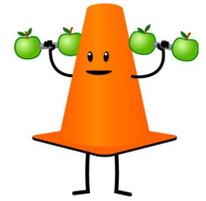




# Commuter Challenge



Clackamas County

## Join us for the 2016 Commuter Challenge!

Clackamas County's Wellness, Sustainability and Transportation programs are kicking off the 2016 Commuter Challenge event in June. Employees can win gift card prizes by coming to work in one or more of the sustainable methods listed below. The event continues to evolve thanks to input from last year's participants, so join us in making this year's Commuter Challenge a success!

**When is it:** The Commuter Challenge will begin June 1st and end August 31st (2016).

**Prizes:** Gift card choices are from Next Adventure, REI, Home Depot, iTunes, Starbucks, Fred Meyer, Powell's Books, Trader Joes, Singer Hill Café, Bob's Red Mill, or Bike Gallery.

### How do I enter:

Download the commuter challenge registration/log book Excel form from the County intranet ([Commuter Challenge Log Book](#)). Read the instructions on the form, fill in the information, keep track of your days worked, days commuted, and miles commuted. E-mail the completed form to [Michelle Raethke](#) between September 1st and September 12th, 2016.

### How to win:

- Give it a try:** Newcomers to the Commuter Challenge who commute alternatively at least 5% of the time during the event (about 3 days for most employees) get entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card (**25 newcomer winners**). You may also win in other categories listed on the right.
- Track your days and miles travelled on our commuter challenge registration/log book Excel form, and we will calculate the percentage of time you commuted alternatively to work. Alternative modes of transportation include:
  - ◆ Walking
  - ◆ Bicycling
  - ◆ Carpooling
  - ◆ Telecommuting
  - ◆ Bus/ Transit

**Prize levels:** Prize levels are based on the percentage of days commuted in relation to your work days. For example, if you worked a total of 48 days between June 1st and August 31st, and you commuted to work alternatively for 24 of those days, then your percentage commuted would be 50%. The prize levels are:

- ◆ 3% - 24%: \$25 gift card (**15 winners**)
- ◆ 25% - 49%: \$40 gift card (**20 winners**)
- ◆ 50% - 74%: \$50 gift card (**20 winners**)
- ◆ 75% - 89%: \$60 gift card (**25 winners**)
- ◆ 90% - 100%: \$75 gift card (**30 winners**)
- ◆ 100% most days: \$100 gift card (**7 top finishers**)
  - 3 or 4.5 day work week (**1 winner**)
  - 4 day work week (**3 winners**)
  - 5 day work week (**3 winners**)



### Best photo while commuting prize!

Submit photos of your alternative commute. A panel of judges will choose the top **two** for the grand prizes of a **\$80 gift card**, so you or a group can enjoy the winnings. All photos submitted may be used in future publications. Creative commutes are welcome.

\* If there are more winners in any one category than the maximum, then the winners for that category will be chosen by the greatest number of alternative commute days. Those who did not win a prize in that category will be reevaluated in the next category for a prize.

## Transit Assistance Program:

Did you know that Clackamas County offers a subsidized Tri-Met transit monthly pass or book(s) of transit tickets for benefit eligible employees? Tickets are a great option for people who just use the bus occasionally to commute to work. The county pays 50% of the monthly pass or tickets and your portion comes directly out of your check pre-tax. To learn more, contact Jason Morrill or click on the following link: [Transit Assistance Program](#).

## Emergency Ride Home program:

If you come to work using an alternative form of transportation, and find that you need to leave quickly for an emergency, such as a sick child, there is an Emergency Ride Home program for a free taxi ride (applies to those who live and work in the Tri-Met service district). Follow this link to learn more: [Emergency Ride Home Voucher Program](#). This program is available all year.

## Carpooling Resources:

Finding a carpool partner can be tough. Luckily, there are some resources available. [Drive Less. Connect](#) is Oregon's secure, easy-to-use online ride-matching tool that matches you with people going your way for work and play. You can use Drive Less Connect to limit your search to other County employees - Just be sure to use your Clackamas County email address, so the system knows you are an employee. Participating in a carpool or vanpool can save you hundreds of dollars each year. To estimate your commute costs, click on [Drive Less. Connect cost calculator](#), and enter your information.

## Taking the bus:

Clackamas County has several major transit hubs, including the Oregon City Transit Center, Milwaukie Transit Center and Clackamas Town Center Transit Center. To find a Tri-Met bus or Max line near you, visit the [Trimet website](#) to plan your commute or telephone 503-238-RIDE (7433).

## Bicyclists and Pedestrians:

There are many employees living within close proximity to where they work. Maps depicting bike paths are typically multi-use paths and are good resources for pedestrians too. Clackamas County has a [Bike It! Map](#) available for just \$5 at the Planning and Zoning front counter (\$6 if mailed). For other bike map resources and general information go to the [Bicycle Transportation Alliance's \(BTA\) web site](#) to plan a trip. Some County buildings have covered bicycle parking, showers and locker rooms.



The 2015 Best Photo Winners: Curtis Barton (Page 1 of Flyer), Suzanne Lapidus (Top), and Gail Shaloum /Erika Silver/Samantha Wolf / (Bottom)

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