

Rideshare Review

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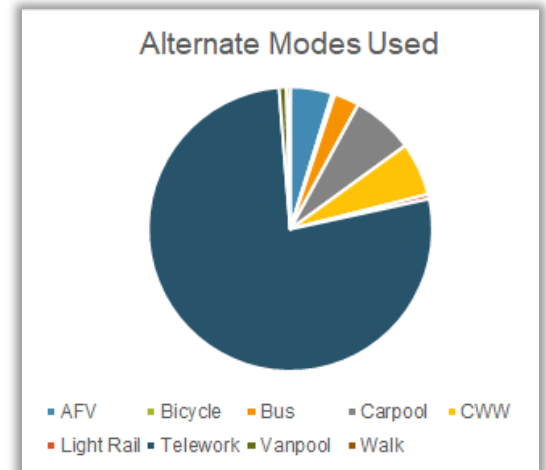
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2023 Travel Reduction Survey results online

More than half of agencies, boards and commissions met the statutory goal

More than 18,000 state employees who work in Maricopa County completed the annual Travel Reduction Survey for fiscal year 2023. Data shows that more than half of state agencies, boards and commissions met or exceeded the statutory goals of no more than 60 percent single occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips and SOV miles traveled (SOVMT) of employees' commutes to work. In fact, the state's overall rates were 47 percent and 45 percent, respectively, for SOV and SOVMT, which Capitol Rideshare staff attributed to continued wide adoption of remote work by state employees.



The chart above indicates the breakdown of alternate modes that employees reported using in the 2023 Travel Reduction Survey.

Individual agency results

The following agencies met the statutory mandate and had SOV and SOVMT rates below 60 percent: Accountancy Board • AHCCCS • Arizona Finance Authority • Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) • Auditor General's Office • Board of Barbering and Cosmetology • Board of Behavioral Health Examiners • Board of Nursing • Board of Pharmacy • Charter School Board • Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing • Corporation Commission • Court of Appeals • Criminal Justice Commission • Dept. of Administration • Dept. of Education • Dept. of Environmental Quality • Dept. of Insurance and Financial Institutions • Dept. of Forestry and Fire Management • Dept. of Gaming • Dept. of Housing • Dept. of Revenue • Dept. of Water Resources • Early Childhood Development and Health Board • Game and Fish Dept. • Governor's Office of Highway Safety • Industrial Commission • Land Dept. • Lottery Commission • Medical Board • Office of Administrative Hearings • Office of Economic Opportunity • Office of Tourism • Parks Board • Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) • Registrar of Contractors • Treasurer's Office • Supreme Court.

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Seeking nominees for the 2023 Clean Air Campaign Awards

Each year, Valley Metro hosts a Clean Air Campaign culminating in an awards ceremony that celebrates October as Rideshare month. In previous years, Capitol Rideshare has participated in the competition, nominating state employees for various categories that recognize their dedication to travel reduction and improving air quality. Employees have won for biking, vanpooling, transit and multimodal commuting. The Capitol Rideshare program and staff have also been honored and the state's remote work program won an award.

Capitol Rideshare is seeking nominees for this year's event, which takes place October 20. This year's categories are transit user (bus, light rail, or streetcar), carpool, vanpool, bike or walk. Are you a long-time alternate mode user? Do you have a coworker who has taken transit or carpooled for many years? 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 and send a photo and/or short video. Please send your nominations to RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov by August 16.



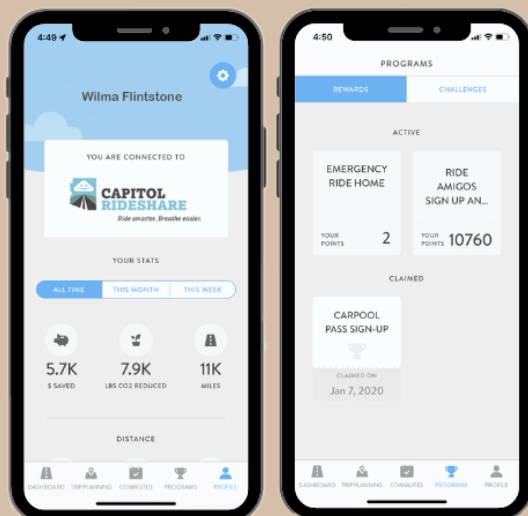
Tempe Vice Mayor Jennifer Adams, Phoenix Vice Mayor Laura Pastor, former COO for Governor Ducey Sarah Rose Webber, Valley Metro CEO Jessica Mefford Miller. Webber was honored for her leadership in championing telework.

Valley Metro will announce the finalists ahead of the awards ceremony. The nominees who are chosen as finalists will attend the awards ceremony and luncheon being held at the Omni Tempe Hotel at ASU in Tempe in October. Let's ensure that the state is well represented!

