

Vanpools and Access In Washington State

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Vanpool program

Created by the state legislature in 2003 to support expansion of vanpooling statewide

- ◇ Washington has the largest vanpool fleet in the country
- ◇ A 10-year, \$30 million capital program
- ◇ Goal: Double vanpooling to about 3,200 operating vans by 2013
- ◇ Currently 2,360 operating vehicles statewide a 50% increase from 2003
- ◇ One vanpool can take as many as 14 vehicles off the road
- ◇ The Puget Sound region leads the nation in vanpooling with over 2,000 “public” vanpools.
- ◇ Vanpools eliminate more than 11,000 vehicles from the roadways each day in the Puget Sound region



Washington State Vanpools

- 2009-2011 Budget for Vanpool Investment Program
 - \$7 million
 - Capital expenditure
- To Date (Through January, 2010)
 - Vanpools in operation statewide: 2,560
 - Average occupancy/van: 8.3
- 20 Transit Agencies Operate Vanpool Programs
- Smallest – Valley Transit
 - 3 Vanpools in Operation
- Largest King County Metro
 - 1,100 Vanpools in Operation



Washington State Vanpools

Vans as an Access Tool

- Many Roads to Work
 - ARC
 - Ben Franklin Transit
- Job Lift
 - Olympic Community Action Programs
 - Clallam Transit
- Village Vans
 - Intercity Transit
- Road to Independence
 - Puget Sound Educational School District



Job Lift

JARC Project Partnership Between OlyCAP And Clallam Transit

- The Job Lift program provides transportation services that connect low-income workers to jobs and other employment related activities.
- By means of three vanpools, up to forty-five participants each day use this service to commute to work, work training, job search and even to drop off their children at day care.
- Vanpool Drivers Hired by Clallam Transit
- Seasonal Employment Extended
- Serves Very Rural Western Peninsula



Many Roads to Work

Partnership Between ARC and Ben Franklin Transit

- Reduced funding threatened services for older adults and people with disabilities
- The ARC operates Vanpool-Lease Program
 - Leases and operates vans from BFT
 - Serves as paratransit contractor
 - Pays insurance and a per-mile cost
 - Provides additional service in summer for children with disabilities
 - Provides the CDL-licensed drivers
- Ben Franklin Transit
 - Provides vehicle maintenance
 - Pays The ARC a set per-boarding cost
 - Trains the drivers
- Vehicles: 1 twelve passenger, 2 high-top lift vans, and 13 cutaway lift vans
- Saves BFT approx. \$800,000 in projected operational costs
- BFT worked with bus drivers' union to demonstrating that the deal would not cost its drivers any jobs
- Featured in CTAA Magazine!

Village Vans

Intercity Transit

- Intercity Transit's Village Vans program helps low-income citizens with their work-related and job search transportation needs.
- Village Vans drivers take people to and from employment-related activities and other necessary destinations each weekday.
- Village Van drivers are recruited from several employment support programs
 - WorkFirst Community Jobs work-training program
 - South Puget Sound Community College Job Skills Training Course
 - WorkSource Senior Community Service Employment Programs
 - Individuals
- Benefits of the Program for participants
 - professional driving training, valuable work experience, continual skill development and job search coaching while working toward permanent employment.
- More than 90 percent find good jobs while in the program.

Road To Independence

Puget Sound Educational Service District

- Designed to train low-income/Community Jobs participants as drivers
- This program provides rides to work and employment-related activities for eligible participants in East Pierce County and South King County
- Provides on the job training and driver training classes that allow the participant to receive a "Class B" Commercial Drivers License (CDL) upon completion of the program
 - Drivers gain work experience by driving the vans up to six months
 - Many drivers go on to find unsubsidized employment as delivery drivers, public transit drivers, or couriers
- Road to Independence coordinates connections with other transportation services including Pierce Transit, King County Metro, Beyond the Borders, 2-1-1, Catholic Community Services, and Paratransit Services
- Since inception, trips provided have increased an average of 24% per year, going from 1,450 trips in 2005–06 to 2,496 trips in the in FY 2007–2008

Road To Independence Continued

The Leveraging of Resources

- King County Metro leases vehicles and includes half of the fuel and maintenance
- Community Jobs program will pay the wages of trained WorkFirst drivers
- PSESD contracts with the program to provide services between seven schools
- School district provides a school bus for driver training in exchange for driver training and a shared substitute drivers' list
- Head Start pays for childcare mileage, drivers' abstracts, physical and drug tests, testing, and licensing fees for parents to be trained as drivers
- Open seats during CDL training sessions are opened for school districts and other key partners to participate at no additional cost
- Jewish Family Services covers the costs for the limited-English clients to drive and receive training for the program through their DSHS dollars
- The Goodwill Senior Service program pays for their drivers to receive CDL training



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Find your match

Enter your starting place, destination and your trip times.

