

Rideshare Review

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Rediscover the alternate mode options to help with your work-related commute

Transit, carpools and vanpools can save you time, money on your commute

You may recall that brochure in your new hire packet or remember hearing something about bus cards during new employee orientation, but have you thought about it since? If your work schedule requires you to report to the office or another agency location, it might be time to review the options available to make those commute days easier and more cost efficient.

Capitol Rideshare offers a variety of options for work-related commutes. Historically, the most popular has been a subsidized transit card (see details below). Other options include preferred parking for employees who carpool at least three days per week (at participating agencies); the carpool parking permit is also available to employees who drive zero-emissions vehicles. Select work sites also have installed electric vehicle charging stations (the state pays to install the EVCS; employees pay for the time they charge their vehicles). For larger groups of employees (at least five), vanpooling may also be an option (Capitol Rideshare offers vanpool subsidies). To learn about program services, visit CapitolRideshare.AZ.gov.

Sign up for the FREE Platinum card for transit

Capitol Rideshare fully subsidizes the Platinum card 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](https://CapitolRideshare.gov). Note, completed applications must be returned to the employee's human resources contact for processing; Capitol Rideshare staff cannot process Platinum card applications. Please allow 2-3 weeks to receive the card, which is mailed to the employee's mailing address in Y.E.S. If you have questions about the Platinum card program, please email RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov.



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The Department of Environmental Quality's Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program provides up to \$900 for emissions repairs

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) offers a Voluntary Vehicle Repair Program that provides financial assistance to owners of eligible vehicles that have failed emissions testing. The funds (up to \$900) must be used to help pay the cost of repairs at an ADEQ-approved repair facility; vehicle owners are required to contribute a \$100 co-pay toward repairs. Vehicle owners who are required to test emissions (*see notice, right*) may be eligible to take advantage of the program features. Participation in VVRP is limited to one vehicle per owner. Motor homes, motorcycles, salvage vehicles and fleet vehicles are not eligible to participate in VVRP. Program eligibility requirements and additional information is available at azdeq.gov/carhelp.



Help fight transit fraud

Employees who lose their Platinum card must notify their human resources department, in writing, that the pass is lost or has been stolen. The Platinum card may be used only by the employee to whom it was issued.

Steps to prevent fraud:

- If you do not receive your Platinum card within three weeks of your agency processing the application, please call Capitol Rideshare.
- Always keep your Platinum card secured and NEVER loan your card to anyone else.
- After reporting your card missing (in writing), follow up with HR to ensure your missing card has been replaced (Capitol Rideshare staff can check this as well).

Contact Capitol Rideshare staff with questions at RideshareHelp@azdoa.gov or 602.542.7433.

Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program

2025 Notice to Employees

BACKGROUND:

To improve air quality and reduce vehicle emissions in heavily traveled areas, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) administers a mandatory vehicle emissions inspection program known as the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP).

Arizona law (A.R.S. § 49-542) requires vehicle emission inspection and testing for:

- Most vehicles registered in the Area A vehicle emissions control area of greater metro Phoenix (including parts of Maricopa County and parts of Pinal County and Yavapai County as defined by A.R.S. § 49-541) and/or
- Most vehicles registered outside of Area A used to commute to a work site located within Area A.

For a map of the Area A vehicle emissions control area boundary and a link to the legal description, please visit the ADEQ website, azdeq.gov/emaps.

IF YOU LIVE AND WORK IN ARIZONA:

- Any vehicle you own and operate in Arizona must be registered in Arizona and display a valid Arizona license plate (some exceptions apply). For more information, please visit azdot.gov/mvd or contact the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division at 602-255-0072.
- Any vehicle you use to drive to an Area A worksite is required to go through vehicle emissions testing. This applies even if you live outside of Area A.
- For employees who live outside of Area A, a proof of compliance form will be issued to you by the emissions testing facility at the time of emissions testing. Testing results, which are also sent electronically to ADOT, are needed for registration. After you submit your registration request, by mail or online, you will receive a registration tag for your license plate. For vehicles that are registered out-of-state (students/part-time employees) and that are parked on federal, state, or city parking properties, you will need to obtain an air quality compliance sticker for your driver's window from ADOT. For more information, please visit myazcar.com or call the ADEQ VEIP Hotline at 1-877-692-9227 (1-877-myAZcar).
- In addition to any other criminal penalty provided by law, a person who does not comply with this law is subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for a first violation and \$300 for a second violation.

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.

