

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Club Ride Commuter Services?

Club Ride Commuter Services is a free program of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC). It works with employers and commuters to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and mobility, encourage the use of commute alternatives (such as carpooling, vanpooling, taking transit, etc.), and ultimately create a more sustainable community.

How is Club Ride funded?

Club Ride is funded through the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC), with additional funding from federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) dollars.

Does Las Vegas have an air quality problem?

Across Southern Nevada, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified 1,500 square miles – including the cities of Las Vegas, Henderson and North Las Vegas – as nonattainment areas for both carbon monoxide and particle pollution, which means that pollution levels are likely to exceed federal and state limits on many days throughout the year. Poor air quality also threatens economic prosperity, poses risks to human health and is harmful to the environment.

Why should an employer start a commute options program?

Employers enjoy benefits such as improved employee morale and productivity, reduced absenteeism, and financial savings from tax benefits and reduced operational costs. A commute options program also fits nicely with corporate sustainability goals. Since Club Ride assists in developing, implementing and promoting customized programs at no cost, there is no reason *not* to.

Why are employers so important to the effort?

Employers have the power to directly influence their employees' commuting habits by setting policies on work hours, alternative schedules, or providing incentives. Since the commute is the most predictable trip people take, it can also be the easiest to change. Employers participating in Club Ride can have a tremendous impact on reducing traffic congestion and improving the region's air quality.

What are the benefits of a commute alternative for commuters?

Commuters who choose not to drive alone to work see many benefits. They save time and money; reduce wear and tear on personal vehicles; experience reduced stress; help the environment by polluting less; and earn cash and prizes through Club Ride Rewards.



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What is Club Ride Rewards?

Club Ride Rewards is available to employees whose employer is a Club Ride Partner. The incentive program encourages commuters to use commute alternatives when traveling to and from work, such as carpooling, vanpooling, taking transit, etc. Commuters who report their commute are eligible to win \$5, \$25 and \$50 gift cards. Ten percent of commuters who report 12 or more clean commutes per month win.

How can Club Ride help match potential carpool partners?

The Club Ride database matches potential carpoolers with neighbors who have similar schedules and work locations. Commuters can fill out a rideshare application online, or download a printed application and mail or fax it to Club Ride. Both can be found at rtcsonv.com.

What is vanpooling?

A vanpool is a group of seven to 15 passengers who commute each day in a minivan or passenger van. One volunteer driver picks up the group at an agreed upon location. The vehicle can be provided by a company that specializes in vanpooling, the employer or an employee. Vanpool participants pay a monthly fee based on the number of riders in the van and the distance the van travels; however, federal tax incentives make vanpooling an even better deal.

What transit options are available in Las Vegas?

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada's (RTC) fixed route transit system features nearly 36 transit routes that cover 266 square miles of the valley. Many routes operate 24 hours a day. The RTC's interactive Transit Trip Planner, powered by Google, helps riders plan their trip, and it can be found at rtcsonv.com. Simply type in your starting address and destination, and the Trip Planner will plan your route. It will also estimate the time the trip will take.



Transit routes and schedules are also available online. Monthly transit passes are available on board the vehicles or at the RTC's transit centers. Club Ride employers may receive up to a 15 percent discount on the purchase of monthly transit passes through the EZ Rider program.

Where can commuters or employers find more information?

Please visit the Web site at rtcsonv.com or call 228-RIDE (7433).



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