

# Vanpooling: The basics and benefits



*A special presentation for people who live or work in West Seattle, South Park, or Georgetown.*



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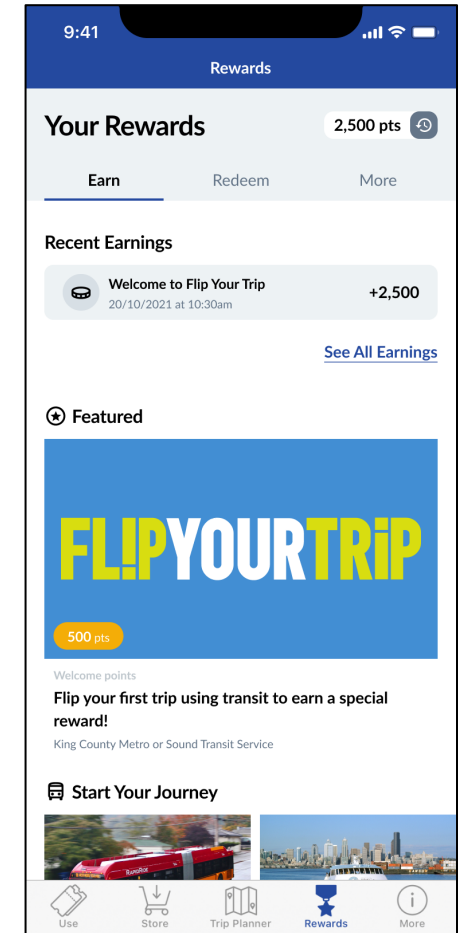
# What is Flip Your Trip?

- Mobility support for communities impacted by the West Seattle Bridge closure
- Anyone who lives **or** works in West Seattle, South Park, **or** Georgetown
- \$25 in free rides on transit or scooters
- Vanpool support
- Seasonal promotions & events
- Trip planning assistance



# Transit

- \$25 in free rides on transit
  - Bus
  - West Seattle Water Taxi
  - LINK Light Rail
  - Sound Transit Express Bus
  - Seattle Streetcar
- Two ways to access free rides
  - Use the Transit GO Ticket App
  - ORCA card option for community members with limited technical accessibility
- Personalized trip planning assistance



# Scooters and Bikeshare

- \$25 in free rides on all existing scooter companies
- Good option for accessing transit
  - Can go faster and farther than walking
  - Don't have to hassle with parking
- Equity pricing available



# Walk, Bike & Roll

- Spring programming is in the works!
  - Mobile bike repair
  - Group bike rides
  - Classes & clinics
- Bicycling can increase and extend your travel options
  - Metro will install bike racks on vanpools
  - All transit can accommodate bicycles





# Vanpool & Vanshare

## Flip Your Trip Support includes:

- Metro vans can use the low bridge
- Vanpools can use HOV lanes to save time
- Vanpool and vanshare both included
- FREE for new riders until the bridge re-opens
- Only 2 people required to start a new Metro van



# What is a Vanpool?

- Small groups of commuters (2+) who live and work in similar areas.
- Trips can range from 20 to 200+ miles
- Group operation
  - Van parked at driver's home
  - 1-2 meeting locations
  - Direct commute to destination
  - Back-up drivers maintain reliability
  - Flexible schedules allow for one-way or part-time riders



# How does it work?

- **Everything is included:** van, gas, tolls, insurance, maintenance, roadside assistance and emergency rides home.
- **Costs:** Based on distance, days per week, vehicle size and number of participants
- **Payment:** Some employers provide a contribution toward vanpool; ask your Human Resources department.
- **Guaranteed Ride Home:** free rides in case of family emergency, schedule change or illness





# Benefits of vanpooling

- Your time
  - Low bridge access
  - HOV access
- Your money
  - Reduce personal vehicle use & costs
  - Parking costs
    - Shared among the group
    - Reduced or free at some worksites
- Your well-being
  - Reliable commute
  - Get home on time
  - Shared driving



# Vanshare: Connecting to and from transit



- Vanshare is similar to vanpool
- **Vanshare connects to transit**
  - Groups transfer to or from transit (train, bus, ferry or water taxi)
  - Vans are parked at transit centers, train stations, ferry terminals, etc.
  - Provides a link between transit and destinations (up to 20 miles)
- **Cost:** flat rate of \$200/month

# West Seattle vanshare opportunities

- Improve connections to transit options
  - West Seattle Water Taxi
  - SODO Light Rail station
  - Park & Ride lots
    - Spokane Street (north)
    - Olsen-Myers (south)



[Kingcounty.gov/VanpoolSavesTime](https://kingcounty.gov/VanpoolSavesTime)



# Vanpool & Carpool

	Vanpools	Carpools
2+ people	✓	✓
HOV access	✓	✓
Low bridge	✓	✓
100% subsidy *	✓	
Save on parking	✓	✓
Tolls are free	✓	

\* Vanpool and vanshare is 100% subsidized for new riders until the bridge re-opens.



