

# HOW TO:

# CARPOOL

## CARPOOLING TIPS

- Find a few friends or co-workers who are interested in starting a carpool.
- Establish a route and designate a place to meet for the trip home.
- Create a driving schedule that divides driving responsibilities equally.
- Figure out the cost and fairly reimburse the driver if driving is not shared equally.
- Create a communication chain in case you are running late or needing to take a sick day.
- Drive responsibly! Keep your car clean and properly maintained for everyone's safety and enjoyment.
- Create rules regarding smoking, food/drink, and music. Remember, majority rules! So leave those Barry Manilow CDs at home.
- Make carpooling the purpose – avoid running errands.



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*Most importantly, it's not all or nothing! Set up a carpool schedule that works for you even if it means you only carpool once a week.*

*Just because your buddy lives in the Valley doesn't mean you can't carpool. Meet at a "park and ride" or your favorite coffee shop along the way.*

*Try someone new; if carpooling with your friends isn't feasible don't be afraid to ask a co-worker. Also, check out the many carpooling matching websites!*

### **Resources:**

[www.ridematch.muni.org](http://www.ridematch.muni.org) ~ [www.erideshare.com](http://www.erideshare.com) ~ [www.carpoolconnect.com](http://www.carpoolconnect.com)

# WHY? The Surprising Cost of Driving to Work Alone

The average commuter spends 52¢ per mile on ownership and maintenance of a vehicle. *(Bureau of Transportation Statistics, National Transportation Statistics 2006)*

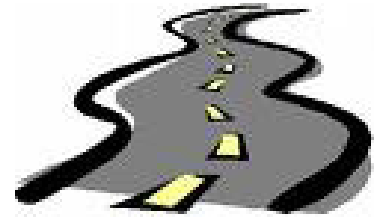
## ***If you live in Anchorage . . .***

Your average commute is 12.8 miles round trip

12.8 miles x 52¢ = \$6.65 per day

x 5 workdays per week = \$33.28

x 48 workweeks per year = **\$1,597 per year**



## ***If you live in Eagle River . . .***

Your average commute from the Eagle River to Anchorage is 30 miles round trip

30 miles x 52¢ = \$15.60 per day

x 5 workdays a week = \$78.00

x 48 workweeks per year = **\$3,744 per year**

## ***If you live in the Valley . . .***

Your average commute from the Mat-Su to Anchorage is 80 miles round trip

80 miles x 52¢ = \$41.60 per day

x 5 workdays per week = \$208.00

x 48 workweeks per year = **\$9,984 per year**

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