



Clean Commute Chronicle



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Welcome Army National Guard Vanpool & Carpool Participants!

We would like to welcome the Army National Guard as our new Clean Commute Employer Partner! The brave men and women who serve our country, and those who assist them, already do so much for our community. By sharing the ride and reducing harmful emissions and reducing congestion, they are helping us further, all while saving money on gas and vehicle maintenance.

Clean Commute Options and MichiVan visited a National Guard site earlier in November, to give out information about our services and help those interested in carpooling or vanpooling. We spoke with many people and are happy to already have several vanpools started out there, and some potential carpools formed.

We will be visiting another National Guard site in early December, and hope to once again be able to help many of the service men and women, as well as the other civilian employees, with their commuting needs.

Special thanks to those who set up the transportation fairs at the National Guard Locations. If any of you are interested in joining one of the pools that travels from Flint, Hastings, Kalamazoo, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Alma, or surrounding regions, please contact our office at (517) 393-RIDE or email cleancommute@cata.org.

To learn more about the program you may also visit our website at www.cata.org. If you know a business that may be looking to help employees get on the road to a clean commute, please let us know so we can follow up with the employer.

Vanpool & Carpool Parking Reminders for Downtown Lansing Commuters

The new parking incentives program offered to all of our vanpools and carpools commuting into the downtown Lansing Area has been very successful, with almost all of our vans and many carpools taking part in the free or discounted parking benefit. We thank all of you that have already completed your applications for the program! We would like to remind others who may be new to Clean Commute Options, or who have not yet heard of the discounted parking incentives, that you can still contact our office to see if you qualify and sign up.

For all of you who clean commute into downtown Lansing, we would like to remind you about some rules for parking.

Vanpools - You must park in 10 hour metered parking locations only. When parking in these locations, please make sure you are parked within the marked space and are not over into the traffic lanes. You will get a ticket if you park too far out from the curb or are infringing on the traffic lanes.

Carpools - Your entire carpool must be registered with the Clean Commute Options Program and complete the VIP discounted carpool parking form before you can receive the discounted parking. The VIP cards will only work in city-owned parking ramps or surface lots.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns. Thank you!

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TCBA: www.biketcba.org

Featured Commuter of the Month

December's featured commuter of the month travels daily from her home in Owosso to downtown Lansing. Thankfully, she is able to share the ride and share the savings at least three days per week with four to five other carpoolers; saving money on gas and saving wear and tear on her vehicle.

Paula has been taking her 45 minute one-way commuting route since early in 2004, and it is working out very well; especially on days when the carpool faces bad weather.

"I enjoy both riding and driving. The people I share the ride with are great and conversations vary" states Paula. "Because there are several carpools I have participated in over the past few years, it is funny how I have stayed connected to all of them. Sometimes if unusual circumstances arise, I know I can call on one of them to "hitch" a ride to or from work."

Paula also qualifies for our Emergency Ride Home service and is appreciative for the peace of mind that the program gives her. She decided to participate as she is the emergency contact for her mother who is 92 and living in St. Johns. Paula also includes that ERH also allows her son to carpool as well in another group, so he knows he can get home if something occurs with his two children.

Paula is very appreciative that Clean Commute Options is always ready and willing to help keep commuters informed and "cheering" all of our commuters on!

Winter Driving Quickly Approaching!

Winter driving conditions will soon be on there way! Whether you have driven for 5 or 50 years, accidents can happen and are especially more likely with slippery or wet roads.

We ask you all to use extra caution while driving this winter.

Have a safe & happy holiday season!

Carpools Looking for More Riders

- Ann Arbor-Lansing
- Brighton-MSU
- Canton-State Secondary. Complex
- Charlotte-Lansing
- Corunna/Durand-Lansing
- Dimondale-Holt
- Durand/Perry-MSU
- Eaton Rapids-Lansing
- Eaton Rapids-East Lansing/MSU
- Fowlerville-Lansing
- Grand Rapids-E. Lansing
- Ionia/Portland/Eagle-Lansing
- Jackson-East Lansing
- Jackson-Lansing
- Lowell/Ada-Lansing
- Lyons/Portland-Lansing
- Novi-Lansing
- Owosso-East Lansing/MSU
- Owosso-Lansing
- Portland/Eagle-West Lansing
- Portland/Ionia/Eagle-MSU
- Spring Arbor/Jackson-Lansing

Vanpools Looking for More Riders

- Ann Arbor-Lansing
- Brighton-Lansing
- Canton-Lansing
- Grand Rapids-Lansing
- Grand Rapids-MSU/E.L
- Howell-Lansing
- Ionia/Saranac-Lansing
- Jackson-Lansing
- Lapeer-Flint-Lansing
- Novi-Lansing
- Lennon/Flint-Lansing
- Milford-Lansing/Secondary Complex
- Southfield-Lansing

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