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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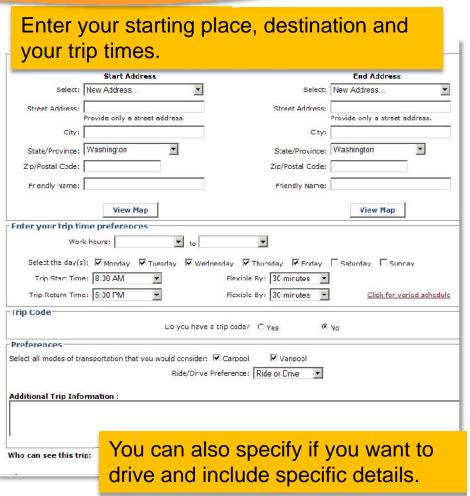


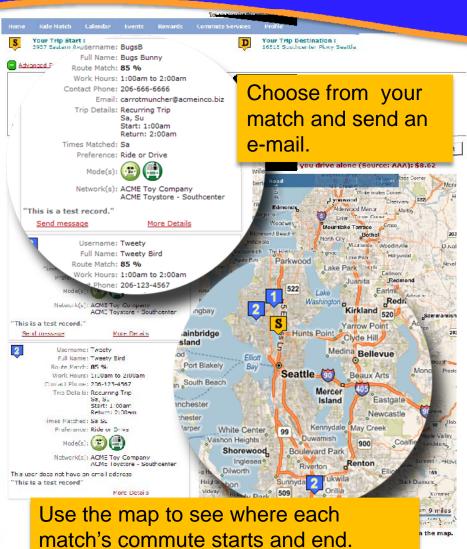
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New tools for employee transportation coordinators

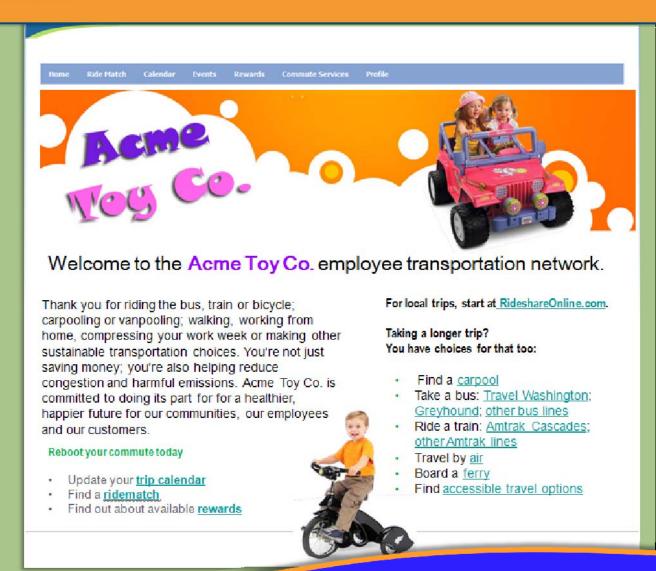


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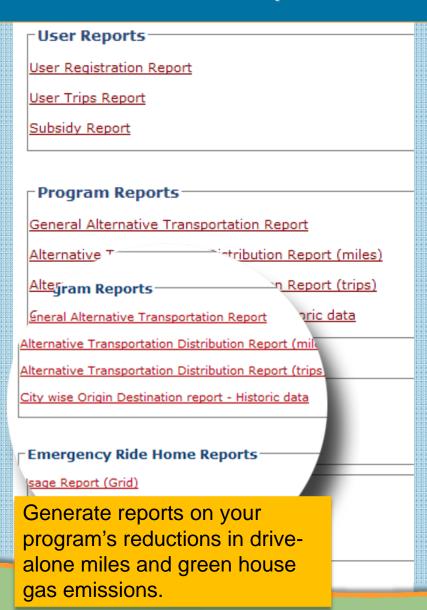
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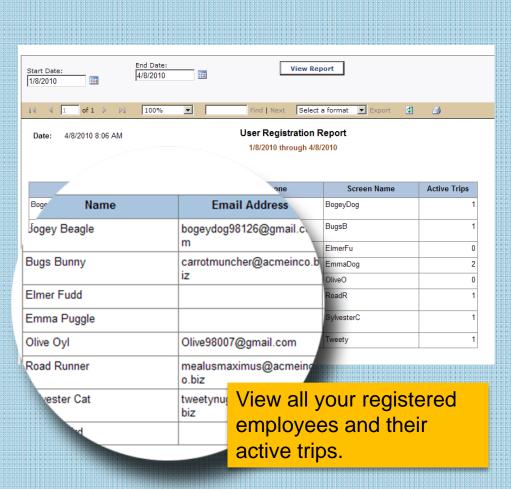
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