

# Rideshare Review

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## 2022 Travel Reduction Survey coming soon

*Complete the survey by the deadline to be entered into a gift card drawing*

The State and other large employers are required by law to survey annually all of their employees working in Maricopa County at least three days per week for no less than six months per year. Interns, temporary workers and contractors should not take the survey.

Your participation in this survey is critical! This survey information has provided us the data to secure transit subsidies, provide input on bus routes, and make suggestions for the light rail system.

Later this month, you will be receiving the official email survey link to complete your survey. Simply click on the link, provide the necessary information about your daily commute, and submit. It's easy and will take only 5-7 minutes to complete. Each agency must obtain as close to 100% participation as possible.

**Telecommuting:** you must fill out the survey if you are telecommuting or working in virtual office status. Please fill out the survey according to the schedule you are currently working. Question #3 asks about your commute. If you are telecommuting one or more days per week, choose the corresponding number of days you are currently telecommuting. If you are only working remotely and not driving into the office, use the number of miles you previously drove to the agency work site when asked for your commute miles in question #6 and estimated time from your home to the agency work site, even if you are NOT currently driving. If you were hired as a virtual worker, please select the main agency headquarters address. Items #8 – #12 on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page explains how and why telecommuters must complete the survey.

**Gift card drawing:** New this year! Capitol Rideshare has added an incentive for employees to complete the survey. All employees who complete the survey by March 11 will be opted into a **drawing for a \$25 gift card** with a winner chosen at random. If you do not want to be entered into the survey, please be sure to click the button to opt out.

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page in the survey section of [CapitolRideshare.az.gov](http://CapitolRideshare.az.gov). Also, there is a short [tutorial video](#) that explains how to navigate the survey instrument.

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# April is Valley Bike Month

*Have fun, make a difference, and enter to win great prizes!*

Valley Metro is celebrating [Valley Bike Month](#) with challenges and contest prizes for participants (a ShareTheRide account is required to participate):

## Pledge to Ride

Visit [ShareTheRide.com](#) and take the Valley Bike Month pledge from **March 1 – 31** for a chance to win a \$50 California Pizza Kitchen gift card.

## Valley Bike Month Challenge

Compete with cyclists valley-wide to log the most bike trips and be entered to win a limited edition Valley Bike Month bicycle bell. Also up for grabs are Arizona Restaurant and Costco gift cards! Visit [ShareTheRide.com](#) and go to Challenges.

## Prizes Galore!

Valley Metro has contests for bicyclists all month long, special contests for Challenge participants, and of course contests for “regular” alternative mode users as well. Visit [ShareTheRide.com](#) and click on PROGRAMS, then Rewards for more info.



## Reminder: employees must carpool at least three times/week to participate in the Capitol Rideshare carpool program

Capitol Rideshare’s carpool program rules state that employees who carpool at least three times per week are eligible for a Capitol Rideshare carpool parking permit. **If you are working remotely and are no longer carpooling, please contact Capitol Rideshare staff via email at [RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov](mailto:RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov) to cancel your parking permit.**

# Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

## 2022 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](http://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 visit [azdot.gov/mvd](http://azdot.gov/mvd) or contact the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division at 602-255-0072.
- 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](http://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.

# Congratulations to our RideAmigos contest winners!

Capitol Rideshare launched the RideAmigos monthly contests in June 2020 and employees are logging trips, earning points and redeeming the points to enter contests to win prizes! **Remember, remote work days count as alternate modes—so log those remote work days!** Below are lists of Commuter Club members who entered the contests and were randomly selected as winners via the RideAmigos gamification module.

Members of [Commuter Club](#) are eligible to join the fun and start redeeming their points for the chance to win a gift card! Here's how it works:

1. Log your alternate modes and collect your points.
2. Once you have at least 100 points, scroll to the bottom of your dashboard to your My Rewards section. Click on RideAmigos Sign Up and Trip Logging Points.
3. Under your points total, click on Show Details and Inventory.
4. The dashboard expands to show you the awards available to you and the points required to enter the drawing.
5. Click on the drawing you wish to enter. If you have the points available, you can redeem points for up to three entries. Example: If you have a points balance of 300 and each entry is 100 points, you can redeem the balance of your points for three drawing entries.

Start redeeming your points today—and if you haven't started logging your trips, get started! You can log previous trips up to 30 days! If you need help learning how to log trips, please visit the FAQs linked posted on [Capitol Rideshare's RideAmigos information page](#).

December winners	Agency	January winners	Agency
Nidhi Krishna	AHCCCS	Danyelle Harris	ADOT
Grissel Johnson	Dept. of Agriculture	Zachary Harris	Governor's Office
Christina Weber	Dept. of Revenue	Christina Weber	Dept. of Revenue
James Everett	Dept. of Health Services	Denella Kirkland	Dept. of Education
Susanne Shurtz	Dept. of Public Safety	Susanne Shurtz	Dept. of Public Safety
Sandy Porth	Attorney General's Office	Katie DiTullio	Dept. of Education
LaKeisha Lewis	Dept. of Administration	Sharon Kagen	AZ Schools for the Deaf & Blind
Shelby Williams	AZ Schools for the Deaf & Blind	Lydia Lallo	Dept. of Education
Tammy Seilheimer	Auditor General's Office	Carolinne Shaffer	AHCCCS
Debera Massahos	ADOT	Gary Glatting	Dept. of Administration
Jakob Trierweiler	Court of Appeals	Jakob Trierweiler	Court of Appeals
Wayne Miller	Dept. of Environmental Quality	Marta Raiford	ADOT
Gary Glatting	Dept. of Administration	Lucinda Feeley	Dept. of Health Services
Frances Savedra	Dept. of Economic Security	Erica Johnson	AHCCCS
Melanie Lam	Dept. of Economic Security	Debera Massahos	ADOT
Andrew Hagler	Dept. of Revenue	Rand Rosenbaum	Supreme Court
Erin McDowell	Dept. of Economic Security	Shelby Williams	AZ Schools for the Deaf & Blind
Deborah Kimmick	Industrial Commission	Barbara Sullinger	ADOT
Erica Johnson	AHCCCS	Erica Johnson	AHCCCS
Mandi Bradley	Dept. of Revenue	Linda Hogan	ADOT

## Coordinator's Corner

### Annual Travel Reduction Survey training materials are online

The Annual Travel Reduction Survey is right around the corner! Capitol Rideshare staff recently emailed the training presentation and link to the [training video](#) for implementing the 2022 Travel Reduction Survey. The presentation includes the 2022 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, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and Blind; these employees will receive their survey link via email on February 16. Group two includes all other agencies; these employees will receive their survey link on February 28. Staff will send daily reports to apprise you of your agency's progress toward meeting the state's 80 percent response rate goal.

### Emergency Ride Home: Sign up now for the Commuter Club!

Employees who use an alternate mode at least twice per week—carpool, transit, telework, compressed work week, electric vehicle, biking or walking—are eligible for free membership in Commuter Club. 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 medical emergency, family emergency or the commuter's carpool driver unexpectedly left early. **Please note: 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 not cover a driver tip). For more information, visit the [Commuter Club page](#) online.

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## Reminders & Notes

### 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 employees a subsidized 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.

### Do your part to 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 and mailed.

### Valley Metro Design a Transit Wrap contest

Do you know or have a family member that is a high school student and is a talented artist? Encourage them to design and submit an entry for [Valley Metro's Design a Transit Wrap contest](#). The first-place winner will have their work displayed on a bus and light rail train for a year and will also receive \$750. The deadline to enter is **February 11**.



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