air Pledge;
4. Encourage County employees and the public to attend the Civic Center Clean Air/Sustainable Transportation Fair to learn about the various sustainable transportation options available in the County that help improve public health outcomes and the environment;
5. Encourage County employees and the public to participate in the annual Virtual Clean Air/Sustainable Transportation Fair from October 1 to October 31, 2024, at [Rideshare.lacounty.gov](https://rideshare.lacounty.gov);
6. Encourage all County employees to “Take Pride, Share the Ride” by making sustainable transportation choices at least one day a week; and

7. Recognize and thank all the County's Employee Transportation Coordinators who work hard to promote sustainable transportation choices and keep the County in compliance with SCAQMD Rule 2202.

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