

Carpool Programs 101

Equip employees to carpool for better job satisfaction, retention, & more!

Employees are **spending more money and time on commuting** as costs and distances traveled for work have increased. Bad commutes not only **hurt job satisfaction, retention, and productivity**, but can **discourage job candidates from applying to join your team**.

For employers looking to improve commutes, especially those in industrial districts and non-urban areas with limited transportation options and 24/7 shifts, carpooling offers employees a practical commute solution that nets all kinds of benefits.

Here's how to build successful employee carpool programs, using **free tools and support services** from Get There Oregon and our partners.

Free Support Services & Tools



Consultation & Planning

Get expert help creating a turnkey and cost-effective employee carpool program.



Carpool Matching Support

Match employees into carpools using **Oregon's free online <u>Get</u>** <u>There Connect</u> tool. For workers with limited digital access, carpool match cards are available.



Promotions Support

Download **ready-made and customizable employee materials** promoting carpooling and using Get There Connect in our **Commute Solutions Toolkit**.





- **Saves money** on commute costs
- Improves job satisfaction by reducing stress from traffic, long commutes, & parking hassles
- Frees up time to relax & recharge during the commute
- ► Boosts mental health & productivity
- Reduces personal carbon emissions



- Increases staff retention by improving work experience & job satisfaction
- Serves as a recruiting tool to attract talent, including from farther away
- Boosts employee engagement, performance, & productivity
- ► Encourages **employee on-time arrival**
- Decreases parking demand & costs
- Reduces traffic for better freight & service delivery
- Improves sustainability by reducing your organization's carbon footprint



Successful carpool program strategies





Create a plan

- Set up your carpool program, covering business goals, employee carpool matching and coordination strategies, perks and incentives, and promotions
- Involve leadership and key departments, such as HR, communications, environmental health and safety, facilities, and sustainability
- Tie in organizational initiatives, such as HR benefits, health and wellness, sustainability, and new employee onboarding



Provide perks & incentives

- Offer free or reduced-rate preferred onsite parking or a paid parking stipend
- Extend emergency ride home options (like taxi rides)



Get the word out

- Promote carpooling, rideshare tools, and perks/incentives to your employees (turnkey materials can be downloaded in our Commute Solutions Toolkit)
- Involve employee champions, such as supervisors and green teams
- ► Hold lunch-n-learns and benefits fairs—our local partners can assist you



Match employees into carpools

- ► Help employees match up into carpools, using tools like <u>Get There Connect</u>
- Post carpool match cards in breakrooms for employees with limited digital access
- ► Involve scheduling and shift managers to facilitate carpool matching



Assist with carpool coordination

Provide employees with tips for setting up carpools (visit the 'For Commuters' section on GetThereOregon.org)



Hold challenges & offer rewards

- Organize challenges to encourage employees to carpool
- Offer rewards for logging carpool trips in Get There Connect to promote ongoing use
- Take advantage of statewide initiatives and local rewards programs



We're here to help!

For employee program and Get There Connect support:

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