



COMMUTER CONNECTIONS

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This newsletter is to let you know that Commuter Club is now www.sacregion511.org. The Emergency Ride service, people to carpool with and regional travel information are now on sacregion511.org.

If you had a Commuter Club account, please go to www.sacregion511.org to login and create a new password.

The Voucher for the Emergency Ride service is on the new site, so if you carpool, vanpool, bicycle, walk or take public transit at least 60 percent of your work week, the [Sacramento TMA](http://www.sacramento-tma.org) will pay your taxi or rental car to get home if you have an emergency or unscheduled overtime.

Everyone can find current travel information or possible carpool matches on www.sacregion511.org.

The Sacramento TMA site, www.sacramento-tma.org, has pages of commuter resources: transit, bicycling or carpooling and seats available in vanpools. Questions? Contact the TMA at sactma@surewest.net.



All new commute information site

The new sacregion511.org website

Commuter Club has merged with SacRegion511.org so you now have one place to find a carpool match, see current traffic or get a voucher for the [Emergency Ride](http://EmergencyRide) service.

To use the new system, please renew your registration and password.

To do this, if you were registered in Commuter Club, you can go to the Commuter Club site which will redirect you to the renewal page, or you can go directly to SacRegion511.org.

Waze Carpool is leading the Way

You may already use Waze as your mobile navigation app. Now you can also use Waze to share your commute trip.

With Waze Carpool, you can check to see who is going your way and may share the ride. You can set filters, for example, you may want to commute with others who work for your employer, or women may want to ride with other women. Drivers can select how much time they're comfortable adding to their trip, (five to ten minutes extra), and riders can do the same.

Using the Waze Carpool app, people share the cost of the trip, fuel, insurance, wear and tear on the vehicle. Waze transfers the funds directly from the rider to the driver.

Waze Carpool makes it easy



Waze Carpool is a two-app system. To schedule a carpool, decide if you want to ride or drive.

To sign up, go to bit.ly/CarpoolSacramento. Register with your personal email address, (this is best for transfer of funds).

However, when you set your profile, use your employer email address so we can assign incentives and assure you're registered with your employer. If you're registered in the Sacramento TMA group, watch for your commute trip to cost no more than \$3 starting in January.

After you install Waze Carpool, follow the sign up instructions in the app to request your first ride.

To give someone a ride, you need only Waze's regular navigation app. To sign up to drive, simply tap the Carpool button on the bottom right.

How does it work?

To set your carpool request, give the origin and destination of your trip. You can arrange separate AM and PM commute trips. It's easiest to do this the day before, or Sunday evening for the week.

To set filters, click into the specific route (ie. Monday, Work -> Home) and then click the 3 dots in the top right OR the 'Filter' button above the list of matches.

The Waze app shows the people that meet your filters. You see their picture, number of rides they've given, and their star rating from riders.

When a driver agrees to give a ride, you can text or call each other to work out pick-up points and departure times.

Waze arranges the transfer of funds from the rider to the driver— up to the maximum the Internal Revenue Service allows for business-related mileage, currently \$0.54 per mile.

This is not a "job" for the driver, but a way to cover expenses. The transfer of funds is a reimbursement of the costs of travel.

Ideally, once people start, they keep carpooling together through Waze. The advantage of this is that the transfer of funds is done seamlessly.

Also, when you schedule your carpools through Waze, every commute costs the rider no more than \$3 in January, February and March.

What if my Driver cancels?

The driver or the rider can cancel a scheduled trip at any time. If the driver cancels a trip, the rider will not be stranded at work. You have the option to look for another ride from Waze Carpool or to take public transit.

- Consistent with our mission to take cars off the road, we ask that you take public transportation.
- If you need transportation to a transit stop or from a stop to your home, you may use a ride-hailing service* such as Lyft.
- The Sacramento TMA will reimburse the cost of Lyft to or from the transit stop up to \$50 per month and the \$50 will go farther if you select the "pool" option - Lyft Line.

If another carpool or public transit are not available, you may use the TMA Emergency Ride service.

You are eligible to use the TMA Emergency Ride service if you meet all of the following criteria:

1. You carpooled as a Rider with WAZE that morning
2. You schedule an evening carpool request with WAZE
3. Your evening request includes a time window of *at least* 30 minutes
4. You were not matched in an evening carpool, public transit is not available, or you have an

unexpected urgent matter during the day.

5. Your evening destination is within a similar radius as your morning commute

To download a voucher for the Emergency Ride service, log in to www.sacregion511.org and look for My Rewards at the bottom left of the page. EMERGENCY RIDE HOME vouchers include a tip paid to the taxi driver, (if your ride is less than 20 miles). If the ride will be more than 20 miles, your voucher will be for an Enterprise Rentacar.

Here are the steps to be reimbursed for the Lyft ride to a transit stop or from a transit stop to your home:

1. Submit an image of your receipt within 7 business days to the Sacramento TMA.
2. Your reimbursement check will be mailed to you.

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