

Rideshare Review

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2023 Travel Reduction Survey is here!

Complete the survey by March 10 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. You should have received the survey link via email.

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.

New this year: The travel reduction survey is now hosted on the Capitol Rideshare RideAmigos transportation demand management (TDM) platform and provides a much improved user experience. This is the same platform that hosts the Commuter Club, monthly contest drawings, the Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program and the ride-matching service. For employees who have been using these services, the survey interface will have a familiar feel..

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: Capitol Rideshare has added an incentive for employees to complete the survey. All employees who complete the survey by March 10 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.

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Bike-to-Work Day is back! Save the date: April 19

Join Capitol Rideshare, Maricopa County and the City of Phoenix on April 19, 2023 for Bike-to-Work Day! Cycling enthusiasts of all skill levels are encouraged to participate! Participants will need to bring their own bikes.

There will be an official group ride that begins in midtown at [Park Central](#) and is tentatively scheduled to travel down 3rd Street (route [map](#)) and off of Adams at City Hall Plaza (East of the Orpheum Theater). These riders will have a police escort. Due to construction, Phoenix Police plan to go with whatever route works best that day.

You must [register by April 7](#) to participate in the official group ride and be eligible to receive a t-shirt, breakfast and to enter a drawing for prizes! Visit the [Bike-to-Work Day website](#) for additional information.

Valley Metro's Bike Month Challenge

Valley Metro is celebrating Valley Bike Month in April with challenges and contest prizes for participants (a ShareTheRide account is required to participate). Compete with cyclists valley-wide to log the most bike trips and be entered to win bragging rights, limited-edition swag, and gift cards. Visit [ShareTheRide.com](#) and go to Challenges. 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.

Stay tuned for more details, and check out Valley Metro's [Valley Bike Month](#) page for other events happening in the Valley.

Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

2023 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, [azdeq.gov/emaps](#).

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](#) 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](#).
- 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 and redeeming points to enter contests for 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 gift card winners via the RideAmigos gamification module.

December winners	Agency	January winners	Agency
Laura Minnick	Board of Accountancy	Cesar Perez	Dept. of Health Services
Margaret Healey	Dept. of Economic Security	Shawna Robles	Dept. of Economic Security
Mandi Bradley	Dept. of Revenue	Sandra Tiller	Dept. of Economic Security
Mary Coyne	Registrar of Contractors	Carolinne Shaffer	AHCCCS
Jakob Trierweiler	Court of Appeals	Nicholas Goettl	Dept. of Water Resources
Lora Riordan	Dept. of Administration	Ellen Bourget	Governor's Office of Highway
Michelle Carella	Dept. of Revenue	Dale Choyeski	Dept. of Transportation
Shiela Mccurdy	Dept. of Transportation	Frances Savedra	Dept. of Economic Security
Ashley McManis	Dept. of Economic Security	Wayne Miller	Dept. of Environmental Quality
Stephen Skuba	Dept. of Public Safety	Wendy Walther	Corporation Commission
Brenda Vanderwerp	Dept. of Education	Lisa Dull	Dept. of Economic Security
Wayne Miller	Dept. of Environmental Quality	Tiffany Sprague	Game and Fish Dept.
Erica Johnson	AHCCCS	Margaret Healey	Dept. of Economic Security
Melanie Lam	Dept. of Economic Security	Dee Woodard	AHCCCS
Martin Gaxiola	Supreme Court	Evie Williams	Dept. of Housing
Shirley Holm	Dept. of Child Safety	Alexis Fawley	Dept. of Public Safety
Amy Heistand	Board of Nursing	Laurie Kelly	Dept. of Administration
Tammy Seilheimer	Dept. of Economic Security	Mark Welsh	AHCCCS
Gerardo Rodriguez	Corporation Commission	Leah Almond	Dept. of Transportation
Julie Stevens	AHCCCS	Nicole Kelsheimer	Dept. of Education

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](#).

Coordinator's Corner

Please review survey reports to track your agency's progress

The Annual Travel Reduction Survey is underway. Capitol Rideshare staff recently emailed the link to the training video and slide deck for implementing the 2023 Travel Reduction Survey. As noted in the training materials, staff will work with you to ensure you implement a successful survey at your agency. Staff sends daily reports to apprise you of your agency's progress toward meeting the state's 80 percent response rate goal. These reports help you determine who needs to complete a survey so you can tailor your outreach efforts to those employees and locations that have not returned the minimum number of surveys. Please review the reports and share them with your agencies' leadership if your agency is not reaching the minimum number of surveys at each mandatory reporting site. Please let us know if you have questions.

Emergency Ride Home: Don't wait for an emergency, sign up now for 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, free through June 30, 2023

Valley Metro buses and light rail can get you to work without the hassle of driving! Capitol Rideshare launched a pilot program offering a fully subsidized Platinum Pass through June 30, 2023. To sign up for the pass, 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.

West Phoenix High-Capacity Transit Study Public Meetings

Valley Metro and the City of Phoenix have initiated the West Phoenix High-capacity Transit Alternatives Analysis for the high-transit usage Maryvale area in west Phoenix. The study will identify a recommended route and type of high-capacity transit (bus rapid transit, streetcar or light rail transit) that will best meet the area's transportation needs. [Click here](#) for meeting information and visit valleymetro.org/westphoenix for information about the study.

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.



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