Start Address	End Address
Select: <input type="text" value="New Address..."/>	Select: <input type="text" value="New Address..."/>
Street Address: <input type="text"/>	Street Address: <input type="text"/>
<small>Provide only a street address.</small>	<small>Provide only a street address.</small>
City: <input type="text"/>	City: <input type="text"/>
State/Province: <input type="text" value="Washington"/>	State/Province: <input type="text" value="Washington"/>
Zip/Postal Code: <input type="text"/>	Zip/Postal Code: <input type="text"/>
Friendly Name: <input type="text"/>	Friendly Name: <input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="View Map"/>	<input type="button" value="View Map"/>

Enter your trip time preferences

Work hours: to

Select the day(s): Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Trip Start Time: Flexible By:

Trip Return Time: Flexible By: [Click for varied schedule](#)

Trip Code

Do you have a trip code? Yes No

Preferences

Select all modes of transportation that you would consider: Carpool Vanpool

Ride/Drive Preference:

Additional Trip Information :

Who can see this trip:

You can also specify if you want to drive and include specific details.

Choose from your match and send an e-mail.

The screenshot shows the RideshareOnline.com interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Ride Match, Calendar, Events, Rewards, Commute Services, and Profile. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column shows trip details for a user named 'Bugs Bunny' (User ID: 3957) with a starting address in Eastland, WA. The right column shows trip details for a user named 'Tweety Bird' (User ID: 206-123-4567) with a starting address in Seattle. A map of the Seattle area is overlaid on the right side, showing the routes for both users. The map highlights the starting and ending points for each trip, with 'Bugs Bunny' starting near Eastland and 'Tweety Bird' starting near Seattle. The map also shows major roads and landmarks like Elliott Bay, Lake Washington, and various neighborhoods.

Use the map to see where each match's commute starts and end.

New tools for employee transportation coordinators



Managing, motivating and rewarding employee participation was never so fast, simple and easy.

- **Branding** - display your company logo with your CTR program information on your custom network page
- **Outreach and promotions** - send announcements and e-mails to promote your program to all participants in your network
- **Administration** - manage your program, participants, rewards, prize drawings, events and commute services, such as emergency ride home; generate program reports with a single click

Customize your network

- Make RideshareOnline.com your employee networking tool with your company's branding and custom network page.
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- Choose your messaging; build your brand.

Home Ride Match Calendar Events Rewards Commute Services Profile

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Welcome to the **Acme Toy Co.** employee transportation network.

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Produce useful reports

User Reports

[User Registration Report](#)

[User Trips Report](#)

[Subsidy Report](#)

Program Reports

[General Alternative Transportation Report](#)

[Alternative Transportation Distribution Report \(miles\)](#)

[Alternative Transportation Distribution Report \(trips\)](#)

[General Alternative Transportation Report - Historic data](#)

[Alternative Transportation Distribution Report \(miles\)](#)

[Alternative Transportation Distribution Report \(trips\)](#)

[City wise Origin Destination report - Historic data](#)

Emergency Ride Home Reports

[Usage Report \(Grid\)](#)

Generate reports on your program's reductions in drive-alone miles and green house gas emissions.

Start Date: 1/8/2010 End Date: 4/8/2010 [View Report](#)

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Date: 4/8/2010 8:06 AM **User Registration Report**
1/8/2010 through 4/8/2010

Name	Email Address	Screen Name	Active Trips
Bogey Beagle	bogeydog98126@gmail.com	BogeyDog	1
Bugs Bunny	carrotmuncher@acmeincobiz	BugsB	1
Elmer Fudd		ElmerFu	0
Emma Puggle		EmmaDog	2
Olive Oyl	Olive98007@gmail.com	OliveO	0
Road Runner	mealusmaximus@acmeincobiz	RoadR	1
Wester Cat	tweety@acmeincobiz	SylvesterC	1
		Tweety	1

View all your registered employees and their active trips.

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