

Want flexibility? Need something just temporarily?

## Carpooling



Not looking for a long term commitment?

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](http://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.



a better way to work

## 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.

You can check out listings of all the CommuteInfo vanpools, carpools and bikepools and request your free commuting options report on the CommuteInfo website:

[www.CommuteInfo.org](http://www.CommuteInfo.org)

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

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

## Transit



Need rides at varying times?

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

Beaver County Transit Authority

Phone: 724-728-8600

[www.bcta.com](http://www.bcta.com)

Butler Transit Authority

Phone: 724-283-0445

[www.butlertransit.com](http://www.butlertransit.com)

Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation

Phone: 724-628-7433 or 1-800-321-RIDE

[www.factbus.com](http://www.factbus.com)

City Transit - City of Washington

Phone: 724-228-0609

[www.ggcbusride.com](http://www.ggcbusride.com)

Indiana County Transit Authority

Phone: 724-465-2140

[www.indigobus.com](http://www.indigobus.com)

Town & Country Transit - Armstrong County

Phone: 724-548-8696

[www.tandctransit.com](http://www.tandctransit.com)

Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority

Phone: 724-489-0880

[www.mmvta.com](http://www.mmvta.com)

New Castle Area Transit Authority

Phone: 724-654-3130

[www.newcastletransit.org](http://www.newcastletransit.org)

Port Authority of Allegheny County

Phone: 412-442-2000

[www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org)

Westmoreland County Transit Authority

Phone: 724-834-9282 or 1-800-221-9282

[www.westmorelandtransit.com](http://www.westmorelandtransit.com)

Work a steady shift?

Looking for a longer term alternative?



## Vanpooling

A vanpool is a group of 7 to 15 people who commute to and from work or school together but do not necessarily work in the same location. Vanpools typically travel more than 15 miles one way and have one scheduled trip into work or school and back home per day.

The vanpool vehicles are leased to the group and include maintenance, insurance, and a replacement vehicle in case of breakdown. The vans used for vanpooling are specially customized for the riders comfort and seat 7 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.

Contact CommuteInfo to find out if there is a vanpool group that matches your commute or if you want to start a new group.

## 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 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?