

Rideshare Review

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RideAmigos TDM platform is live!

Application hosts Commuter Club, provides carpool matching services!

Capitol Rideshare has launched the [Capitol Rideshare RideAmigos](#) Transportation Demand Management (TDM) platform; state employees can sign up for a free account using their work email addresses. This interactive platform offers a variety of interactive features, including a multi-modal trip planner, trip-logging application and gamification for entering contests. RideAmigos has a ride-matching service that allows state employees to seek out other state employees for carpooling commute options. When you sign up for your RideAmigos account, you build your profile to include your starting point (home or nearby location, such as a Park and Ride) and your work location. Your profile also includes your work schedule. Using the trip planning tool, you can see the various modes available, including other employees who are along your route. You can message these employees directly through the RideAmigos platform to ask about carpooling. So, if you are still driving alone to work, now you can seek out a carpool partner among your fellow state employees!

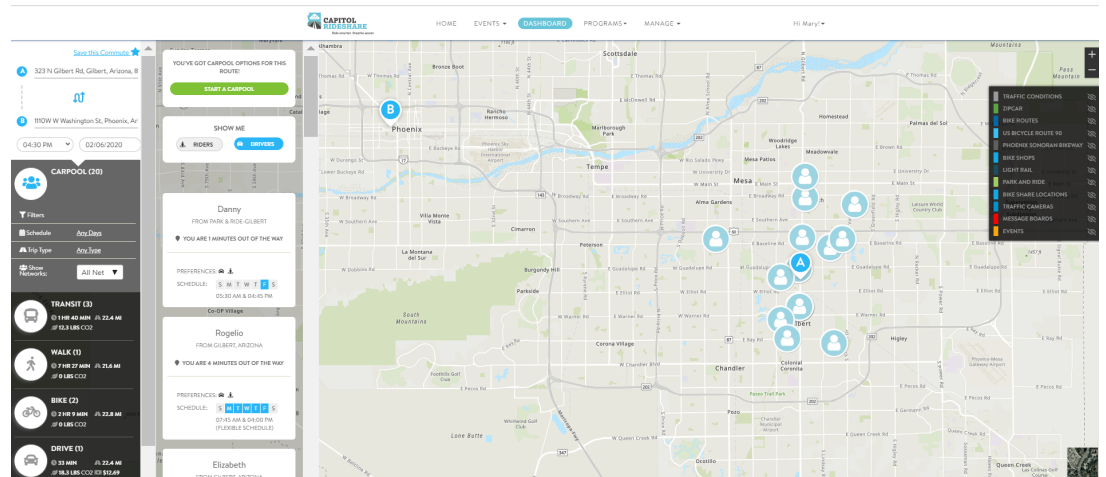
The new platform is accessible via both a computer and a mobile device. The dashboard will allow employees to visualize their savings. For more information about Capitol Rideshare RideAmigos, visit the [RideAmigos information page](#) on the Capitol Rideshare website, which provides instructional videos and other user resources.

Commuter Club powered by RideAmigos, New Emergency Ride Home process

Once you commit to an alternate mode at least twice per week, you can use your RideAmigos account to sign up for Commuter Club, which is hosted on the platform. The primary benefit of Commuter Club is to offer employees who use alternate modes of transportation an emergency ride home (ERH), up to twice per fiscal year, for unexpected emergencies. Examples of qualifying emergencies include

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SCOOP managed carpool program pilot launching among employees in the Capitol Mall!

Company brings an on-demand carpool solution in a closed network for state employees

SCOOP is working with Capitol Rideshare to create a formal managed carpool program that is customized for state employees, ensuring a certain level of trust and familiarity within each carpool. This solution is in response to questions and concerns state employees have voiced over the years regarding their desire for a robust, on-demand carpool solution built exclusively within a network of state employees.

How does the SCOOP managed carpool program work?