RideAmigos Commute Tracker app: link your smartphone to your Commuter Club account

After you have created your RideAmigos account, you can download the RideAmigos Commute Tracker app on your smartphone and connect it to your RideAmigos account using the PIN available under your profile's connected apps setting ([tutorial video](#)). Once your Commuter Club application has been approved, your Commuter Club rewards will also show in your Commute Tracker app, which is available in Apple's App (IOS) Store or the Google Play store.

You can also access your Emergency Ride Home credits on the app through the program menu. Once you complete the request, the Lyft Pass code will appear; you will need to enter it into your Lyft app (under payment, then type it into the Lyft Pass field).



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Additionally, the Attorney General's Office, Dept. of Child Safety, Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Economic Security, Dept. of Health Services, Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Veteran's Services, and the Secretary of State had one or more locations that met the SOV/SOVMT rate goals.

To learn more and view individual agency results, please visit the [2023 Travel Reduction Survey results](#) page on the Capitol Rideshare website.

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.

June winners	Agency	July winners	Agency
Amanda Weldy	Registrar of Contractors	Joshua Knapp	Dept. of Administration
Jennifer Gandy	Dept. of Game & Fish	Stephanie Huang	Dept. of Environmental Quality
Vanessa Chavez	Dept. of Economic Security	Jay DeArrastia	Dept. of Real Estate
Terrance Spencer	Dept. of Economic Security	Rhonda Sullivan	Dept. of Public Safety
Laurie Kelly	Dept. of Administration	Anita Valdez	Dept. of Transportation
Ed Pollak	Dept. of Economic Security	David Schahn	Dept. of Administration
Daniel Lukose	Dept. of Transportation	Fran Parmenter	AHCCCS
Danyelle Harris	Dept. of Transportation	Naomi Moreno	Dept. of Revenue
Elizabeth Douglas	Legislative Council	Cesar Perez	Dept. of Health Services
Joshua Knapp	Dept. of Administration	Marcy Bernasconi	Registrar of Contractors
Linda Oakley	AHCCCS	Samantha Goldstein	Dept. of Economic Security
Shiela McCurdy	Dept. of Transportation	James Tiffany	Dept. of Health Services
Leah Almond	Dept. of Transportation	Ricardo Gonzales	Corporation Commission
Kyle Nelson	Registrar of Contractors	Lora Riordan	Dept. of Administration
Elizabeth Beck	Dept. of Child Safety	Lisa Dull	Dept. of Economic Security
Christina Schereck	Dept. of Game & Fish	Eduardo Rodriguez	Industrial Commission
Stephanie Dahlberg	Dept. of Economic Security	Wayne Miller	Dept. of Environmental Quality
Lora Riordan	Dept. of Administration	Victor Machiche	Dept. of Administration
Nihi Krishna	Dept. of Health Services	Gary Glatting	Dept. of Administration
Jeffrey Law	Dept. of Revenue	Tami Schuler	Dept. of Administration

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 point 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

Don't forget to send the FY23 agency Travel Reduction Plans

If you were contacted by staff to complete an FY 24 agency travel reduction program (TRP) plan, please email your plan to Rideshare-Help@azdoa.gov by **Aug. 25**. Detailed plan information, including the plan template, is included on the [Coordinator's page](#) of the Capitol Rideshare website. An agency's travel reduction plan remains in effect for two years. Be sure to download your agency's 2023 Travel Reduction Survey scorecard and review the data. The 2023 report cards are posted to the [2023 Travel Reduction Survey results page](#) of the Capitol Rideshare website.

Please cancel transit cards when an employee leaves state service

Agencies must cancel an employee's transit card when an employee is leaving state service. Transit cards are considered state property and must be returned at separation. Capitol Rideshare staff are reviewing data at the beginning of each month and finding active transit cards for inactive employees. Staff then emails the list of these active cards to the Platinum Pass processor for the agency with a request to cancel the card. If your agency has received such a list and request, please work with the processor (if it is someone other than you) to review the agency's procedures to determine how this is happening and change the process to ensure former employees are not leaving with active transit cards. **Please do not cancel the transit card if the employee is transferring to another state agency.** 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

How to sign up for the FREE Platinum Pass transit card

Capitol Rideshare is fully subsidizing the Platinum Pass, meaning state employees can take transit for FREE through FY24. To sign up for the Platinum Pass, 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 2-3 weeks to receive the card, which is mailed to the employee's home address.

Emergency Ride Home is a perk of Commuter Club membership

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 medical emergency or the commuter's carpool driver unexpectedly leaving early. ERH will return the employee to their car or their home. 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. Visit the [Commuter Club page](#) for more information.

Ride-matching for carpool and vanpool

Employees who are seeking a carpool partner or an open seat in an established vanpool should create a profile on the [Capitol Rideshare Ride-Amigos](#) platform as well as the Valley Metro [ShareTheRide.com platform](#). This will allow employees to seek and reach out to rideshare partners whose routes and schedules match their own.



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