



Backgrounder

New England's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Coalition

New England's Best Workplaces for CommutersSM Coalition is composed of leading New England government and business organizations working to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, cut global warming emissions, and make commuting less stressful and costly. Members are listed below.

Alliance for Climate Action 10% Challenge

Alliance for Climate Action 10% Challenge is a voluntary program that encourages households and businesses to reduce their annual greenhouse gas emissions by at least 10 percent. Alliance members are working collaboratively to advance a multi-marketing program to encourage individuals, households and businesses to save energy and reduce waste in three sectors: transportation, solid waste and energy efficiency.

<www.10percentchallenge.org>

Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT), Patriot Chapter

The Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) is an international coalition of private and public members committed to enhancing mobility, improving congestion and air quality, and conserving energy through Transportation Demand Management (TDM). ACT's Patriot Chapter serves New England and has more than 50 members. The chapter hosts an annual awards luncheon to recognize organizations and programs that further TDM.

<www.abctma.com/pcact.htm>

GO MAINE

GO MAINE provides transportation services and information to commuters and other travelers who live, work, or travel in the State of Maine. It offers comprehensive commuter services and information, including carpools and vanpools, as well as promoting transit, bicycling and walkers.

<www.gomaine.org>

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)—known as the “T”—is the nation’s oldest and fifth largest transportation system. MBTA provides safe, reliable world-class transportation in an environmentally sound and responsible manner. Each day, 1.2 million customers ride the T’s buses and trains and help reduce automobile emissions’ harmful effects on human health and the environment by not driving their cars.

<www.mbta.com>

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Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

The mission of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) is to preserve, protect, enhance, and restore the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

<www.state.ma.us/envir>

MassRIDES

MassRIDES is the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's statewide travel options program, providing assistance to commuters, students, tourists, senior citizens, and other traveler markets. Through its ride-matching and information systems, MassRIDES helps commuters find alternatives to drive-alone commuting.

<1-800-4COMMUTE>

Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management

The Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) is an interstate association of air quality control divisions of the eight Northeast states. NESCAUM's purpose is to exchange technical information, and to promote cooperation and coordination of technical and policy issues regarding air quality control in the Northeast. NESCAUM sponsors training programs, participates in national debates, and promotes research efforts.

<www.nescaum.org>

Rideworks of Greater New Haven, Inc.

Founded in 1984, Rideworks of Greater New Haven, Inc. is a private, non-profit ridesharing company serving south-central Connecticut and the Greater Waterbury area. With the support of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Rideworks works directly with area employers and employees to promote a wide variety of customized transportation demand management solutions such carpool/vanpool matching, traffic and area construction alerts, bus and train information and schedules, and telecommuting.

<www.rideworks.com>

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) has provided 38 years of statewide public transportation services and serves 38 of 39 Rhode Island communities. Serving 19.4 million riders annually, RIPTA's mission is to provide safe, reliable and cost-effective transit service with a commitment to transit excellence.

<www.ripta.com>

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The Rideshare Company

The Rideshare Company, a Connecticut not-for-profit corporation, focuses on providing commuter transportation solutions to businesses and individuals. With funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, The Rideshare Company operates the award-winning Easy Street® vanpool program, designs transportation programs for employers, and utilizes a highly effect customer service call center to place commuters on buses, carpools and vanpools. These services result in reduced road congestion, energy conservation and better air quality.

<www.rideshare.com>

Upper Valley Rideshare

Upper Valley Rideshare (UVRS) is a free carpool-matching service serving commuters and employers throughout central New Hampshire and Vermont since 1992. UVRS matches commuters who want to share the daily drive or ride to work or school. UVRS is funded by VPTA/VTrans and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. UVRS is located in Wilder, VT and is a free service of Advance Transit, Inc.

<www.uppervalleyrideshare.com>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Through the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes employers nationwide that offer outstanding commuter benefits. Participating organizations achieve a *National Standard of Excellence*, as defined by program criteria, that includes offering employees commuter benefits such as transit passes, vanpool subsidies, carpool matching, bike lockers, or compressed work schedules. Supporters of the Best Workplaces for CommutersSM are working together with EPA to promote commuter benefits.

<www.bwc.gov>

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