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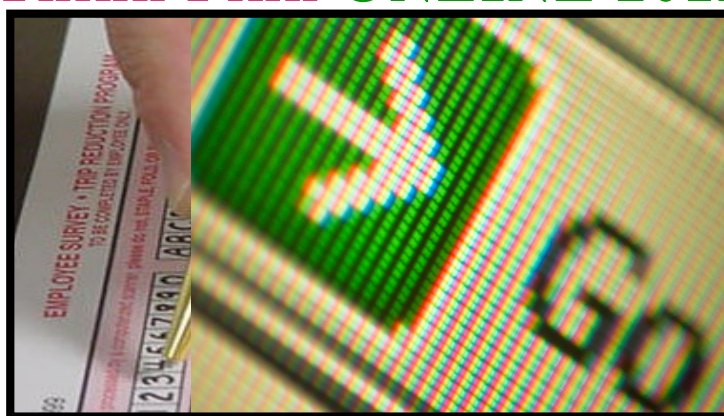
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The Annual Travel Reduction Survey!

The Annual Travel Reduction Survey Will Be Arriving In Your Email Box!

Capitol Rideshare / Office of Travel Reduction Programs are gearing up for the annual Travel Reduction Survey as mandated by law.

The annual Travel Reduction Survey will be completed by employees online. Employees will receive a link to the survey from their Agency Travel Reduction Coordinator. At the end of February or beginning of March, the survey link will be emailed to all State employees working in Maricopa County. The survey captures information about employees' commute trips. In the past, data from this survey was instrumental in obtaining bus and vanpool subsidies for employees, creating new bus routes and expanding existing routes.

Employees are reminded that it is critical that everyone completes a survey; especially those who do carpool, ride transit, or telework. The State must achieve as close to a 100% participation rate as possible. Everyone needs to complete their survey.

For more information and to see Frequently Asked Questions regarding the survey, please visit www.capitolridesshare.com or call 602.542.7433.

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DO YOU CARPOOL, RIDE TRANSIT, VANPOOL, BIKE, TELEWORK, OR WORK IN A VIRTUAL OFFICE AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK?

We Want To Offer You A Reward!

There is no cost to join. Capitol Rideshare wants to reward State employees who are doing their part to help improve the air quality in our Valley! Take advantage of this special program and enjoy the benefits. Our discount cards offer specials on dining and entertainment.

For many employees, the thought of riding transit or carpooling is daunting because they are afraid of being stranded at work. "What if I get sick at work and need to go home? What if my child becomes ill and I have to leave? What if my carpool partner has to leave?" These are all very real concerns; but Capitol Rideshare offers you a safety net!

If you are a State of Arizona employee (non-university working within Maricopa County) who carpools, rides transit, vanpools, bikes to work, teleworks, works in a virtual office, or does a combination of any of these modes at least twice a week, you are eligible for a free membership to the Commuter Club.

Your free benefits include:

- Discount card for local restaurants and entertainment
- Free taxi emergency ride home from work*
- Quarterly newsletter & contests

Joining takes only a few minutes. Visit www.capitolrideshare.com and click on the Services tab. Then select Commuter Club and you can sign up online. Your membership card will be sent to you.

*Restrictions apply (see www.capitolrideshare.com)

Need to find someone to share the ride?
Log on to www.capitolrideshare.com
and do a matchlist. It takes just a few
minutes and it is confidential. It is a
great way to find someone who shares
your commute! Need help? Call us at
602.542.7433.

facebook

Social networking is an effective way to get up to the minute information and news. Feel free to friend us on Facebook. We feature fun contests, information, and traffic alerts. If your agency does not allow Facebook access, no worries! You can log on from home.

ANNUAL EMISSION NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

Arizona law requires employers with 100 or more employees at a single worksite to notify their employees of the vehicle emission testing and inspection requirements (A.R.S. 49-542).

If you live and work in Arizona, then:

- Any vehicle that you own and operate in Arizona must be registered in Arizona and display a valid Arizona license plate. (Some exceptions apply. Please contact the vehicle emission hotline at (877) 692-9227 for more information.)
- The vehicle that you use to drive to your workplace or worksite in Maricopa County must go through vehicle emissions testing - this applies even if you live OUTSIDE of Maricopa County.
- For employees who live outside of Maricopa County, a proof of compliance form will be issued to you at the time of emissions testing, by the emissions testing facility. At the time of your vehicle registration, send in the compliance form along with your vehicle registration. The Department of Transportation will then issue an air quality compliance sticker for you to display on your license plate. For more information, please call the vehicle emission hotline at (877) 692-9227.
- In addition to any other criminal penalty provided by law, a person who does not comply with this law is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for a first violation and \$300 for a second violation.

