

# **SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM**

## **SERVING**

**DADE**

**BROWARD**

**PALM BEACH**

**MONROE**

## ***GETTING THE WORK OUT OF GETTING TO WORK***

### ***WHAT IS A SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL***

It's a group of up to 15 people who share a ride to and from work together in a South Florida Commuter Van. One member of the Vanpool group volunteers to participate as the Primary Driver, along with other fellow members who volunteer as Alternate Drivers. The monthly vanpool expense is shared equally among all the vanpool participants. The Primary Driver receives limited personal use of the van during off hours in exchange for picking up fellow vanpool members, arranging for service of the van, and maintaining the monthly rider ship log. Everyone enjoys the cost savings and the convenience of sharing a ride!

### ***A BETTER WAY TO COMMUTE!***

Vanpooling is more than a low cost alternative to driving alone. Vanpooling is convenient and stress-free! You can turn wasted time sitting behind the wheel of your car into productive time while you read, relax, and enjoy your commute.

The South Florida Vanpool Program is open to all commuters who live or work in Dade, Broward, Monroe, and Palm Beach County. The program can accommodate groups of individuals who work for different employers located in the same general area or a group of individuals commuting to the same employment locations.

### ***WHY SHOULD I VANPOOL?***

- You will save money by reducing your monthly commute expense.
- You will reduce wear and tear on your personal automobile.
- You can escape the daily grind and stress of driving by sharing a ride in a vanpool.
- You can turn commuting time into productive time to read, catch up with work, or sleep.
- Save time by using the area's HOV lanes.
- Make new friends with fellow riders in your vanpool.

### ***PEACE OF MIND***

As a vanpool member **Emergency Ride Home Program Assistance** is available through **South Florida Commuter Services** in case you have an emergency and you need to get home right away and are unable to ride with your Vanpool group (registration is required and restrictions apply).

#### **Preferential Parking**

Many Employers offer preferential parking to vanpools which can be extremely convenient, and is great incentive to any Vanpool group.

### ***WHAT IS THE VANPOOL MONTHLY COST?***

The price is determined by the total miles the van travels monthly and the number of paying passengers in the Vanpool group. Through an agreement with the Dade and Broward County Metropolitan Organizations, and the Florida Department of Transportation, Vanpool groups which originate or terminate in either of these two counties are eligible to receive a \$400 per month Vanpool Subsidy to lessen the groups monthly vanpool cost.

***I WANT TO TRY VANPOOLING! WHAT DO I DO NOW?***

- Contact a South Florida Vanpool Representative at 1-800-VAN-RIDE. We will help find a space for you on an existing vanpool that matches your schedule and route. If not, we will help you form a new vanpool to your work location.
- Talk to friends and co-workers about the concept of sharing the ride to work. You will be surprised to find there are many people who, like you, are frustrated with their commute.

***THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM INCLUDES EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET STARTED***

- LOCAL CUSTOMER SUPPORT
- COMFORTABLE COMMUTER VANS IN SIZES OF 7, 9, OR 15 PASSENGER
- CONTRACT BASED ON A 30-DAY COMMITMENT BASIS
- BUMPER-TO-BUMPER SCHEDULED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS
- FULL COVERAGE AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH ZERO DEDUCTIBLE
- 24-HOUR ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE
- LOANER VANS IF YOUR VAN IS DOWN DUE TO EXTENDED REPAIRS
- VANPOOL FORMATION ASSISTANCE, MARKETING SUPPORT AND ON-SITE PROMOTIONS

**BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION. DON'T SIT IN TRAFFIC IN YOUR CAR!  
BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN TO HELP REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION &  
AIR POLLUTION CAUSED BY AUTOMOBILES IS AUTOMATIC WHEN YOU  
VANPOOL!**

**THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUTER PARTNERSHIP**

***SPONSORSHIP:  
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:  
RIDER-MATCHING & ERH:  
WHO OPERATES THE PROGRAM***

***THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DADE & BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUTER SERVICES  
VPSI INC. COMMUTER VAN POOLS***

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