

Guaranteed Ride Home

Guaranteed Ride Home is a Free Program available to those who use an alternative to driving alone at least three days a week (on average). You may request up to \$100 per year in taxi ride reimbursements to get home in the event of an emergency or unexpected schedule change. To register visit www.metrotransit.org/guaranteed-ride-home.



Personal Assistance

Commuter Services is your FREE personal assistant to help you with carpooling, vanpooling, transit and bicycle commuting. Call or e-mail us today!

CARPPOOL

Share the ride and **save!**



“Commuter Services helped me find someone to carpool with. Now I am saving money and doing something great for the environment too!

Dee Ann P., Best Buy Co.



STARTING A CARPOOL

Finding a carpool partner is quick and easy.

Visit www.metrotransit.org/ridematch to use the regional carpool matching system. Connect with others who have a similar commute.

Looking into your carpool options will not obligate you to begin carpooling. Everyone's home and contact information are kept private and you are able to communicate anonymously through the system.

Occasionally there will be no matches. Please check back as new people are added to the matching system daily.



“I’ve been carpooling for over 4 years and love it! I drive every other week and can’t get over the amount of money we save on gas! Plus getting to use the carpool lanes is a big time-saver! And it’s really nice to have a conversation with someone else in the car on the drive to/from work. Makes it go by fast!”

Michelle W., NorthMarq

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CARPOOL

There are several things to consider when selecting a carpool partner. We suggest you:

Schedule a meeting.

Meet your fellow carpoolers before the first trip.

Determine your route and schedule.

Discuss what days of the week you will carpool and establish a designated place to meet for the trip to and from work. If you do not wish to be picked up at home, Park and Ride lots are free to carpoolers and are great meeting locations.

Determine how driving expenses will be shared.

If the members of your carpool do not share the driving equally, come to an understanding of how the costs will be shared and agree on a payment schedule.

Choose a chain of communication.

Be sure that all members of your carpool exchange phone numbers. If the driver is ill, or will not be going to work one day, an alternate driver should be notified to ensure that other members of the carpool will have a ride. Also, don’t forget to give notice of vacation or overtime plans.

Be punctual.

Decide how long the driver is expected to wait for latecomers. Be wary of making side trips or running errands while carpoolers are present.

Establish policies and preferences.

Smoking or non-smoking; music and volume; eating or drinking or talking (particularly in the morning). Your carpool will have a better chance for success if these potential irritants are discussed in advance.

Give your carpool time to work.

It usually takes a few weeks for everyone’s routine to come together. Remember that carpooling can be flexible – figure out what works best for you and your carpool partners.

“Since I started carpooling, I have not only saved money on gas but gained a really wonderful friend!”

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