December winners	Agency
Katherine Boligitz	PSPRS
Angela Andreasen	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Victor Machiche	SUPREME COURT
Shanel Scott	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Tammy Seilheimer	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Barbara Sullinger	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
Karen Eatherly	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
Erik Gunness	STATE PARKS BOARD
Shawna Robles	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Cynthia Leppell	AHCCCS
Terrynn Moore	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Ralonda Broussard	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Cebrina Smith	AHCCCS
Joseph Callahan	SUPREME COURT
Dennis Bischof	DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Michael Tenczar	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
Michele Miller	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY
Jennifer Widlowski	DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
Esther Mendiola	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY
Gerardo Rodriguez	CORPORATION COMMISSION

January winners	Agency
Rebecca Kersey	GAME AND FISH DEPT
Lorraine Smith	SUPREME COURT
Michael Scheller	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Vicki Watkins	AHCCCS
Brenda Vanderwerp	DEPT OF EDUCATION
Lora Carucci	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY
Aubrey Leggett	DEPT OF CHILD SAFETY
Ken Rausch	DEPT OF EDUCATION
RALONDA BROUSSARD	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
Lindsey Daberko	DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION
Lora Riordan	DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION
Jacob Jarzabek	SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF & BLIND
Aaron Johnson	DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES
DANIEL LUKOSE	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
Lucas Erickson	DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES
Stacey Lee	DEPT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
John Theisen	DEPT OF CORRECTIONS
Donna Torres	DEPT OF EDUCATION
Michelle Carella	DEPT OF REVENUE
Deanna Bailey	DEPT OF EDUCATION

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

New hire packet materials available in print format and online

Onboarding new employees provides a great opportunity to introduce them to Capitol Rideshare programs and services. If your agency is onboarding in person, please ensure your orientation includes the Capitol Rideshare new hire brochure, a Platinum card application and the 2025 Capitol Rideshare calendar. Please email Rideshare-Help@azdoa.gov if you need additional print materials sent to your agency.

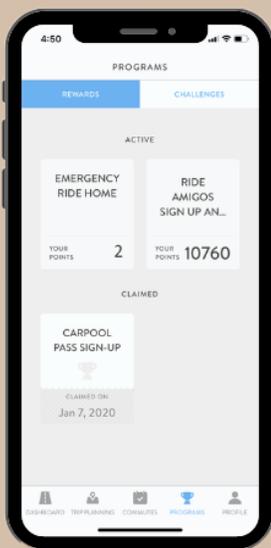
If your agency is onboarding employees in a virtual environment, please be sure to include the electronic versions of these documents in your communications with new hires. These are compiled in a [virtual new hire kit](#) that is posted on the [travel reduction coordinator page](#) of the website.

Reminders & Notes

Emergency Ride Home is a perk of Commuter Club membership

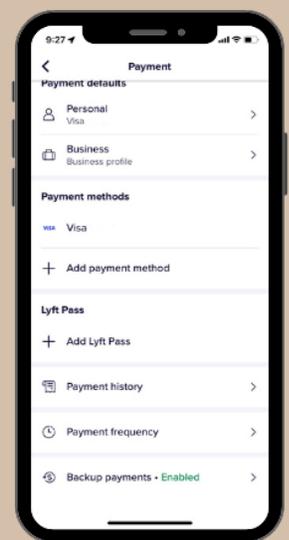
The primary benefit of Commuter Club is to offer employees who use alternate modes of transportation an emergency ride home (ERH) twice per fiscal year for **unexpected emergencies**. Examples of qualifying emergencies include a medical emergency, family medical emergency or the commuter's carpool driver 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 Lyft Pass credit to pay for up to \$50 for an emergency ride. Visit the [Commuter Club page](#) for more information. Don't wait for an emergency—sign up today to ensure you have access to this service when you need it. **Please note: Employees cannot use Lyft Pass codes to book a ride to work.**

RideAmigos Commute Tracker app: link your Commuter Club account to your smartphone for easy access to Emergency Ride Home codes



After you have created your RideAmigos account, you can download the RideAmigos Commute Tracker app on your smartphone and connect it to your RideAmigos account using the PIN available under your profile's connected apps setting. Once your Commuter Club application has been approved, your Commuter Club rewards will also show in your Commute Tracker app, which is available in Apple's App Store or the Google Play store.

You can also access your Emergency Ride Home Lyft Pass credits on the Commute Tracker app through the program menu (see image, left). Once you complete the request, the Lyft Pass code will appear; you will need to enter it into your Lyft app (see image, right, to locate the Add Lyft Pass menu option in the Lyft app).



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