

Vanpooling: The basics and benefits



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
 - 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

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

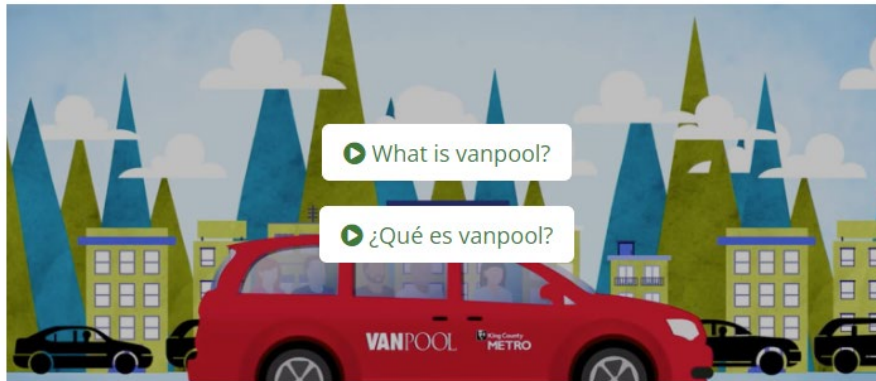


Vanpool

A better commute



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



www.kingcounty.gov/metrovans

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Language

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Trip Search

Revise this search

647 Puyallup Ave, Tacoma, WA 98421, USA

201 5 Jackson St, Seattle, WA 98104, USA

43 Carpools
15.7 lbs CO2 | \$5.9

12 Vanpools
5.58 lbs CO2

4 Transit
21.06 lbs CO2

0 BikePools
0 lbs CO2 | \$0

Map Satellite

Park & Ride Locations

- 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

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Vanpool Questions

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THANK YOU!



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