

Port Authority Saves Commuters Time, Money and More

With gas prices at an all-time high, smart people are seeking even smarter ways to commute. In fact, approximately 50 percent of people who work and shop in Downtown Pittsburgh use Port Authority service. So for Commute Options Awareness Month, Port Authority congratulates you and the 240,000 other smart commuters who benefit from Port Authority's network of transit services each day.

One of the most measurable benefits of public transportation is the cost savings. If you are now using 20 gallons of gas a week, you will save about \$160 with a monthly Port Authority Zone 2 pass.

In addition to keeping your hard-earned money in your wallet, you save time commuting to work, school or medical appointments by using the T, Martin Luther King, Jr. East Busway, South Busway or West Busway. These Port Authority facilities allow for quick, convenient and traffic-free commuter express service. Plus, you'll have time to listen to music or read the newspaper.

Port Authority provides efficient transit service to Downtown and Oakland from 63 park and ride lots throughout Allegheny County. These lots have more than 14,800 spaces available, so there is plenty of room for new customers. As evidenced by our recent rise in ridership, more people each day are saving money and fuel and helping to conserve energy.

If you are considering public transit as an option, remember that Port Authority makes using transit easy. Our popular new brochure, *Riding The Bus 101*, offers basic information and explains how to use public transportation, read schedules and obtain information. It's available in hard copy or on the Port Authority Web site, www.portauthority.org. Another commonly used Web site feature, the Trip Planner, will help you create transit travel itineraries to and from your most frequently traveled destinations.

To start taking advantage of the many benefits of transit, call (412) 442-2000 to speak with a Port Authority customer service representative. We are here to assist you with your travel plans and questions from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays.