

Ada County Employee Transportation Alternatives and Parking Program

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The purpose of the employee transportation alternatives and parking plan is to outline the major objectives and long-term goals for providing adequate parking for employees at all Ada County Facilities. The “Plan” as described in this document is intended to be sensitive to traffic and parking congestion problems in Treasure Valley and to avoid contributing to air quality problems. Employees are not eligible to receive both a subsidy for commuting and subsidized parking. They must choose one or the other.

Bus Passes – Valley Ride

The Board of Ada County Commissioners pays \$32.00/month for each regular bus rider and \$18.00/month for Senior Citizen passes. The Operations Department distributes these passes.

Commuter Vans

ACHD offers new riders a 1-month free trial period. The Board of Ada County Commissioners then pays \$32.00 per month for each County employee commuter. Riders then pay the difference.

Treasure Valley Transit & Commuters Bus

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Transi-Cheks

In addition to the \$32.00 per month from the BOCC, new riders on Commuteride Vanpools and Commuters Busses are also given a transi-chek worth \$20.00 each month for months 2-4 only. These checks are distributed by the Operations Department. Discounts are available only on monthly rides. This program is funded by ACHD.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program

Commuters in carpools, vanpools, or buses and walkers and bicyclists are eligible for reimbursement for a taxi ride home. The participant must be registered with Commuteride prior to the taxi ride. Rides are available for emergencies or overtime situations. To be eligible for reimbursement, the participant must have arrived at work using one of the modes listed above. An annual maximum benefit per participant is six taxi rides or a maximum of \$300.00. This program is funded by ACHD. Contact the Operations Department for enrollment forms.

Parking

The Board of Ada County Commissioners currently pays \$15.00 toward the cost of each parking space used by employees at the Ada County Courthouse and Administration Building. This includes the Triangle Lot, the West Lot, and the Parking Garage. The current monthly parking fees paid by the employee is:

Triangle Lot = \$15.00/month
West Lot = \$25.00/month
Garage - \$35.00/month

***Carpools/Vanpools** – FREE parking is provided in the West Lot closest to the Courthouse for the explicit use of employees who car pool. There must be at least two (2) County employees per car. The key card and space is shared by these two employees, but there is no cost for either employee.

Bicycles – Secured bike racks are provided at no cost on-site in the basement of the Parking Garage on Front Street. Employees will enter on 1st Street, which is on the east side of the Courthouse. Showers are located on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse for all employees who ride their bikes or walk to work.

Parking Validations:

Parking validation stickers are left up to each individual department head. They are purchased from Downtown Public Parking and are paid for out of that department's budget.

For questions concerning the above benefits, please call Selena O'Neal, Ada County Transportation Coordinator, at 287-7106.