

VANPOOL

WHAT IS VANPOOL?

Grays Harbor Transit provides vans for use by commuters like you, who travel to and from work in Grays Harbor County. Commuters receive comfortable, convenient travel in exchange for a monthly fare, which covers the operation cost of the van.

Each vanpool can consist of up to 12 passengers. One of the members will be the main driver with one or two others being a backup driver. The more members in the pool, the less you have to pay.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF PARTICIPATING IN A VANPOOL?

- Low fixed monthly rates.
- Possible savings on personal auto insurance. Contact your insurance company and see if you can reduce your premium by not commuting to work.
- Save miles, wear and tear, tires, and maintenance on your car because of reduced mileage.
- Reliable, safe & comfortable transportation
- Reduce the need for an extra commuter vehicle.
- Less cars on the road, better on the environment.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Each vanpool cost is different. While all the members within the same vanpool will pay the same amount, other vanpools will have different costs. Your pool will be invoiced monthly.

Monthly costs are determined on the total miles, fuel, insurance, and maintenance. Your pool members divide this cost among themselves. So, the more members in your pool, the more savings to you. It will be up to your pool to determine if the driver of the van will contribute to the pool or not.

Check with your employer to see if they will contribute all or a portion of the vanpool cost. They may consider a contribution as it will decrease parking requirements.

Insurance is provided through the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool. Insurance costs are factored into the monthly rate based on total monthly miles per van.

Maintenance costs are also factored into the cost such as tires, oil changes, and general maintenance.

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THE SOONER YOU SAVE!
GIVE YOURSELF A RAISE
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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

Your pool will be required to have one main driver with one or two backup drivers. These drivers will have to submit a driving history report for the past three years from the Department of Licensing (you will be required to pay their fee). This ensures that any driver allowed behind the wheel of a van has a safe, consistent driving background. Each year, the drivers records will be checked to ensure eligibility. Drivers are required to report any moving violations, accidents, or health changes that are incurred while acting as a driver.

All of the drivers will be required to take a defensive driving course conducted by Grays Harbor Transit's Driver Training Coordinator. There is no fee for this class.

One member of the vanpool will be required to act as vanpool coordinator and bookkeeper. Responsibilities include collecting fares from vanpool members, ensuring that ridership is maintained, fueling, scheduling and cleaning the van. Most vanpools have a waiting list so that if a member drops out, a replacement steps right into their place. Grays Harbor Transit has spare vans available, so when maintenance is needed, it is up to the driver to schedule a vehicle change with the Vanpool Coordinator. Service and preventative maintenance is scheduled through Grays Harbor Transit shop personnel.

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HOW DO I START A VANPOOL?

Talk to your co-workers to determine if there is an interest in a vanpool.

Make sure these co-workers live in the same area and share a similar work schedule.

Download the vanpool poster located on the Grays Harbor Transit Website :

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Post this in a location where your co-workers meet on a regular basis (like a break room). Include your contact information so your co-workers can let you know about their interest in a vanpool.

When you have enough interest, contact Grays Harbor Transit's Vanpool Coordinator.

The Vanpool Coordinator will need the following information:

How many round trip miles per day?

How many people interested in your vanpool?

Need more information?

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