First, SCOOP will work with Capitol Rideshare to build density among carpoolers in the Capitol Mall to ensure the highest level of matches possible for employees, every single trip. To do this, the SCOOP team will be on site at several buildings in the Capitol Mall area, with information, incentives and give-aways for employees who sign up for a free SCOOP account (employees must use a state email address). These employees will make up the carpool network. The application allows the passenger to seamlessly pay the driver reimbursement, which typically ranges from \$2-\$9 per passenger, per trip, depending on the commute distance, specific route, and special pricing eligibility. Capitol Rideshare is subsidizing the program, which will reduce the per-ride cost to employees.

With separate morning and evening scheduling and the choice between riding or driving, SCOOP makes it easy for commuters to choose to carpool to work. The application's algorithm selects the most convenient trip based on the most efficient route, nearby carpoolers, and carpool lanes, helping to make carpooling an easy choice for commuters.

How do I sign up?

During the two-week period of February 24 - March 6, SCOOP will be hosting tables at agency buildings and other outreach events, such as the farmer's market and Food Truck Friday. Check the Capitol Rideshare website for event information and watch your email for communications from your agency travel reduction coordinators. Come visit us at one of the events—sign up and get a free lunch or a chance to win another prize!

Department of Education team wins Valley Metro challenge!

Employees at the Arizona Department of Education, led by Vicki Simmons, put together a team for Valley Metro's October is Rideshare Month challenge. The 12-member team also included employees from other organizations. Team members logged their alternate modes on Valley Metro's ShareTheRide.com and won the competition for medium-sized groups! The team used several modes: bus, bike, and compressed work week. In January, Valley Metro reps visited the team and brought swag, lunch from Grimaldi's Pizzeria and commemorative t-shirts! Congratulations and great work!



Back row: Donna Torres, Nita Gentry, Robin Beindorf, Jon Chase. Front row: Vicki Simmons, Terri Beeler-Saucedo, Marisa Shaffrey. Not pictured: Karen Allen, Pat Lane, Mary Lou Martinez, Nathan Ricks, Eram Dhanani.

Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

2020 Notice to Employees

BACKGROUND:

To improve air quality and reduce vehicle emissions in heavily traveled areas, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) administers a mandatory vehicle emissions inspection program known as the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP).

Arizona law (A.R.S. §49-542) requires vehicle emission inspection and testing for:

- Most vehicles registered in the Area A vehicle emissions control area of greater metro Phoenix (including parts of Maricopa County and parts of Pinal County and Yavapai County as defined by A.R.S. §49-541) and/or
- Most vehicles registered outside of Area A used to commute to a work site located within Area A.

For a map of the Area A vehicle emissions control area boundary and a link to the legal description, please visit the ADEQ website, gisweb.azdeq.gov/arcgis/veiareas.

IF YOU LIVE AND WORK IN ARIZONA:

- Any vehicle you own and operate in Arizona must be registered in Arizona and display a valid Arizona license plate (some exceptions apply). For more information, please contact the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division at 602-255-0072 or visit their website at azdot.gov/mvd.
- Any vehicle you use to drive to an Area A worksite is required to go through vehicle emissions testing. This applies even if you live outside of Area A.
- For employees who live outside of Area A, a proof of compliance form will be issued to you by the emissions testing facility at the time of emissions testing. Testing results, which are also sent electronically to ADOT, are needed for registration. After you submit your registration request, by mail or online, you will receive a registration tag for your license plate. For vehicles that are registered out-of-state (students/part-time employees) and that are parked on federal, state, or city parking properties, you will need to obtain an air quality compliance sticker for your driver's window from ADOT. For more information, please call the ADEQ VEIP Hotline at 1-877-692-9227 (1-877-myAZcar) or visit their website at myazcar.com.

