

Not looking for a long term commitment?

Want flexibility?

Need something just temporarily?

Carpooling

Carpooling happens when 2 or more people decide to share a ride to work. Many people carpool everyday. Most of those carpools were formed by people who talked with their friends, family, neighbors & 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.

If you do not have anyone that you can carpool with, CommuteInfo staff can help. You can contact us and fill out a commuter profile on our website at www.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.

Things to Consider When Choosing an Alternative Commute

Deciding to join a carpool or vanpool is an important decision – and if you decide to join, it could mean involvement with the group for 30, 60 or even 90+ minutes on workdays. CommuteInfo staff recommends that you take some time to meet your potential ridesharing buddies before making the decision to join a ridesharing arrangement. Contact the driver and/or other riders and set up time for a phone call, coffee or lunch.

Here are some things you may want to ask to help you make your decision:

- Where will I need to meet the 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)
- Are riders allowed to smoke during the commute?
- Is music played during the commute?
- Are eating and drinking permitted in the vehicle?
- Should I be prepared to drive sometimes?
- What is the back-up plan in case of an emergency?

Work a steady shift?

Looking for a longer term alternative?

Vanpooling

What is a vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of 9 to 15 people who commute to and from work together but do not necessarily work in the same location. One member volunteers to be the van driver. Vanpools typically travel more than 15 miles one way and only have one scheduled trip into work and back home per day. This option is good for people who work the same shift every day.

What is vanpooling like?

Each vanpool group decides together on things such as seating arrangement, pick up points and the route. The vans used for vanpooling are specially customized for the riders' comfort and seat either 9 or 15 passengers.

How do you pay for riding in a vanpool?

Each rider helps pay toward the lease cost of the vehicle as well as the gas, toll, etc. Every rider pays for their seat a month in advance. Even if you only ride for part of the month, you will still need to pay to reserve your seat.

How do I know if there is a vanpool I can join?

Just submit a commuter profile, which can be found at www.commuteinfo.org and we will help you find out if your commuting needs match any vanpools.

Quick Reference Guide to Commuting Options

Commuters are often looking for alternatives to their current commuting method. This **Quick Reference Guide** has been developed to help you in your search.

If you're thinking about vanpooling or if you don't have someone to carpool with, please contact the CommuteInfoSM staff and we'll help you find the right commuting option for you. We can even help you if you're interested in walking or biking to work.

Near a transit line or park-n-ride?

Need rides at varying times?

Transit

Transit Operators in the Region
Be sure to check with them directly for the most up-to-date schedule and fare information.

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

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

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

GG&C Bus Company, Inc. - City of Washington
Phone: 724-228-0609
www.ggcbusride.com

Indiana County Transit Authority
Phone: 724-465-2140
www.indigobus.com

Town & Country Transit - Armstrong County
Phone: 724-548-8696
www.tandctransit.com

Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
Phone: 724-489-0880
www.mmvta.com

New Castle Area Transportation 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