# How to find a vanpool or vanshare

- Metro's quick seat finder
- Rideshare Online
- Employer HR Department



# Metro Vanpool Quick Seat Finder

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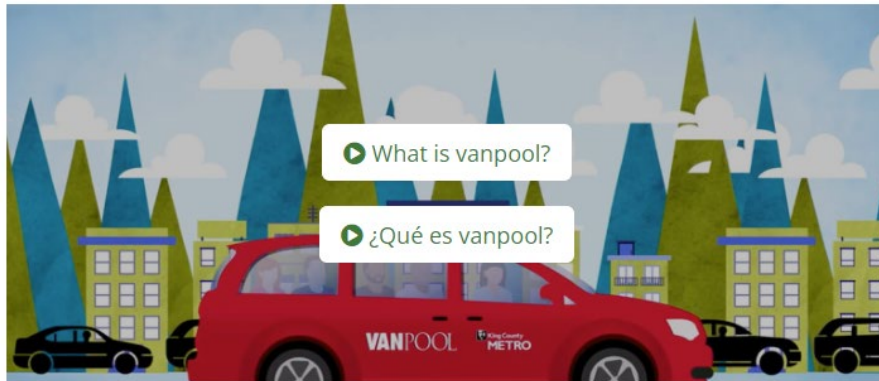
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Find a Vanpool

Start a Vanpool

Fare Schedules

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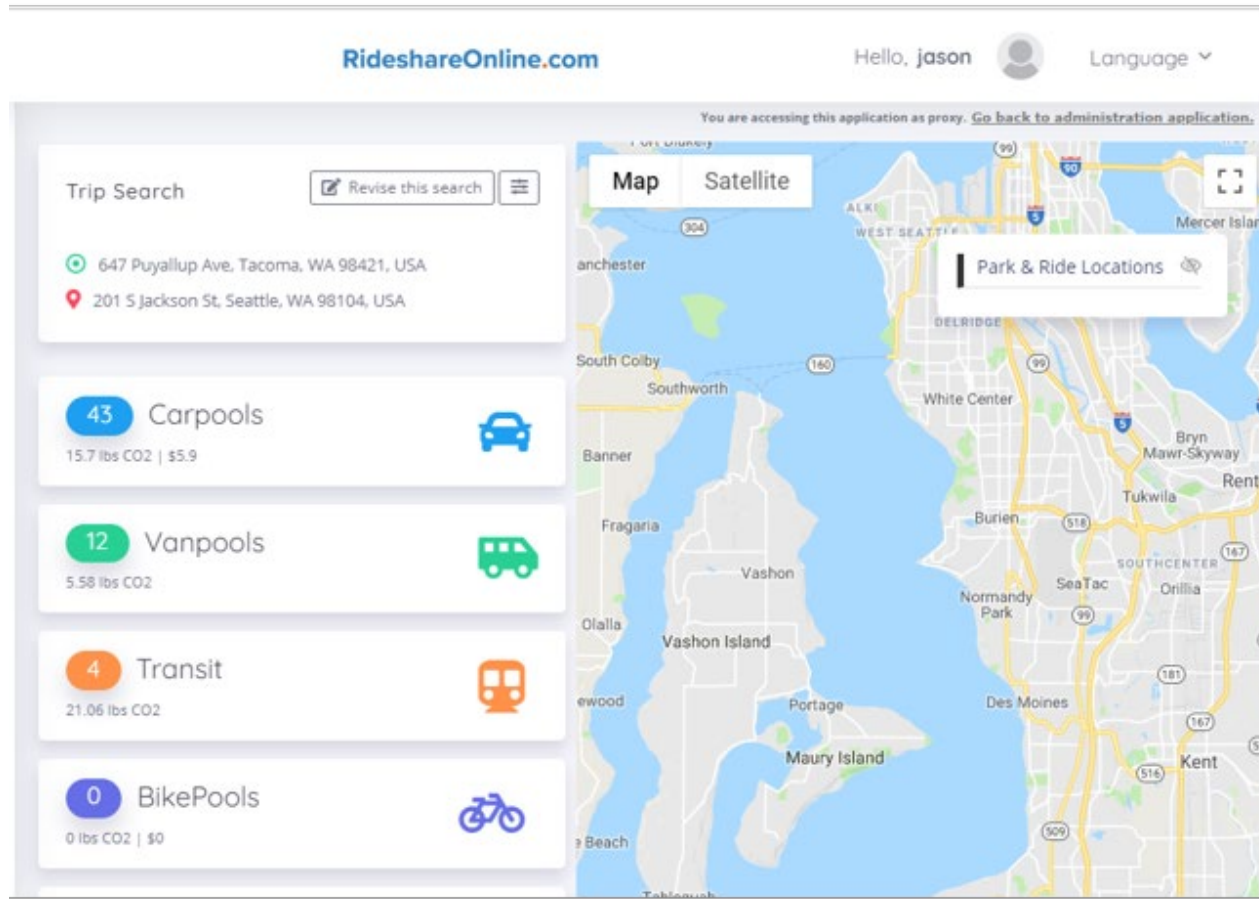


- Groups added as they form
- Route details provided
- Public contact information



[www.kingcounty.gov/metrovans](http://www.kingcounty.gov/metrovans)

# RideshareOnline.com



- Find others looking to share the ride
- List sorted according to best match
- Revise your search easily or create new ones
- Contact other riders directly from your list

# You've got questions? We've got answers!

Vanpool Info

[KingCounty.gov/metrovans](http://KingCounty.gov/metrovans)

Vanpool Questions

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