

Rideshare Review

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2024 Travel Reduction Survey results

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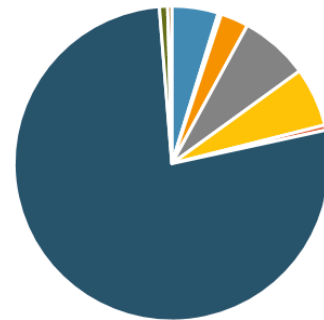
Each year, all major employers in Maricopa County must survey their employees regarding their work-related commutes. More than 18,000 state employees who work in Maricopa County participated in the 2024 annual Travel Reduction Survey. Data shows that more than half of state agencies, boards and commissions met or exceeded the statutory goals of no

more than 60 percent single occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips and SOV miles traveled (SOVMT) among employees' commutes to work. This year, the overall SOV rate for the state is 46 percent, and the SOVMT rate is 42 percent. This is the fourth straight year that the state's overall SOV and SOVMT rates were below the mandated 60 percent rate. Capitol Rideshare staff attribute these positive outcomes to the continued widespread adoption of remote work among state employees since 2020.

Individual Agency Results

Staff has posted individual agency survey reports on [Capitol Rideshare's Travel Reduction Survey webpage](#) (for agencies with 10 or more employees). The following agencies met the statutory mandate and had SOV and SOVMT rates below 60 percent: AHCCCS • Arizona Finance Authority • Arizona State Retirement System • Auditor General • Board for Charter Schools • Board for Private Postsecondary Education • Board of Accountancy • Board of Behavioral Health Examiners • Board of Chiropractic Examiners • Board of Barbering and Cosmetology • Board of Dental Examiners • Board of Equalization • Board of Exam Nursing Care & Assisted Living • Board of Executive Clemency • Board of Fingerprinting • Board of Massage

Alt Modes Used



■ AFV ■ Bicycle ■ Bus ■ Carpool ■ CWW ■ Light Rail ■ Telework ■ Vanpool ■ Walk

The chart above indicates the breakdown of alternate modes that employees reported using in the 2024 Travel Reduction Survey.

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State employees are finalists in Clean Air Campaign Awards

Each year, Valley Metro sponsors the annual Clean Air Campaign Awards to recognize individuals and organizations that demonstrate a commitment to reducing air pollution by using an alternate mode of commuting to work, such as carpooling, taking transit (bus or light rail), vanpooling, teleworking, biking or walking. This year, the state has four finalists for the Clean Air Campaign Awards; these state employees' dedication to alternative commuting methods has made a significant impact on our environment. Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony and lunch that will take place on Oct. 30, 2024. This year's finalists are:

Angelica Burris – Carpool Finalist: Angelica Burris, a business analyst with the Arizona Supreme Court, carpools three days a week with her husband, covering over 50 miles round trip. She also teleworks two days a week. Angelica has logged more than 21,000 carpool miles, saving over \$7,500 in commuting costs. She champions the benefits of carpooling, from dedicated parking spots to the chance to win prizes such as gift cards. "Having a carpool partner relieves commute fatigue and enhances the overall experience," she notes.

Miranda Riojas – Transit Finalist: With over two decades of transit rides, Miranda Riojas has been using local buses and express buses since 2001. Currently, she commutes 15 miles each way to her job at the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Miranda encourages others to try taking the bus at least once a week.

Michelle Salazar – Transit Finalist: Since 2017, Michelle Salazar has been a dedicated transit user, commuting 50 miles round trip from the East Valley to the Department of Water Resources five days a week. Logging over 35,000 transit miles, Michelle has saved more than \$6,000, thanks to her fully subsidized transit card. She praises the modern features of the new express buses, emphasizing their comfort and convenience.

James Tiffany – Transit Finalist: James Tiffany, a licensing surveyor supervisor at the Arizona Department of Health Services, has embraced transit for 17 years. Currently commuting 45 miles round trip four days a week, James has logged over 45,000 alternative mode miles, with more than 40,000 attributed to transit. He appreciates being able to read or catch up on emails during his commute.

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Therapy • Board of Nursing • Board of Osteopathic Examiners • Board of Pharmacy • Board of Physical Therapy • Board of Podiatry Examiners • Board of Psychologist Examiners • Citizens Clean Election Commission • Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing • Commission on the Arts • Corporation Commission • Court of Appeals • Criminal Justice Commission • Department of Administration • Department of Economic Security • Department of Education • Department of Environmental Quality • Department of Forestry and Fire Management • Department of Gaming • Department of Homeland Security • Department of Housing • Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions • Department of Revenue • Department of Water Resources • Early Childhood Development and Health Board • Game and Fish Department • Governor's Office • Industrial Commission • Joint Legislative Budget Committee • Land Department • Lottery Commission • Medical Board • Office of Administrative Hearings • Office of Economic Opportunity • Office of Tourism • Parks Board • Power Authority • Public Safety Personnel Retirement System • Real Estate Department • Registrar of Contractors • Secretary of State • State Treasurer • Supreme Court.

Congratulations to Our RideAmigos Contest Winners!

