

# Rideshare Review

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## Commuter Club will migrate to RideAmigos platform

*The new Transportation Demand Management system launch is imminent*

In the coming weeks, Capitol Rideshare will be migrating the Commuter Club to the RideAmigos Transportation Demand Management (TMD) platform. Current Commuter Club members who are registered with their work email address will be migrated over with their current profile. Employees who are registered with a personal email address **MUST** change their email addresses to their work email in their profile or they will no longer be registered in Commuter Club!

The new platform offers a variety of interactive features, including a multi-modal trip planner, trip-logging application and gamification for entering contests. RideAmigos will bring a ride-matching service in-house, allowing state employees to seek out other state employees for carpool and vanpool commute options. Also, Commuter Club members will have the ability to self-dispatch their emergency ride

home when they need it. Each member will receive Lyft credits for two rides per fiscal year. This will allow employees to book an emergency ride outside regular business hours without calling Capitol Rideshare.

The new platform is accessible via both a computer and a mobile device. The dashboard will allow employees to visualize their savings

Capitol Rideshare is finalizing some of the features and plans to launch in the coming weeks.



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The screenshot displays the Capitol Rideshare dashboard. At the top, there are navigation tabs: HOME, EVENTS, DASHBOARD (selected), PROGRAMS, and MANAGE. The user is logged in as 'Hi Mary!'. The main section is titled 'MY COMMUTES' and shows a selected commute from '501 E Camelback Rd > 100 N 15th A'. It includes fields for 'From' (501 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix) and 'To' (100 N 15th Ave, Phoenix), a 'Leave By' date of 12/05/2019 at 02:30 PM, and weather information (72°F). Below this, there are sections for 'MY CARPOOL' (0 members), 'WALK' (3.4 mi, 1hr 51 min), 'DRIVE' (3.4 mi, 14 min), and '2 BIKE OPTIONS' (3.4 mi, 32 min). A '3 OPTIONS' section is also visible. To the right, there's a 'TRACK YOUR TRIPS WITH THE COMMUTE TRACKER' section with a 'GET CONNECTED' button. Below that is a 'COMMUTE OPTIONS' section with 'Start' and 'Destination' fields. A summary card shows '\$36.68' saved, 8 non-SOV trips, 64.8 mi non-SOV distance, 52.6 lbs CO2 saved, and 0 calories burned. There are also '2 BADGES' earned: '1 NOV GOV TRIP' and '1 TELEWORK TRIP'. At the bottom, there's an 'Alternative Trips Leaderboard' table.

Alternative Trips Leaderboard	
USERS	NETWORKS
TOP COMMUTERS	TOP%
1 Dean	72
2 Sarah	63
3 Veronica	52
4 Thomas	24

# Nissan offers up to \$3,500 rebate on 2019 LEAF electric car; ADOA has negotiated additional discounts

In an effort to accelerate electric vehicle transportation alternatives throughout the United States, Nissan North America, Inc. is offering Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Emission Test Receipt holders a special opportunity to purchase the 100 percent electric Nissan LEAF. To receive the offer, bring to your participating Nissan dealership (i) a [copy of this flyer](#), (ii) proof of eligible residency, and (iii) your current ADEQ Emissions Test with the State of Arizona. These items must be presented at the time of purchase; offer expires January 2, 2020.

ADOA Office of Grants and Federal Resources has negotiated additional discounts for the purchase of a Nissan or Infiniti, which can be used toward the purchase of the LEAF electric car. This discount can be used in conjunction with the rebate. To take advantage of the discounted purchase price, follow these steps:

1. Visit [www.insidenissan.com](http://www.insidenissan.com) and choose a brand.
2. Select "BUSINESS ASSOCIATE" to begin the registration process.
3. Enter your VPP Company Code: **VPP023080**.
4. Enter the employee information requested.
5. Take the Claim Form ID Number issued and your proof of employment to your local dealership; the Claim ID is valid for 45 days.
6. Drive away for less!

Valid proof of employment consists of the following that indicates the company name and eligible employee's name: Paycheck stub (amounts can be marked through); company-issued photo ID; or letter from HR confirming employment. To view other pertinent information regarding the Vehicle Purchase Program, visit [www.insidenissan.com](http://www.insidenissan.com). Employees may also call 800-299-4753 with any questions.

## Capitol Rideshare recognized with Clean Air Awards in October

Valley Metro held its Annual Clean Air Campaign Awards Lunch on October 30. The event recognizes and celebrates organizations and individuals who work to reduce employer-related commutes, thereby reducing the resulting air pollution. Capitol Rideshare was recognized for Outstanding Travel Reduction Program, More than 500 employees—Public Employer. Capitol Rideshare's Mary Marshall was recognized for Outstanding Transportation Coordinator, More than 500 employees – Public Employer.



## Replace your wood-burning fire pit with propane—at a discount

A combination of wood burning and stagnant weather conditions can create poor air quality during the winter season. In an effort to reduce smoke produced by outdoor wood burning fire pits, the Maricopa County Air Quality Department has created a Propane Fire Pit Program in partnership with the Arizona Propane Gas Association and Home Depot. The program provides a \$75 voucher for the purchase of a propane fire pit at Home Depot. The program is available to all Maricopa County residents. Limit of one voucher per household every three years. Vouchers can only be used for outdoor propane fire pits. For more information, please visit the [Propane Fire Pit Program website](#).



# Congratulations to the Rideshare Month winners!

Capitol Rideshare celebrated Rideshare Month in October by rewarding four Commuter Club members with a four-pack of tickets to the state fair! Winners were chosen at random from among employees who are current Commuter Club members. Membership in Commuter Club is free to employees who use an alternate mode at least twice a week, which include transit, carpooling, vanpooling, electric vehicle, bike/walk and telework. Capitol Rideshare thanks the Arizona Expo & State Fair for donating the tickets!



Meet the winners! From left to right: Heide Kocsis, Land Department; Riane Meister, Administrative Office of the Courts; Samantha Mata, Attorney General's Office and Sherri Ross, Department of Transportation.

## Join Valley Metro as the Polar Express and Winter World Express roll into town for the holidays!

The [Polar Express](#) takes families on a train ride to meet Santa while enjoying holiday treats. These special weekend holiday trains leave from the Mesa Dr./Main St. light rail station on Dec. 6, 7, 13 and 14 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Winter World Express is heading into town on Dec. 8 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the 19th Ave./Dunlap station. See music and dance performances by Washington High School students. Refreshments offered by the International Rescue Committee. Santa will be there to take pictures with the kids! Other holiday events and celebrations accessible via the light rail system include:

### [World Bazaar](#)

Dec. 7; 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
Light rail exit: 19th Ave./Camelback

### [APS Electric Light Parade](#)

Dec. 7; begins at 7:00 p.m.  
Light rail exit: Central Ave./Camelback

### [Winter World Express](#)

Dec. 8; 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Light rail exit: 19th Ave./Dunlap

### [Fantasy of Lights in Tempe Boat Parade](#)

Dec. 14 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Light rail exit: Mill Ave./3rd St.



## Coordinator's Corner

### Annual Travel Reduction Survey is right around the corner!

In January, Capitol Rideshare staff will be reaching out to you to update the employee counts for the upcoming annual Travel Reduction Survey. You will be asked to review the information extracted from HRIS to confirm the employee count by location. The employee/location counts must be as accurate as possible to ensure accurate survey results. You will need to note if your agency has had address changes in 2019. Capitol Rideshare staff also will provide a survey schedule and updated training prior to the survey launch. Staff will provide support throughout the survey process.

### Please do not cancel a state employee's Platinum Pass when he/she transfers to another state agency

It is not uncommon for state employees to work at multiple state agencies over the course of their public service careers. For employees who use the Platinum Pass to take transit, it is essential that they are able to take their Platinum Passes with them when they transfer agencies. Please do not cancel a Platinum Pass if the employees are transferring to another state agency. The transit passes will transfer with them to their new agencies. If the employee's pass is canceled and he/she must apply for a new pass. The employee will be billed for two passes (and Capitol Rideshare pays 50% of the cost for both passes).

Please refer to page 9 in the new [HRIS Resource Guide: Agency Transit Cards](#) for related information or contact Central Payroll if you have any questions.

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## Reminders

### Reduce commute costs with Platinum Pass

Valley Metro Local, Express, and RAPID buses and light rail can get you to work without the hassle of driving in traffic! 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. Just complete the [application](#) and send it to your agency's human resources unit. Please visit the [Capitol Rideshare's website](#) to learn more about this program.

### Help fight transit fraud!

Employees are responsible for all charges incurred on their Platinum Pass until they notify their human resources department, in writing, that the pass is lost or stolen. To prevent fraud, please do the following:

- Keep your pass secured.
- Check your paystub for charges, even when you have not used your pass.
- NEVER loan your pass to anyone else.
- Report your pass missing immediately, in writing, to your human resources liaison.
- If replacing, follow up with HR to ensure your missing pass has been replaced.

### 2019 Valley Metro holiday schedule

The holiday season is here. Employees who take transit are advised to check the [2019 Valley Metro Holiday Schedule](#) to ensure transit is available as needed.

### Tell us how we're doing!

Have you recently contacted us with a request for information or service? Please complete this [brief online survey](#).



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