

COMMUTER SERVICES

IN TODAY'S WORLD OF HIGH PRESSURE TRAFFIC AND GROWING CONCERNS FOR AIR QUALITY, COMMUTERS ARE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATIVES TO DRIVING ALONE. CAPITAL METRO HAS A GROWING VARIETY OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND A COMMUTE OPTION THAT WORKS FOR YOU.

TURN DRIVE TIME IN TO MY TIME

If you spend more than 15 minutes commuting one way, you are spending more than four days a year doing nothing but driving. Using one of Capital Metro's convenient services lets you use that time for something you'd rather be doing: reading, working or just relaxing. We turn your homeward commute into a "Happy Hour" where you can unwind from the day rather than fight traffic. The benefits of making Capital Metro your "second car" extend from saving money to stress reduction.

HOW MUCH DO YOU SPEND ON YOUR COMMUTE

Ever wonder just how much you are paying to get to your job? There's a handy calculator on the Capital Metro website at capmetro.org that will tell you just how much your work trip costs.

CAPITAL METROEXPRESS

Many of the region's top employers are located in Austin's city core: the Capitol Complex, The University of Texas and the private and municipal employers of downtown. Capital MetroExpress Bus Service (routes 900 – 999) provides direct service to and from these areas during peak commute times. New riders are pleasantly surprised to find a helpful community of friendly neighbors aboard clean, comfortable vehicles.

FLYER AND LIMITED SERVICE

These routes have fewer stops between the neighborhoods they serve and the central city and get you to your final destination more quickly. Flyer and Limited Routes (100-199) may run at peak commute times or throughout the day.

CAPITAL METRO RAIL - OPENING SOON

Capital MetroRail will begin with service on the 32-mile "Red Line" from Leander to Downtown Austin.

PARK AND RIDES

Capital Metro continues to add new park and ride locations around the Austin area as part of the All Systems Go plan. Cut down on the miles you drive, particularly through the region's most congested area, and take advantage of free parking. There are also "Kiss and Ride" areas where you can drop off passengers and free up your vehicle for other activities during the day.

CAPITAL METRO RIDESHARE

Not everyone works downtown or near a bus route. But almost everyone lives near someone who works

close to them. RideShare is the commute solution that best meets these special needs.

- **Vanpools:** Groups of 5 – 12 people who live and work near each other are given a van for their workday trip. Contact RideShare at 477-RIDE for more information.

- **Carpools:** Carpools are not a new idea, but getting Capital Metro to help you organize your Carpool might be an option you haven't considered. We have a computer program that will help match you to a Carpool buddy (or buddies). Your ride-match list will include folks who live and work near you and have similar work schedules. And we also have a Carpool Tip Sheet with hints to help you organize your Carpool.

GUARANTEED RIDE HOME

One reason many people are afraid to stop driving to work is "What if something happened and I needed to get home in a hurry?" Capital Metro offers "commuter insurance" that provides emergency taxi service for Express/Park & Ride, Flyer and RideShare participants, anywhere in our service area. Guaranteed Ride Home is available for these riders, and the \$5 annual membership entitles them to reimbursement for four emergency taxi rides per year. Contact RideShare at 477-RIDE or check the Capital Metro Web site for more information.

AUSTIN CARSHARE

If you commute by bus, Rideshare, carpool, walking or by bike, Austin CarShare, a local non-profit, offers you peace of mind knowing that you can still have access to vehicles to run errands and get to appointments. Carsharing is a convenient service that allows members to reserve vehicles by the hour, online or by phone. Members then access the vehicle they reserve with an electronic member key. Austin CarShare currently has locations downtown at 2nd & Colorado, 4th & Congress, 4th & 43rd & Avenue H and at The Triangle at 46th & Guadalupe. Depending on the plan you choose, rates are \$5-8/hour and 55¢/mile, and gas, insurance, maintenance, roadside assistance and free parking at City metered spots are included in the price. For more information, visit www.austincarshare.org or call 448-4477.