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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medical emergency, family emergency or the commuter's carpool driver unexpectedly left early. ERH will return the employee to their car or their home. **You must have a Lyft account to self-dispatch the ERH.** Capitol Rideshare provides a voucher credit to pay for up to \$50 for an emergency ride. This will allow employees to book an emergency ride outside regular business hours without calling Capitol Rideshare. If you do not currently have a Lyft account, Lyft has provided a new user promo code just for Commuter Club members: COMMUTERCLUB. Please do not share this code or Lyft will cancel it. [More information about ERH, including an instructional video, is available online.](#)

Parking Permits managed in RideAmigos

Carpool parking permits are available to Commuter Club members who carpool at least three times per week. Also, carpool parking permit renewals will be managed through RideAmigos, so please ensure you have a current account by June 1. Contractors are not eligible for Commuter Club or permits.

New vanpool policy: Capitol Rideshare pays qualified employees' lease fees

For many state employees, transit is not an option for commuting to and from work. Several agency locations are not on transit lines (Deer Valley agencies, for instance). Pooling is the only option for these employees.

Employees who live at least 15 miles from their work sites are eligible to participate in vanpools. In an effort to increase the number of employees participating in vanpools, Capitol Rideshare has made a change to its vanpool policy. Effective January 1, 2020, Capitol Rideshare will pay the full lease costs for each employee in a vanpool. This includes employees who ride in employee-only vanpools and employees who are in vanpools with workers at other organizations. Employees are responsible for paying fuel costs.

To learn more about vanpools, please visit the [Capitol Rideshare vanpool web page](#).

Coordinator's Corner

Preparing for the Travel Reduction Survey

If you have not updated your agency's employee counts for the 2020 travel reduction survey, please be sure to get this done immediately. Contact Capitol Rideshare if you are having any problems.

Capitol Rideshare staff recently emailed the [training presentation](#) and link to the [seven-minute training video](#) for implementing the 2020 Travel Reduction Survey. The presentation includes the 2020 schedule, so please be sure to read through the slide deck even if you are a veteran coordinator. Group one consists of the Department of Economic Security and Department of Corrections; these employees will receive their survey link on February 18. Group two includes all other agencies; these employees will receive their survey link on February 28. We also are implementing changes to the daily reports we send to the coordinators, which should streamline the survey administration process for coordinators.

New Employee Orientation and revised Capitol Rideshare brochures

Capitol Rideshare staff is available to present an overview of the state's travel reduction program and services to employees at your agency's new employee orientation (NEO).

We have recently redesigned the Capitol Rideshare brochures to include updated information about RideAmigos. The brochures are being printed and should be delivered in February. Once the new brochures are delivered, we will send them to the coordinators. These should be included in new hire packets when new state employees are onboarded. Please send requests for presentations and brochures to RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov.

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Reminders

Save the Date for Bike to Work Day: April 15

Join Capitol Rideshare, Maricopa County and the City of Phoenix on April 15, 2020, for the 15th Annual Bike to Work Day! Cycling enthusiasts of all skill levels are encouraged to participate!

Participants will need to bring their own bikes, or use GRID Bike Share. The GRID Bike Share state employee discounted plan is only \$30 for an annual membership and it's an ideal option for commuters who take the bus or light rail, but need to travel beyond the transit stop.

Participants may choose to ride with a large police-escorted group from midtown Phoenix to City Hall Plaza (next to the Orpheum Theater), or to ride directly to City Hall Plaza at 200 W. Washington St. [Riders who register by April 8](#) will get a free breakfast, a t-shirt and be included in the raffle for prizes! Capitol Rideshare will have a table at City Hall Plaza; be sure to stop by and say hello!

Annual travel reduction survey coming

It's almost time for the annual travel reduction survey! Your travel reduction coordinators will send out emails with information and your agency's schedule. If you have any questions, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page in the survey section of the Capitol Rideshare website.

Platinum Pass: reconsider transit options at a reduced rate

The state offers a transit subsidy to employees who sign up for the Platinum Pass; there is no fee to apply for the pass. The current subsidy rate is 50 percent of the fare, up to half the cost of a monthly pass. Complete the [application](#), then send it to your agency's HR unit. Learn more about this program on [Capitol Rideshare's website](#).



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