

Savings & Benefits

- **Save money**
- **Save wear and tear on your car**
- **Reduce stress**
- **Relax while someone else drives**
- **Use the HOV lanes**

"I have been commuting to work via vanpooling for over 15 years. I estimate that I have kept approximately 221,000 miles off of my personal car over that time.

The cost of vanpooling is more than offset by the savings in parking costs, fuel costs, personal vehicle maintenance costs, and reduction in auto insurance in not using your personal vehicle to commute. "Vanpooling" just makes good financial sense."

AI from Westmoreland County

CommutelInfo is a program of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, operated in partnership with transportation management associations, transportation providers, businesses and non-profit service organizations throughout Southwestern PA.

CommutelInfo provides a FREE regional ridesharing match service for motorists interested in alternatives to driving to their workplace, such as transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking and walking. The goal is to provide viable options, incentives and encouragement so employers promote and commuters choose ridesharing at least twice a week.



1-888-819-6110

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VANPOOLING



Sit back &
let someone
else drive...





Typical 15-Passenger Van

Joining a 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 every work day. Take time to meet your potential ridesharing buddies **BEFORE** making the decision to join a ridesharing arrangement. Consider contacting the driver and/or other riders and set up time for a phone call, coffee or lunch. Here are some questions that you might ask:

- Where will I need to meet the vanpool?
- How flexible are the pickup times?
- What type of vehicle is used?
- How many riders are there?
- What costs (maintenance, fuel, parking) are shared?
- Are riders allowed to smoke during the commute?
- Is music played during the commute? If yes, what type?
- Are eating and drinking permitted in the vehicle?
- Should I be prepared to drive sometimes?
- Is there a ride back-up plan in case of an emergency?

Considering a Vanpool?

- Vanpools typically work best for commutes that are longer than 15 miles each way.
- A vanpool is a group of 9 to 15 people who commute to and from a destination together but do not necessarily work in the same location.
- One member of the group volunteers to be the van driver.
- The vans are provided and maintained by a third party provider.

What is a vanpool like?

- Each vanpool group decides together on things such as seating arrangements and type of music to be played (if any). The vans are specially customized for the riders' comfort and seat either 9 or 15 passengers.

Will the vanpool pick me up at my house?

- The pick-up and drop-off locations are in conveniently located areas where the riders can meet to board the van and may even be within walking distance of your home.

What if I don't ride the van every day - can I just pay for part of the month?

- Like your car, you make a vanpool payment whether you use it every day or not. Your payment guarantees you the availability of the vanpool seat on a monthly basis.
- Monthly costs are figured on a per seat basis.
- You pay a month ahead (i.e. in August you would actually be paying for September).
- You can stop vanpooling at any time. The commitment is month to month.

All vanpool information, including cost, pick-up, drop-off times and locations, are provided to commuters whose commuter profiles "match" a current vanpool route.

Complete your profile at www.commuterinfo.org or by calling 1-888-819-6110

Interested? Find out how to get started!

Please contact me about vanpooling. I am also interested in learning more about:

- Transit (bus, incline & the "T") Carpools
 Walking Biking



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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

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