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The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) offers Middle Tennesseans transportation solutions. The mission of RTA is to offer the citizens of Middle Tennessee choices and alternatives on how they commute to work each day and to coordinate local regional transportation services. By maximizing federal, state, and local funds with fares, RTA provides and/or manages regional commuter bus service, hundreds of vanpools and carpools, and Tennessee's first commuter rail service, the Music City Star.

As Middle Tennessee grows, RTA will continue to provide commuters with comfortable, convenient, and affordable alternatives to the stress and high cost of commuting to work alone. An additional benefit, as traffic improves so does air quality. On-road vehicle emissions contribute significantly to air pollution.

Ride With Us

We know you have your own personal preferences about modes of transportation. RTA is dedicated to providing alternatives and choices of programs designed to meet the specific needs of the riders and area employers, and more importantly, improve the air quality for all Middle Tennesseans.

Call RTA today at **615-862-8833** or visit www.RTArelaxandride.com to get a free computerized ride match for carpools and vanpools, route information, bus and train schedules, and fares.

Serving Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson counties

You Have Options

Commuters leave behind the daily stress of fighting traffic, arriving at their destination refreshed and on-time.



Express Bus

Commuter Buses Central to RTA's regional transportation service are the Relax-and-Ride (R&R) bus routes. They connect Rutherford, Sumner and other counties to Nashville's bus transit system. Riders relax as they leave the traffic to us. Additional routes are under study. Check www.RTArelaxandride.com for most current routes and schedules.



Rideshare

Ridesharing Computerized *ridematching* is just one of the many features of the RTA Rideshare program. RTA maintains a database of over 3,000 ridesharers in Middle Tennessee. With simple commute information, new riders are matched to a convenient carpool, vanpool or bus route. Ridesharers can take advantage of HOV lanes.



Carpool

Carpools RTA has established hundreds of carpools throughout the region. Carpoolers either share driving responsibilities or designate one driver and pay a determined fare each month. Carpoolers can take advantage of the HOV lanes.



Emergency Ride Home

Emergency Ride Home In addition to the obvious benefits of ridesharing, commuters can also get back home during the work day should an emergency come up at home.

RTA offers the Emergency Ride Home program that provides a free ride home to registered, regular commuters in case of illness, an emergency, or unexpected overtime.



Vanpool



Park & Ride

Vanpools RTA works with regional ride-share partners to manage a fleet of more than 110 commuter vanpools throughout Middle Tennessee. Twelve, fourteen and fifteen-passenger vans carry riders between *park-and-ride* lots in their neighborhoods and their workplace. Riders pay a low monthly fare and save on gas, parking, and the wear-and-tear of their cars. A van driver, in exchange for driving and keeping simple records on the van's performance, commutes for free.



Commuter Rail

Music City Star RTA is now providing Middle Tennessee with commuter rail service between Lebanon and Nashville. Daily service includes inbound and outbound trips each day during peak rush hours. Friday evening has an additional service for a later trip. Visit www.musiccitystar.org for more details on schedules, times and station locations.



HOV Lanes High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes are specially marked lanes designated for vehicles with two or more people. HOV lanes are designed to encourage ridesharing and to reduce the number of vehicles on the Interstates during rush hours while at the same time moving more people through congested areas.



ADA Coordinator Call:
615-862-8833

Employer Benefits

Area businesses face many challenges in hiring quality employees. Reliable transportation is a major concern. RTA offers employers options for funding and/or arranging transportation necessary to recruit and retain employees.

Employer programs range from dedicated corporate vanpools and pre-tax Mobility Check vouchers to the Commuter Choice program. RTA assists in surveying employees and creating the ideal program. Offering transit options for employees often leads to improved attendance and punctuality.

Private employers, non-profit organizations, public agencies and the federal government can provide tax-free commuter transit benefits to employees under current IRS rules:

- Transit, commuter rail, and vanpools are qualified transportation commuting benefits according to IRS Publication 15-B.
- Employers can cover up to \$110 per month (2007 rate) for an employee's actual transit or vanpooling commuting costs.
- Employers can share the costs with employees, who can use pre-tax dollars to pay their share
- The payroll tax savings alone usually more than covers administration costs
- Individuals, who use commuter transit benefits, reduce their commuting costs and receive a tax benefit
- Some insurance companies offer discounts to motorists who use commuter transit

For additional information on how commuter transit benefits can add to your company's bottom line, contact the Regional Transportation Authority at **615-862-8833** or www.RTArelaxandride.com.



Ridematch Request Application

Name _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Nearest Major Cross Street _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Other Phone _____
Email Address _____
Employer Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Work Schedule _____ am _____ pm to _____ am _____ pm
Alternate Work Schedule _____ am _____ pm to _____ am _____ pm
Please check if you work flexible hours Saturdays Sundays

How do you currently get to work?
 drive alone carpool vanpool
 express bus commuter rail

Do you own a car? yes no

Do you carpool? yes no

How many are in your carpool?
What is the fare for your carpool?
Are you interested in commuting by:
 carpool vanpool
 commuter bus commuter rail
Would you prefer to commute with smokers or non-smokers?
 smokers non-smokers no preference