
Commute Trip Reduction Mission Statement

To reduce employee single occupant vehicle use and vehicle miles traveled to and from work by establishing and encouraging alternatives to the traditional commute.

What is the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program?

Washington State's CTR law was adopted by the 1991 Legislature and incorporated into the Washington Clean Air Act as RCW [70.94.521-551](#). The intent is to improve air quality; to reduce traffic congestion; to reduce the consumption of petroleum fuels through employer-based programs; and to encourage the use of alternatives to commuting.

One of the biggest myths about alternative commuting is that you have to do it 100% of the time. Not true! Sharing a ride to work one or two days a week makes a difference.

It may take a little advance planning, but if we all change our habits just a little bit, our community will ultimately be a better place to live and work.

Air Quality:

Automotive traffic in Washington's metropolitan areas is the major source of emissions of air contaminants. This pollution causes significant harm to people, trees, plants, and structures, and degrades the quality of the environment.

Traffic Congestion:

More traffic = more congestion. Costs to businesses and agencies are lost working hours and delivery delays. Decreasing demand is much less costly than building new roads.

Fuel Consumption:

Moderating the growth in automotive travel is essential to stabilizing and reducing dependence on imported petroleum and improving the nation's energy security.

What are the benefits of participating in the CTR Program?

Using an alternate commute mode provides you with the following opportunities:

- Make new friends
- Sit back and relax
- Read

- Sleep
- Listen to music
- Lower your insurance rates
- Increase the life of your vehicle
- Reduce gas purchases
- Remove the stress of driving

Why should the average citizen care about CTR?

Wherever congestion occurs, the delays in employee productivity and freight delivery translate to lost money. Washington's economic vitality depends on personal mobility and the efficient movement of goods and materials. And yet, traffic congestion continues to grow worse as we fail to take advantage of viable alternatives to driving alone. Statewide, employees commuting to CTR worksites made nearly 30,000 fewer vehicle trips each week day morning in 2009. Since many of these trips would otherwise have passed through the state's major traffic chokepoints, their absence reduces our travel delay. For example, CTR reduced delay by 8 percent in the Central Puget Sound Region in 2009, saving each morning peak traveler \$59 a year in wasted fuel and lost time.

State Agency Rider (STAR) Pass

The STAR Pass is provided through a partnership between the State and Intercity Transit (IT). State employees in Thurston County can ride without charge on any IT route. Passes are pre-paid by the state, with no charge to the employee. Employees with state photo ID will receive a sticker that will identify them as state employees to IT drivers.

For information on IT routes, contact them at (360) 786-1881 or (800) 287-6348 or go to <http://www.intercitytransit.com>.

For more information about the STAR Pass Program, go to <http://www.ctr.wa.gov/employees/starpass.htm> or contact the Human Resource Division Receptionist at (360) 704-2300.

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WSP CTR Subsidy Program

What are the benefits of participating in the CTR subsidy program?

- A taxable \$50 cash incentive added to your paycheck.
- Program is offered to all agency employees, not just affected worksites.
- Lower your insurance rates.
- Increase the life of your vehicle.
- Reduce gas purchases.
- Remove the stress of driving.

To qualify for a subsidy, employees must use an alternate mode of transportation to work and back for at least 16 individual trips each month in CTR mode. This could be 8 round trips or 16 individual trips while in CTR mode. "Alternate mode of transportation" is defined as riding public transit (bus, ferry, train), carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, or walking. The alternate mode of transportation may be combined (e.g., an employee may carpool to work and then use public transit to commute home).

Employees must complete the Commuter Trip Reduction (CTR) Registration form first, then register with RideshareOnline using his/her work e-mail address.

Further instructions regarding the requirements to meet for this subsidy are located on iWSP (click on "Commuter Trip Reduction" under Resource Center on the iWSP home page) and in the required Commuter Trip Reduction (CTR) Registration form.

SAFE Ride Home (Thurston County Employees)

The State Agency Free Emergency (SAFE) Ride is available to state employees in Thurston County who ride the bus, drive or ride in a carpool or vanpool, walk, or bike to work. The program is funded through the State Agency Rider (STAR) Pass and State Agency Commuter Trip Reduction (CTR) programs at the Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Think of SAFE Ride as your smart commuting insurance policy. If you come to work by bus, vanpool, carpool, or walk or bicycle to work and have an emergency occur during your work hours—such as a family illness, unexpected overtime, or a missed ride—you can take a taxi home and the SAFE Ride program will pick up the tab (excluding gratuity).

Rules relating to the SAFE Ride home program:
<http://www.ctr.wa.gov/employees/saferide.htm>.

If you need a SAFE Ride home, contact the Strategic Planning and Accountability Section (CTR Coordinator) at (360) 596-4143, VoIP ext. 11143. If you cannot reach the CTR Coordinator, call SPA staff at either (360) 596-4141 or (360) 596-4138. If necessary, in their absence, you may also contact Ms. Burlina Montgomery, Thurston Regional Planning Council, at (360) 956-7575 or by e-mail to montgomeryb@trpc.org.

ORCA Program

Questions regarding the ORCA program should be directed to the WSP Human Resource Division.

Resources

WSP CTR Coordinator

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Office (360) 596-4143 or VoIP ext. 11143
CTRSubsidy@wsp.wa.gov
[CTR iWSP Web site](#)

Kitsap County Transit

Information (360) 373-2877
Toll Free (800) 501-7433
www.kitsaptransit.org

Pierce County Transit

Information (253) 581-8000
Toll Free (800) 562-8109
<http://www.piercetransit.org/>

Puget Sound Ride Sharing

Carpooling/Vanpooling/Park & Ride Lots
Toll Free (888) 814-1300
www.rideshareonline.com

Snohomish County Community Transit

Information (425) 353-7433
Toll Free (800) 562-1375
www.commtrans.org

Thurston County Intercity Transit

Information (360) 786-1881
Toll Free (800) 287-6348
<http://www.intercitytransit.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Grays Harbor Transit

Information (360) 532-2770
Toll Free (800) 562-9730
<http://www.ghtransit.com/>

Washington State Ferries Schedule

Information (206) 464-6400
Toll Free (888) 808-7977
www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries