



# about us

## Vanpool Commuter Solutions

As convenient as your car and less expensive

For more than 25 years, we have worked to reduce traffic by providing innovative transportation solutions.

During last year alone, we managed more than half-a-million passenger trips, saving more than 10,000 gallons of gasoline a day, while providing convenient and reliable mobility throughout the state's most densely populated counties.

In addition to the Vanpool program, we manage the state's largest program of Shuttles and Carpools for businesses, colleges, universities and municipalities.

Our shuttles are equipped with GPS, Mobile Data Terminals and in-vehicle cameras to ensure safe, convenient travel every day of the year.

EZ Ride also offers innovative transportation solutions, such as bicycle and pedestrian services, car sharing, and transportation services for older adults and people with reduced mobility using a team of volunteer drivers.

To learn more about what EZ Ride can do for you or your company, visit [www.ezride.org](http://www.ezride.org).



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Vanpoolers enjoy camaraderie along with savings and free time

## What is a Vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of commuters who share a ride to work on a regular basis in a 7- to 15-seat van. Riders share expenses. One person serves as the driver/coordinator and, in exchange, may receive additional benefits.

With a median one-way trip of 40 miles, Meadowlink vanpools connect the metropolitan region with New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

## Why Vanpool?

Vanpooling is the most cost-effective commuter option available today. At less than \$6 a day for a round-trip commute, vanpools offer all the benefits of riding in a private car at less than the cost of public transit.

On average, Meadowlink vanpoolers save more than \$8,000 annually in gas, insurance and depreciation.

## Subsidies and tax breaks help

- To qualify for subsidies, your van must be leased from a NJ Transit approved provider.
- NJ Transit provides \$175 per month on an ongoing basis.
- An additional \$150 per month is provided if the vanpool uses the HOV (High Occupancy Vehicles) lane between Exits 11 and 14 on the NJ Turnpike any time from 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m.

- Meadowlink provides a \$60 credit for every empty seat for the first three months, while vanpools build their membership.
- In addition, the IRS allows a pre-income-tax deduction of up to \$230 per month for individual riders who participate in a van lease program.

## How Vanpools qualify for subsidies

Your van must be leased from a NJ Transit approved vanpool provider. Meadowlink helps you obtain a van on a 30-day, renewable lease program. A typical lease ranges from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per month, depending on the van and your monthly mileage. The lease includes maintenance, insurance, 24-hour Roadside Assistance and the Emergency Ride Home program.

## Emergency Ride Home and more

- Meadowlink offers an “Emergency Ride Home” service, which guarantees vanpoolers up to three rides home per year for any unforeseen emergency.
- Riders can read, doze, listen to music or work on their laptops
- By leaving their cars at home, vanpool riders help reduce traffic and improve air quality.

To start or join a vanpool, call Joji Sai at **201.939.4242**. Or visit **[www.ezride.org](http://www.ezride.org)**

“With a commute of more than 120 miles, vanpooling saves wear and tear on my personal car and offers camaraderie among fellow riders. I wouldn't pick any other way to commute.”



Larry Williams  
PSE&G EMPLOYEE