Capitol Rideshare launched the RideAmigos monthly contests in June 2020, and employees are logging trips, earning and redeeming points to enter contests for prizes! **Remember, remote work days count as alternate modes — so log those remote work days!** Below are Commuter Club members who entered the contests and were randomly selected as gift card winners via the RideAmigos gamification module.

August winners	Agency	September winners	Agency
Rose Contreras	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY	Anjali Dang	LOTTERY COMMISSION
Lori Anderson	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	Elizabeth Beck	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY
Wendy Chapa	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY	Katherine Dominguez	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Muna Haddad	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY	Alexis Skuba	DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Fernanda Montenegro	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	Rebecca Garcia	DEPT OF CORRECTIONS
Shawna Robles	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY	M. Theresa Johnson	DEPT OF WATER RESOURCES
Patricia DiMaggio	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY	Asucena Belen Botello	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Michelle Carella	DEPT OF REVENUE	Wayne Miller	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
Mark Rutter	AHCCCS	Michele Miller	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY
Jacob Jarzabek	SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF & BLIND	Daniel Lukose	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
Sinead Steverson	AHCCCS	Marlene Coffey	DEPT OF CORRECTIONS
Gavin Gutierrez	SUPREME COURT	Barbara Rutledge	AHCCCS
Victoria Olvey	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY	Lori Anderson	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
LaKeisha Lewis	DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION	Kelly Alkhoury	GAME AND FISH DEPT
Jia Oak-Baker	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY	Stephanie Mancini	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Ronald Huettnr	LAND DEPARTMENT	Linda Hogan	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
Frances Savedra	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY	John Siegfried	DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES
Karla Henriksen	LOTTERY COMMISSION	Katherine Boligitz	PSPRS
Marjorie McKenna	DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION	Danette Hernandez	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Susie Brown	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY	Kira Sidatt	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

Members of [Commuter Club](#) are eligible to join the fun and start redeeming their points for the chance to win a gift card! Here's how it works:

1. Log your alternate modes and collect your points.
2. Once you have at least 100 points, scroll to the bottom of your dashboard to your My Rewards section. Click on RideAmigos Sign Up and Trip Logging Points.
3. Under your points total, click on Show Details and Inventory.
4. The dashboard expands to show you the awards available to you and the points required to enter the drawing.
5. Click on the drawing you wish to enter. If you have the points available, you can redeem points for up to three entries. Example: If you have a point balance of 300 and each entry is 100 points, you can redeem the balance of your points for three drawing entries.

Start redeeming your points today — and if you haven't started logging your trips, get started! You can log previous trips up to 30 days! If you need help learning how to log trips, please visit the FAQs posted on [Capitol Rideshare's RideAmigos information page](#).

Coordinator's Corner

Agency survey reports and travel reduction plans; debrief in December

Staff has posted individual agency survey reports (for agencies with more than 10 employees) to Capitol Rideshare's [Travel Reduction Survey webpage](#). Please review your agency's report, as this details the success of the Travel Reduction Program efforts at your agency. Agencies that did not meet the mandated SOV rate will need to complete an agency travel reduction program (TRP) plan if their current plan has expired. Staff will reach out directly to the agencies that will need to submit a new plan (the plan is effective for two years). Staff will host a virtual debrief session from 9:00–9:45 a.m. on December 10; please hold the date. Staff will send an invitation and detailed information via email in November.

Arizona's Connected Workspace: State employees may reserve workspace or meeting rooms

Remote workers who occasionally need to meet at or work from a state facility may reserve space at the Arizona's Connected Workspace, a state-of-the-art hoteling facility. Located at 1400 West Washington Street in Phoenix, the workspace has a variety of conference rooms, individual work cubicles, collaborative huddle spaces, and a large training room. The space also features a café-style minimart and kitchen. Please visit doa.az.gov/services/arizona-connected-workspace and create an account in the Tango Reserve by Agilquest reservation system. Alternatively, employees also may email ACW Concierge Shelley Witt at shelley.witt@azdoa.gov and she can assist with making a reservation.

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Reminders & Notes

FREE Platinum card for transit

Capitol Rideshare is fully subsidizing the Platinum card for transit program through June 30, 2025, meaning transit is FREE for participating state employees. To learn more about the program and download the Platinum card application, visit the [Capitol Rideshare website](#). Completed applications must be returned to the employee's human resources staff. If you have questions about the Platinum card program, please email RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov.

Emergency Ride Home program is a perk of Commuter Club membership

The primary benefit of Commuter Club is to offer employees who use alternate modes of transportation an emergency ride home (ERH), up to twice per fiscal year, for unexpected emergencies. Examples of qualifying emergencies include a medical emergency, family medical emergency or the commuter's carpool driver unexpectedly leaving early. ERH will return the employee to their car or their home. Please note: You must have a Lyft account to self-dispatch the ERH; Capitol Rideshare provides a voucher credit to pay for up to \$50 for an emergency ride. Visit the [Commuter Club page](#) for more information.

Ride-matching for carpool and vanpool

Employees who are seeking a carpool partner or an open seat in an established vanpool should create a profile on the [Capitol Rideshare Ride-Amigos](#) platform as well as the Valley Metro [ShareTheRide.com platform](#). This will allow employees to seek and reach out to rideshare partners whose routes and schedules match their own.



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