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OCTA Offers Free Bus Rides on New Year's Eve

Extended service hours provide a safe ride home

ORANGE – The Orange County Transportation Authority is helping to keep roads safe during New Year's Eve celebrations by offering free bus rides from 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31 to 2:30 a.m. on New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1.

This year, OCTA has added extended service hours along several routes in Fullerton. The late-night service provides free, safe and convenient rides to or from the annual First Night in Fullerton event. Extended service hours are available on Routes 24, 26, 43 and 143.

Passengers planning a bus ride are encouraged to use the online trip planner in advance at octa.net or call (714) 636-7433. Extended times may vary depending on the route.

“We are happy to provide a convenient and safe way to travel as Orange County rings in the New Year,” said OCTA Chairman Shawn Nelson, also chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. “This is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in trying out public transit. Cheers!”

This is the 13th year OCTA has offered free rides for New Year's Eve.

Last year, more than 8,000 riders used the free bus service on New Year's Eve and more than 130,000 have used the service since it began in 2002.

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