



Reduce Stress and Save Time and Money on Your Commute



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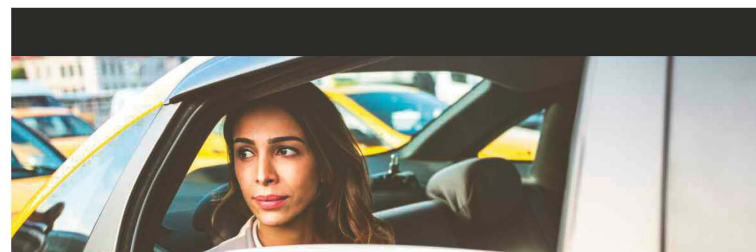


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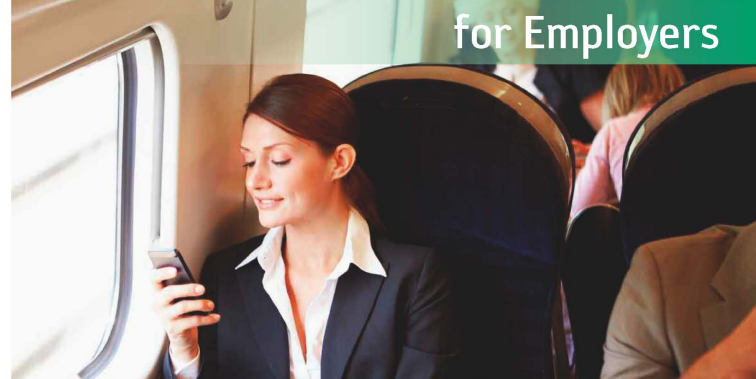
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Employer Services

SmarTrip

Commuter Connections Employer Services representatives are available to help businesses and their employees find commuting solutions that will contribute to better efficiency, productivity, and employee retention. We can assist employers with setting up SmarTrip programs that provide tax savings for your organization and tax-free transportation fare for your employees.

Other assistance available to employers includes employee commuter surveys, on-site transportation assessments, parking management strategies, program tracking and free commuter brochures and maps.

Commuting Alternatives

Telework

Teleworking one or more days a week improves quality of life, increases productivity, as well as reduces absenteeism, sick leave and late arrivals due to traffic.

Flextime and Compressed Work Schedules

Flextime programs give employees the option of adjusting their arrival and departure times which helps to avoid peak travel periods and thus, the worse traffic of the day. Another effective way to help cut commuting time is a compressed work schedule (such as a four-day, 40-hour week), which can eliminate one day of commuting per week.



Commuter Options and Services

Carpool/Vanpool Ridematching

Commuters who drive alone spend more money, and experience more stress getting to and from work. More area commuters are finding that Carpools and Vanpools are some of the most effective and convenient ways to help cut travel time, costs, and frustration. Using mobile apps and a regional database that contains thousands of area commuters, employees can find ride partners with similar commutes. The Carpool Bonus program offers incentives to newly formed Carpools.

CommuterCash

CommuterCash is an app that rewards your employees for using it to find and take sustainable commuting options. Points are earned for each peak-hour commute trip logged into the app, which can be redeemed for cash (PayPal and Venmo), VISA gift cards, SmarTrip and Capital Bikeshare credits. E-ZPass credits are also available for Virginia residents. Up to \$600 can be earned per calendar year.

Guaranteed Ride Home

The Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program provides free rides home for registered commuters in the greater Washington and Baltimore metropolitan regions who carpool, vanpool, bicycle, walk or take transit to work at least twice a week. In the event of personal or family illness, an emergency, or unscheduled overtime, Commuter Connections will arrange for a free taxi, ridehailing service, or even a rental car – up to six times each year.

Public Transit

Public transit provides a dependable commuting option that can get employees to work and back home on a regular schedule, eliminating the stress associated with driving in unpredictable traffic. Commuter Connections provides information about transit services for all jurisdictions in the region.

Park & Ride Lots

There are hundreds of Park & Ride Lots located throughout the Washington/Baltimore metro areas. Many commuters have discovered that these lots are convenient places to join up with carpools/vanpools or gain easy access to public transit.

High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and Express Lanes

Commuters can save time each way by using HOV and Express Lanes. Commuter Connections provides information about HOV and Express Lanes locations, the number of occupants required per vehicle, and the hours of HOV and Express Lanes operation.

Bicycling to Work

Join the thousands of area employees who already bike to work. Bicycling is not only a great way to save money and the environment, it is a great way to stay in shape too. Commuter Connections provides a free bicycling guide available with practical tips and helpful ideas on how to get started. Bicycle commuters can also use the Commuter Connections Bicycle Route Finder to plan their commute route.

