

Rideshare Review

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Seeking nominees for the 2022 Clean Air Awards!

Capitol Rideshare will nominate employees who are dedicated alternate mode users for Valley Metro's annual Clean Air Campaign awards

Each year, Valley Metro hosts a Clean Air Awards campaign culminating in an awards ceremony that celebrates October as Rideshare month. This year's awards ceremony takes place on October 17. Capitol Rideshare has participated in the competition, nominating state employees for various categories that recognize their dedication to travel reduction and improving air quality. The honorees have significantly reduced air pollution and traffic congestion by supporting clean air programs and encouraging the use of alternative modes of transportation, including carpool, vanpool, bus, light rail, telework, biking and walking.

Do you know a dedicated carpooler? Are you a diehard bus rider? Capitol Rideshare is reaching out to state agencies to recommend employees for the 2022 awards. The categories for outstanding commuter include: Bus or Light Rail Rider, Carpooler, Vanpooler, Bicyclist or Walker. Profiles on previous winners were included in the [Rideshare Review](#). Capitol Rideshare staff also would like to hear if there is a leader who has shown outstanding support of the organization's travel reduction program and/or clean air projects, or led by example.

Nominees should have an interesting and/or compelling story related to their commute (i.e., has your alternate mode use allowed you to develop a lasting friendship through your commute?). Staff will work with nominees to craft an interesting nomination; nominees must be willing to work with staff on the nomination. **Please send your nominations to RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov by August 2.**

Valley Metro will announce the finalists ahead of the ceremony. Nominees who are finalists will attend the awards ceremony and luncheon at the JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn in October. Let's make sure the state is well represented!



State employees receiving a Clean Air Campaign Award in 2019

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Platinum Pass Pilot Program now underway; transit card is fully subsidized through November 30, 2022

As announced in the last issue of Rideshare Review (April/May 2022), Capitol Rideshare has launched a pilot program that will offer a fully subsidized Platinum Pass to state employees for six months, beginning on June 1, 2022, subject to the ongoing availability of funding. Previously, the state's Platinum Pass program provided a 50% subsidy and employees' half was paid via a payroll deduction, usually the second pay period of the month. Given the recent significant increase in gas prices, the pilot program is an effective option to support employees who must travel into the office one or more days per week. Valley Metro's website offers a variety of trip planning tools at www.ValleyMetro.org. Employees may also contact a Valley Metro route specialist directly at 602.253.5000.



During the pilot program, Capitol Rideshare staff will analyze the ridership data and associated costs to determine if there is funding available to continue the fully subsidized program through the end of fiscal year 2023. Staff will keep employees up-to-date regarding any plans to extend the program and will notify employees prior to the pilot program conclusion, currently scheduled for November 30, 2022.

How to sign up for the Platinum Pass

To sign up for the Platinum Pass program, please visit the [Capitol Rideshare website](#) to learn more about the program and download the application (applications should be returned to the employee's human resources contact for processing; Capitol Rideshare staff cannot process Platinum Pass applications). Please allow two weeks to receive the card, which is mailed to the employee's home address. **Please note: transit charges accrued on the Platinum Pass for usage through May 2022, with employees' portion taken in the June payroll deduction. The 100% subsidy began with usage on June 1, 2022.**

2022 Annual Travel Reduction Survey results at a glance

Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 49-588 requires all large employers in Maricopa County, including the State of Arizona, to annually survey their employees regarding their commuting habits and measuring the single occupancy vehicle (SOV) rates. Survey data allows Capitol Rideshare to secure bus subsidies, provide input on bus routes, and make suggestions for the light rail system.

This year, the survey was sent to nearly 23,000 state employees working in Maricopa County. Here are the unofficial results:

- State's overall response rate: 82%; 56 agencies had a response rate at or above 80%
- Total number of valid surveys submitted: 17,449
- Average number of miles employees drive (one way): 20
- Average commute time (one way): 35 minutes
- State's SOV rate: 50.95%; SOV miles traveled rate: 51.47%.

