

Important Phone Numbers

North Shore and Central/Leeward
Oahu LOTMA (Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association)
677-RIDE or 677-7433

Other areas on Oahu DOT Ridesharing
Hotline 692-7695

Big Island Hawaii Mass Transit
961-8744

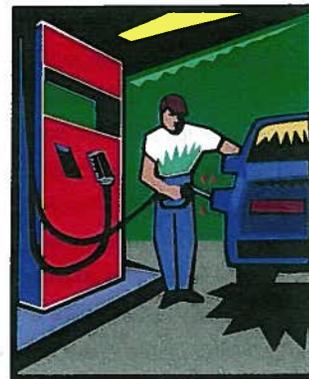
Kauai County Transportation
246-8110

Maui County Transportation
270-7511

Hawaii DOT Rideshare Webpage
<http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/rideshare/>



Visit <http://goakamai.org>

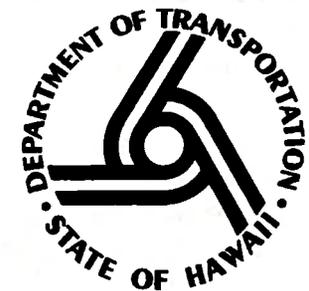


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The Carpooler's Survival Guide



Welcome to Carpooling!

Carpooling is an easy, inexpensive and stress free way to commute to and from work. It

involves people sharing the driving or cost of commuting in a private vehicle. Carpoolers can share rides with their families, neighbors or co-workers.



Share a ride...commit to commuting!

Carpooling is the most flexible form of transportation other than driving yourself. It can be adapted to almost any schedule. You can carpool round-trip or one-way only, as frequently as your schedule permits. You can also take turns driving or arrange to drive on the day(s) that you need your car for errands or appointments. For commuters who drop off children at school or a day care center, the facility can serve as a carpool meeting site. Some employers offer reduced-rate or free preferential parking spaces for carpoolers.

Carpooling affords commuters numerous benefits. It provides them with companions during their commute. Passengers may use the time to read the newspaper or a novel. Drivers may use high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to reduce commuting time.

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association (LOTMA) can assist

commuters by providing a free carpool matching service. Commuters who register with the DOT or LOTMA receive a personalized matchlist of potential carpoolers in their neighborhoods.

Here are some suggestions for starting a carpool:

Phone your potential carpoolers. Call others interested in forming a carpool to see if their schedules and traveling habits to and from work are similar to yours.

Schedule a meeting. Meet with your potential carpoolers over coffee or lunch and before agreeing to ride together. If you don't feel comfortable with any of the participants, don't join the carpool.

Set some ground rules. Who drives, and when? How often do you carpool? Arrange for pick-ups and drop-offs. What should you do on days you can't carpool, especially if it's your turn. What should you do if you have to work late or go home early? How long will the carpool wait if someone is late? What sort of music will be



Formulate your carpool and set ground rules.

have once you're carpooling.

Make sure all drivers have adequate insurance and keep their vehicles in top running condition.

Avoid breakdowns and accidents by having regular check-ups and service.

Set up a trial carpool day or week. It will help establish a schedule that works for everyone.



Research parking rates for carpooling. Are there special provisions?

Organize a schedule for driving responsibilities. If members of your carpool want to

alternate driving, decide who wants to alternate and on which day(s) or week(s). Set up a plan of action in case a driver is sick, has a car in the shop or must work late. Make sure you have a back-up driver or that everyone is able to make other arrangements.

Establish a method for reimbursing driving expenses.

Carry a card with names and work and home phone numbers of all your carpool members.

Be prompt whether you're driving or riding. Everyone appreciates being on time.

Be considerate. Consideration for others makes carpooling enjoyable for everyone.

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