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Tight on Cash?



Looking to save gas money and wear and tear on your vehicle? We are living in very tight economic times - couldn't you use some extra cash? Why not try transit! It's easy and the State will help subsidize your ride! Call the trip planner at Valley Metro at 602.253.5000 and let them plan your route. Then, make sure you have a Platinum Pass card. Visit www.capitolrideshare.com.

Why not carpool? Carpooling can be very flexible. You can carpool every day, once a week, with one person, or many. You can drive or you can choose to sit back and enjoy the ride. It CAN fit your lifestyle.

Get started at www.capitolrideshare.com. You'll not only be making a global contribution, but you'll also find yourself in a better position to pay those bills leftover from the Holidays and other household expenses. If you use an alternate mode just once or twice a week, you will save enough for that summer vacation!

New Park-and-Rides for Mesa and Buckeye

There are four new commuter park-and-rides that are being added to the Valley Metro transit system. These park-and-rides are available for carpools, vanpools and will be served by Valley Metro public transit. There is no cost to park at these facilities.

Now Open

West Mesa - Country Club and Juanita
Served by: Express Route 531, Route 112, Arizona Avenue (LINK stops near the park-and-ride). Catch the bus at Country Club Drive.

Power Road/Preston Street at Loop 202/Red Mountain Freeway
Served by: Express Route 535 and Route 184

East Buckeye /Jackrabbit Trail (195th Avenue) North of I-10 (just north of McDowell)
Served by: Express Route 563

Still under construction - Opens mid-February

Gilbert Road/Loop 202/Red Mountain Freeway
Served by: Express Route 535 and Route 136

YOU DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our winter Clean Air Campaign was record setting! Thanks to amazing prizes courtesy of Arizona State Credit Union and your participation, our results were off the charts!

November 11.2% of all employees participated!
December 11.0% of all employees participated!

**Overall Winter Campaign
Employee Participation: 11.1%**
(Last year's winter campaign: 6.4%)

Environmental Savings:

Total trips saved: More than 15,000
Miles not driven: More than 500,000
Gallons of fuel saved: More than 25,000
**Pounds of pollutants NOT released into our air:
More than 12,000**
Tons of pollutants saved: More than six tons

THANK YOU!



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Seasonal Air Pollutant Calendar



October 1 - March 31 • Carbon Monoxide & Particulates

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced mainly by automobiles, which tends to build up especially during stagnant temperature inversions common during the winter months. It hinders the body's ability to carry oxygen in the blood causing serious problems for those with cardiovascular diseases. At high concentrations, carbon monoxide also can increase fatigue, reduce work capacity, and may adversely affect fetal development.

Particulate matter, which includes acid sulfates, toxic organic compounds and metals, and insoluble dusts are capable of penetrating to the deeper portions of the respiratory system and producing acute reductions in lung function, increasing the incidence of respiratory disease in children. It can also increase the risk of premature mortality in elderly and ill persons. Traffic on unpaved roads, windblown dust, construction and demolition are all major contributors.

April 1 - September 30 • Ozone & Particulates

"Smog" ozone (as opposed to the protective ozone in the stratosphere) is a major health hazard at high concentrations. Especially troublesome during our hot summer months, ozone causes inflammation of the lungs, impaired breathing, coughing, chest pain, nausea, and throat irritation. Long-term effects from exposure include increased susceptibility to respiratory infection and permanent damage to lung tissues. Ozone also causes severe damage to commercial crops and forests.

CHOOSE:

<u>Commuter Club</u>	
Minimum of two days per week	
Circle Mode	Circle Number of Days
Carpool	1 2 3 4 5
Transit	1 2 3 4 5
Bike	1 2 3 4 5
Walk	1 2 3 4 5
Vanpool	1 2 3 4 5
Telework/VO	1 2 3 4 5
CWW	1 2 3 4 5

Rideshare Parking Permit

Must include plate and D.L. # and a completed application from each member of your carpool. You must carpool a minimum of 3 times per week.

Vehicle Plate # Driver Lic. #

Request Special Assistance

__ Platinum Pass Information
 __ Matchlist Assistance
 __ Update My Information
 __ Vanpool Information



PROVIDE:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address (home): _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Agency Name: _____ Division: _____ Work Phone: _____

Street Address (work): _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ Rm#/Mail Drop/Site Code: _____

E-mail address: _____

Work Start Time: _____ am/pm Is this flexible? (Circle one) No Yes
 Stop Time: _____ am/pm Is this flexible? (Circle one) No Yes

If flexible, by how much? ___ 15 minutes ___ 30 minutes

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OR FAX TO 602.542.3636

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