Congratulations to Jennifer Wagner and Laura Raymond, who were randomly chosen as the travel reduction survey \$25 gift card drawing winners!

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](#).

April winners	Agency	May winners	Agency
Muna Haddad	Dept. of Child Safety	Linda Hogan	ADOT
Laurie Kelly	Dept. of Administration	Samantha Goldstein	Dept. of Economic Security
Sandra Tiller	Dept. of Economic Security	Mandi Bradley	Dept. of Revenue
Hannah Rodriguez	ADOT	Elisa Koler	Dept. of Education
Gerardo Rodriguez	Corporation Commission	Ben Black	ADOT
Donna Auguste	Dept. of Economic Security	Lora Riordan	Dept. of Administration
James Everett	Dept. of Health Services	Gary Glatting	Dept. of Administration
Naomi Moreno	Dept. of Revenue	Karla Henriksen	Lottery Commission
Judy Leung	Dept. of Economic Security	Michelle Carella	Dept. of Revenue
Karen Eatherly	ADOT	Lauren Prole	AHCCCS
Patricia DiMaggio	Dept. of Economic Security	Rand Rosenbaum	Supreme Court
Cynthia Leppell	AHCCCS	Jakob Trierweiler	Court of Appeals
Marlene Coffey	Dept. of Corrections	Tami Schuler	Dept. of Administration
Gary Glatting	Dept. of Administration	Nidhi Krishna	AHCCCS
Thersa Vencill	Governor's Office	Elaine Saborowski	Secretary of State
Christie Abrams	AZ Schools for the Deaf & Blind	Shiela McCurdy	ADOT
Fiona Donohoe	Dept. of Economic Security	Katherine Dominguez	House of Representatives
Evie Williams	Dept. of Housing	David Coffey	Dept. of Corrections
Megan Baker	Dept. of Education	Carolinne Shaffer	AHCCCS
Carissa Whiting	Secretary of State	Christy Kramer	Dept. of Administration

Coordinator's Corner

2022 agency survey reports

Staff has begun preparing individual agency survey reports using the 2022 travel reduction survey data. The reports measure each agency's progress toward reaching the goal of having no more than 60% of its employee commutes as single occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips. Once all reports have been completed, staff will post these to the survey results page on the Capitol Rideshare website and send an email notification to the coordinators. Please note: reports are prepared only for agencies with more than ten employees.

Coordinator debrief on August 3

The coordinator post-survey debrief takes place 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on August 3, 2022 at a conference room at the Arizona's Connected Workspace hoteling site at 1400 W Washington, first floor. Following the debrief, we have a tour available for coordinators who would like to learn more about the hoteling facilities. Staff will send a calendar invitation and more information.

Please do not cancel transit cards when employees transfer agencies

For employees who use the Platinum Pass should 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 unless an employee requests it. 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 will pay 50% of the cost for both passes). Please refer to ADOA's [HRIS training resources webpage](#) for related information or contact Central Payroll if you have any questions.

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Reminders & Notes

Emergency Ride Home: Enroll now in Commuter Club for this benefit

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. This includes an emergency ride home (ERH) from work, up to twice per fiscal year, for unexpected emergencies. Please note: you must have a Lyft account to self-dispatch the ERH; Capitol Rideshare provides a Lyft voucher credit to pay for up to \$50 for an emergency ride. Visit the [Commuter Club page](#) to learn more.

Employees must carpool three times/week to participate in the 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 Rideshare-Help@azdoa.gov to cancel your parking permit. Also, all permits should have been renewed for FY23. Please let us know if you did not receive your renewal sticker.

Valley Metro notice: a labor shortage is impacting service

Due to a lack of Valley Metro bus operators, there may be disruptions to your schedules, including delayed service and missed trips. To help you locate your next arriving bus or train, try downloading the Valley Metro app. This app provides you with real-time vehicle tracking, updated schedule information and rider alerts. Download now in the Google Play or Apple App stores. Learn more at valleymetro.org/app. Valley Metro apologizes for this inconvenience.



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