You'll be "feelin' better already" when you investigate the commuting options and advantages Wisconsin Rideshare has for you.

The Wisconsin Rideshare program is online and interactive. Enter your origin and your destination and immediately check for matches and contact information so you can begin saving on your commute as soon as possible.

It's easy to use and you have nothing to lose! It's the hottest thing in ridesharing – it's like online dating for your car!

Just go online to **rideshare.wi.gov** to sign up and find your carpool match!



Wisconsin Rideshare is a free service provided by the State of Wisconsin.

#### Wisconsin Rideshare carpool tips



- Arrange to meet your carpool buddy before starting your carpool.
- Decide who will do the driving and if driving is to be shared.
- Decide where to meet and times to be picked up.
- Decide on smoking policies, radio, food, etc.
- Decide how much and when compensation is expected.



- Decide how long the pool will wait for a passenger (five minutes is recommended).
  Cell phones are a great way to keep in touch if a participant is running late.
- Build in flexibility to accommodate changing schedules.
- Establish back-up plans in the event the driver is not available.
- Communication is key to successful carpools. E-mail and phone as needed.
- Give your carpool a chance to work effectively. It may take a few weeks to get things running smoothly.

#### **Common courtesies**

- Give notice of vacation or sickness as far in advance as possible.
- Drive in a safe and courteous manner and be prompt.
- Avoid controversial discussions.
- Avoid strong scents that may be irritating to others.

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#### It's fast and easy

- It's a good feeling to save on fuel, general car maintenance, oil changes, parking and tires.
- It's a good feeling to know you're doing something good for the environment and traffic congestion problems.
- It's a really good feeling to arrive at work less hassled from the morning commute, having enjoyed social conversation with a commuting companion.
- Q. What's the best way to get a date for your car and save commuting dollars as well?
- A. Go to www.rideshare.wi.gov!
- Q. Ever wonder if maybe there is someone out there who is going your way?
- A. Go to www.rideshare.wi.gov!
- Q. Would you consider carpooling if you could find and contact a ridematch interactively?

A. Go to www.rideshare.wi.gov!

## Q. Are there other ways to register for the program besides online?

A. You can request a registration form by calling 800-455-POOL (7665). There is also an e-mailable registration on the Web site. When we receive registration forms the program manager runs a match for you and mails you the results.

> Whether registering online, via e-mail or regular mail, you have the same match opportunities. Your home address and phone number are kept confidential and data is sent through a secured link.

- 2. Does Wisconsin Rideshare set up the carpools?
- A. Wisconsin Rideshare does not operate or set up carpools. We bring commuters together and leave it up to you and your fellow commuters to form your own. Simply contact the people on your list to see if they're willing to share a ride. There is never any obligation to call those on your match list, to join a carpool, or to continue in an established carpool.



- **Q.** Are there new Wisconsin Rideshare features of interest?
- A. There are two new features of Wisconsin Rideshare.

Bike Buddies: Matches bicyclists with others by experience level.

Commute Mode Tracker: Use the commuting tracker to record how you commute to work and then compute the environmental savings.

Q. Can this program benefit my co-workers?

A. Tell your employer Wisconsin Rideshare offers great opportunities for employers. There are tax benefits available for employers offering commuting options. Promoting ridesharing among employees increases the possibilities of matches for you and your co-workers.

## You've got nothing to lose

### except your stress.

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