

## Ada County Employee Alternative Transportation and Parking Program

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The purpose of the employee alternative transportation and parking program is to provide employees with transportation options as well as adequate parking at all Ada County facilities. The “program” as described in this document is intended to reduce traffic, parking, and air quality programs in Ada County. All employees are eligible to receive **either** a commuting subsidy **or** a parking subsidy, but not both.

### **Bus Passes – Valley Ride**

The Board of Ada County Commissioners pays \$32.00/month for each local bus pass and \$18.00/month for Senior Citizen passes. The Employee Transportation Coordinator distributes these passes to eligible employees free of charge. Employees who ride between Ada and Canyon counties must pay the additional cost of a “universal” pass.

### **Commuter Vans**

ACHD offers new riders a free month trial ride. After the first month, the Board of Ada County Commissioners pays \$32.00/month for each employee and the employee pays any remaining monthly amount.

### **Treasure Valley Transit & Commuters Bus**

The Board of Ada County Commissioners pays \$32.00/month for each employee and the employee pays any remaining amount.

### **Parking Validations:**

Each individual department, at their own discretion, may provide parking validation stickers for their visitors. The validation stickers are purchased from Downtown Public Parking out of the department’s budget.

### **Transi-Cheks**

New riders on Commuteride Vanpools and Commuters Bus will receive \$20.00 off each month’s fare for the first three months. The program is funded by ACHD but the checks are distributed by Ada County’s Employee Transportation Coordinator. Discounts are available on monthly fares only.

### **Guaranteed Ride Home Program**

Commuters in carpools, vanpools, or buses and walkers and bicyclists are eligible for reimbursement for a taxi ride home. The participant must be registered for the program with Commuteride prior to the taxi ride. Rides are available for emergencies or overtime situations. To be eligible for reimbursement, the participant must have arrived at work using one of the modes listed above. An annual maximum benefit per participant is six taxi rides or a maximum of \$300.00. This program is funded by ACHD. Enrollment forms are available from the Employee Transportation Coordinator.

### **Downtown Parking**

Employees who work in downtown Boise have the option of purchasing a parking space in the parking garage for \$35.00/month or in a surface lot for \$15.00/month. Limited free parking is available on some downtown streets near the Courthouse on a first-come, first-served basis.

Republic Parking manages the Civic Plaza parking garage and employees must contract with them for a space. The cost is \$50.00/month for employees but the Board of Ada County Commissioners provides a \$15.00/month subsidy for employees thereby reducing their cost to \$35.00/month.

Two surface lots are located west of the Courthouse. The lot closest to the building is the West Lot and the lot on the west side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is the Triangle Lot. Employees must sign a payroll deduction form for the \$15.00/month fee before being issued a keycard. Forms are available from the Employee Transportation Coordinator.

**\*Carpools & Vanpools** – Parking spaces are available in the West Lot at no charge to employees who carpool with at least 1 other County employee. A single key card and space is shared by these two employees, but there is no cost for either employee. Vanpools and vanpool drivers are also given free, preferred parking in the West Lot.

**Bicycles** – Secured bike storage is provided at no cost in the basement of the Civic Plaza parking garage. Employees enter on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, on the east side of the Courthouse. Showers are located in the courthouse and Civic Plaza office space for all employees who bicycle or walk to work. Contact the Employee Transportation Coordinator for door codes for the showers and/or bicycle parking.

For all questions concerning the above benefits, please call the Employee Transportation Coordinator in the Operations Department at 287-7100.