

Carpooling



It just takes 2.

And we can help you find your match.

A carpool is two or more people sharing a ride to work or school in one of the participant's privately owned vehicle. Many people carpool each day. Most carpools were formed by people who talked with their friends, family, neighbors and co-workers and decided they wanted to share a ride.

If you're thinking about carpooling, the CommuteInfo staff have developed a list of "Things to Consider When Choosing an Alternative Commute" to help you with this process (see the green box at the bottom right corner).

If you do not have anyone that you can carpool with, CommuteInfo can help. You can contact us and fill out a commuter profile on our website at CommuteInfo.org. We can help you find someone with a similar commute who is also considering carpooling; then you would each decide if you'd like to talk to the other person about sharing a ride.

Quick Reference Guide to Commuting Options

This **Quick Reference Guide** has been developed as a brief overview of the commuting alternatives to help commuters as they explore their options.

Commuters can check out listings of all the CommuteInfo vanpools, and carpools looking for riders, and request a free commuting options report on the CommuteInfo website:

www.CommuteInfo.org

Or can speak with our Ridesharing Specialists by calling toll free: **1-888-819-6110**.

Transit



Your schedule require flexibility?

Near a transit line or park-n-ride facility?

Transit options provided by fixed route transit operators in Southwestern Pennsylvania include travel by bus, inclines, and light rail (the "T"). There are 10 fixed route public service operators who provide services within their local geographic areas. Most of the operators also provide commuter service to downtown Pittsburgh.

Beaver County Transit Authority
Phone: 724-728-8600
www.bcta.com

Butler Transit Authority
Phone: 724-283-0445
www.butlertransitauthority.com

Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation
Phone: 724-628-7433 or 1-800-321-7433
www.factbus.com

Freedom Transit
Phone: 724-223-8747
www.freedom-transit.org

Indiana County Transit Authority
Phone: 724-465-2140 or 1-800-442-6928
www.indigobus.com

Town & Country Transit
Phone: 724-548-8696 or 1-800-245-8588
www.tandctransit.com

Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
Phone: 724-489-0880 or 1-800-245-8588
www.mmvta.com

New Castle Area Transit Authority
Phone: 724-654-3130
www.newcastletransit.org

Port Authority of Allegheny County
Phone: 412-442-2000
www.portauthority.org

Westmoreland County Transit Authority
Phone: 724-834-9282 or 1-800-221-9282
www.westmorelandtransit.com

Be sure to check with the transit operator directly for the most up-to-date schedule and fare information.

Work a regular, steady shift?

Have a commute of 15 miles or more?



Vanpooling

A vanpool is a group of 6 to 15 people who commute to and from work or school together but do not necessarily work in the same location. Groups typically travel more than 15 miles one way and have one scheduled trip into work or school and back home per day.

Vanpool vehicles are provided to the group. The monthly vanpool service contract includes the use of the vehicle, maintenance, insurance, and access to a replacement vehicle in case of breakdown. The vehicles used for vanpooling seat 6 to 15 passengers.

Each vanpool group has unpaid volunteers that support the vanpool operations. At least two volunteers serve as drivers, and one signs the lease for the van. All drivers are provided with training and a review of the safety systems before they start driving. Each vanpool group decides seating arrangements, pick up points, route, schedule and how to share costs.

Things to Consider When Choosing an Alternative Commute

Deciding to ride the bus, join a carpool, or vanpool is an important decision. CommuteInfo staff recommends that you take some time learn more about the bus, and/or to meet your potential ridesharing buddies before making your decision. Contact the transit operator, pool driver and/or other riders to find out:

- Where will I need to meet the bus/carpool/vanpool?
- How flexible are the pickup times?
- What type of vehicle is used?
- How many riders are there?
- What costs are shared (Maintenance, Fuel, Parking)?
- How do I pay for my ride?
- Are riders allowed to smoke in the commuting vehicle?
- Is music played during the commute?
- Are eating and drinking permitted in the vehicle?
- What is the back-up plan in case of an emergency?