

## Overview of Programs

Check out the information below for how our programs might make your commute easier, cheaper and greener!

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### Get one of these two benefits:

#### 1. Commute Cash

Employees who are able to telework or carpool, bike, or walk to work, can earn \$2 per day (about \$500 per year!) for each day that they log a trip in one of those modes. Commute to work, log your trips at least once a month, and earn cash rewards!

- For more info and instructions on how to sign up: [smcsustainability.org/CommuteCash.pdf](https://smcsustainability.org/CommuteCash.pdf)

OR

#### 2. Transit Subsidy

The County offers \$150 each month to cover the costs of taking the bus, train, or any other public transit to get to work, including Vanpools\*, paratransit, and Lyft Line or Uber Pool. Use the \$150 to cover the costs of monthly transit passes, or load cash value onto a clipper card. Get on public transit and take a break while you wait for your stop!

- For more info and instructions on how to sign up: [smcsustainability.org/TransitSubsidy.pdf](https://smcsustainability.org/TransitSubsidy.pdf)

\* **What is a Vanpool?** A vanpool is a group of 5-14 commuters who collectively lease a van, set their pickup and drop off locations and times, and take turns driving. It is a great way to reduce the amount of time you spend behind the wheel, take advantage of carpool lanes, and connect with colleagues. It also tends to be a fairly cost effective option for employees commuting long distances.

## And any of these benefits:

### CalTrain Go Pass

Employees who work at the ROC, at Maguire Jail, or at 400, 455, or 555 County Center are eligible to receive a free CalTrain Go Pass! These passes allow you to ride CalTrain seven days a week, as many zones as you'd like, as many times as you'd please, all for free! If you work in any of the five facilities listed above we strongly encourage you to apply.

- For more info and instructions on how to sign up: [smcsustainability.org/GoPass.pdf](https://smcsustainability.org/GoPass.pdf)

### Pre-tax Commuter Benefit

The Pre-Tax Commuter Benefit allows employees to pay for transit or vanpool costs that are over \$150 and under \$270, and/or for any transit-related parking orders up to \$270 per month on a pre-tax basis. This means that, like a Flexible Spending Account, the money you elect to spend would be deducted automatically from your last paycheck of the month, and spent before it ever became taxable income.

- For more info and instructions on how to sign up: [smcsustainability.org/PTCB.pdf](https://smcsustainability.org/PTCB.pdf)

### Bike Lockers

Want to keep your wheels safe and dry while you're at work? We have private bike lockers located at the various county campuses. Get a secure place to keep your bike while you're at work for a one-time \$10 payment!

- For more availability and instructions on how to sign up, email: [commute@smcgov.org](mailto:commute@smcgov.org)

### Emergency Ride Home

In the event of a personal emergency, all employees participating in SHIFT are eligible to be reimbursed for their trip home from work, if they did not drive alone to work that morning. To ride home, you can use public transit, carpool with a coworker, take a taxi, or use a rideshare service such as Lyft or Uber.

- For a list of qualifying emergencies and instructions on how to receive reimbursement: [smcsustainability.org/EmergencyRideHome.pdf](https://smcsustainability.org/EmergencyRideHome.pdf)