

YCAT Vanpool Incentive Program (VIP)

The YCAT VIP is designed to assist employees to form vanpools for the home-to-work commute. The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority offers a monthly subsidy to help with the cost of the vanpool. YCIPTA pays the subsidy directly to Enterprise Rideshare or vRide. The subsidy is available for a qualified vanpool for at least one year and may be continued based on YCIPTA's funding sources.

An employer can help reduce the employee's monthly cost of the vanpool by providing a subsidy. This may enable employers to qualify for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "national standard of excellence" recognition program, Best Workplaces for Commuters SM.

Funding for the YCAT subsidy is provided, in part, by the Federal Transit Administration through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). The funding is subject to change and is reviewed annually on a fiscal year basis.

**Fewer vehicles on the road
reduces traffic congestion
And gives us cleaner air.**

**Vanpooling... a convenient , safe,
and economical alternative**



See Where it Takes You!



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A convenient, stress-free, alternative
to driving alone

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Vanpooling Benefits*

Vanpooling helps you save in many ways. Here's how:

- **Reduced taxes**

Employees can set aside pre-tax dollars to help pay for monthly vanpool expenses. Visit ycat.az.gov for details.

- **Lower personal vehicle and insurance expenses**

By driving less, you reduce vehicle wear and tear, which reduces your fuel, maintenance and auto insurance costs. Vanpooling also may eliminate the need for a second car.

- **Reduced air pollution**

Fewer cars on the road equates to less pollution. An average 35-mile daily commute results in 1 pound of air pollution.

- **Increased time**

Fewer cars on the road lead to a quicker commute.

- **Reduced stress**

A 15-passenger van eliminates up to 14



vehicles from the road, reducing congestion and driver aggravation. Use your extra time to relax, socialize, read or catch up on work.

Arrive at work on time, less stressed and ready to be productive!

Vanpool: An arrangement in which a group of at least 7 passengers share the use and cost of a van to travel between prearranged destinations and work. Vanpools qualify for a VIP subsidy, provided by YCIPTA.

Shuttle: A public or private vehicle that travels a particular route, especially a short route or one that provides connections between transportation systems, employment centers, etc. Shuttles do not qualify for the VIP subsidy.

* Vanpools are organized as long as the vanpool originates, ends or travels through Yuma County.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a qualifying vanpool?

A qualifying vanpool consists of 7 to 15 employees who live or work in Yuma County and commute in a van to an employer work site as a primary mode of transportation.

How do I qualify for a vanpool?

Employees qualify by working for an employer, riding in the vanpool at least 3 days per week, completing required paperwork with Enterprise Rideshare or vRide (which provides the van), providing one-way mileage for the home-to-work commute and registering with YCIPTA's Rideshare commuter matching program.

How much does a vanpool cost?

Monthly costs are determined by the size of the van, miles driven, fuel costs, number of riders and any subsidy provided by an employer. Employer subsidies help reduce overall costs of the vanpool. Riders pay fuel and other costs not covered by YCIPTA and employer subsidies. YCIPTA provides subsidy direct to Enterprise Rideshare or vRide. For additional vanpool cost information available on ycat.az.gov.

Who pays for the vanpool?

Monthly costs are divided among the van's riders and are paid one month in advance. The driver or a designated rider is responsible for collecting the money and submits the money and a monthly rider report to Enterprise Rideshare or vRide.

Who provides the vans?

Enterprise Rideshare or vRide provides the van to rent on a monthly basis through a contract agreement that all riders sign. Enterprise Rideshare or vRide provides the vans, along with a scheduled maintenance program, full insurance and a substitute van when needed during normal business hours. Enterprise Rideshare or vRide offers a 24-hour Roadside Assistance Program for after-hours and weekend emergencies.

Who drives the van?

Drivers must be at least 25 years of age, have a valid driver's license and a reasonably clean driving record. Vanpools must have a main driver, one alternate driver and must complete all required paperwork. Drivers may be allowed to take the vehicle home to use on weekends and after hours. Drivers receive a personal mileage allowance up to 250 miles per month at no additional cost, excluding fuel.

What happens in case of an emergency?

YCIPTA offers a guaranteed ride home program for employees to use in case of a family or medical emergency. The program allows free taxi service up to four times per year. Call 928-783-2235 or visit ycat.az.gov for details. Enterprise Rideshare or vRide also provides a guaranteed ride home program that can be set up in conjunction with the vanpool contract.

Getting Started

Contacts:

- Call YCAT Vanpool: 928.783.2235
- ycat.az.gov (Click Rider's Tools, click Special Services and click YCAT Vanpool)
- Enterprise Rideshare - 1-800-VAN-4-WORK
- vRide - 1-800-VAN-RIDE
- Your worksite Transportation Coordinator

What you'll get: Recruitment and informational meetings, vanpool registrations, program marketing at employer worksites, VIP packets and promotional items.

What's required: Fill out required paperwork with Enterprise Rideshare or vRide. Vanpool riders must complete an application for the YCAT Guaranteed Ride Home program.

