



As gasoline prices remain volatile and traffic congestion worsens, daily commutes are getting more expensive, longer and increasingly stressful. Wouldn't it be great if you could somehow lower your commuting costs and frustrations?

Ridesharing Could Be the Solution for You.



Consider a Carpool or Vanpool

Carpooling – when two or more people commute to work together on a regular basis in a privately owned vehicle – is the simplest and most common ridesharing arrangement. Finding compatible ridesharing partners is easy with Commuter Connections through our website or mobile apps. **We help by identifying potential carpool partners that live near your home, that also work near your place of business, who have similar schedules.** And some companies even have in-house commuter assistance programs that help employees find carpool partners and offer preferred parking for carpools and vanpools.

Your advantages of ridesharing in a carpool or vanpool are many and include:

- Financial savings due to shared commuting costs, including gasoline expenses, tolls, parking fees, car maintenance and lower mileage.
- Less stress.
- Increased free time for riders (read, work, relax or listen to headphones).
- Reduced need for parking.
- Reduced pollution due to fewer auto emissions.
- And if HOV lanes are accessible on your route to work, you'll likely save time on your commute.
- Form a new carpool or vanpool and you may be eligible to earn cash or financial incentives through 'Pool Rewards. Visit www.commuterconnections.org.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program

What happens if you're ridesharing and you have an unexpected personal or family emergency, you get sick or you have to stay late for unscheduled overtime? Commuter Connections' Guaranteed Ride Home program provides a free ride home for registered commuters who rideshare, bicycle, walk or take mass transit to work at least twice a week. We have a network of providers on call Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will arrange for a free taxi or even a rental car – whatever it takes to get you home – up to four times each year.* To find out more about the Guaranteed Ride Home program and to sign up, visit www.commuterconnections.org

For questions call **1-800-745-RIDE**.

We'll get you home. Guaranteed.

*Some restrictions apply. Visit our web site for participation guidelines.



Don't Know Anyone to Carpool With?

Finding Ridesharing Partners Is as Easy as 1-2-3 with Commuter Connections

Using our database that contains thousands of area commuters, Commuter Connections can help you find ridesharing partners with similar commutes – whether it's for a new or existing carpool. Potential carpool partners include commuters who work in Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia and who live in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Delaware or Pennsylvania. To register for ridesharing:

- 1 Simply fill out and return the attached application form, set up an account and apply at our web site, or call **1-800-745-RIDE**. You may also try to locate carpool partners through our informal online bulletin board, or for on-demand carpools, use the CarpoolNow mobile app.
- 2 By applying online or filling out this application form, you will have access to a matchlist with contact information of people with commutes similar to yours.
- 3 Contact commuters on the list to either start a new carpool or join an existing one.

Commuters can request to be removed from the database at any time, and other than the information you choose to share, your personal data remains confidential.

Let's work together to help improve your commute. Reduce your stress, save money, time and the environment.

Park & Ride Lots Can Make Your Commute Easier

Did you know...

- There are over 350 Park & Ride Lots throughout the Washington/Baltimore Metropolitan areas where commuters can conveniently join up with carpools/ vanpools or gain access to public transit.
- About one third of the Park & Ride Lots have commuter bus service available.
- Approximately one third of the Park & Ride Lots have rail service available, including Metro, MARC, VRE and Baltimore Light Rail.
- Parking is free at 90 percent of the commuter Park & Ride Lots.
- About 25 percent of the Park & Ride Lots have bicycle parking facilities.

