

## Tips for Starting Your Carpool!

- Once you receive your matchlist, don't be afraid to call **all** the commuters on the list. They are individuals who signed up just like you, for a multitude of reasons. These people are interested in an alternative to driving to work alone.
- Meet with your potential commuters in a public place before starting your carpool. During your meeting, set some ground rules. Some things to think about include:
  - If more than one passenger has a car, who will drive and when? If there are passengers without a car, how much gas and parking money do they provide?
  - Where will the carpool meet? Will there be a mutual meeting place or will the carpool driver pick up the other passengers at their houses?
  - What time will the commute begin and end? How long is reasonable to wait for a late commuter?  
Discuss the best way to contact each other in case the carpool needs to be altered or canceled due to illness, inclement weather, or vacations.
  - Set up a trial run for a certain period of time.
  - What are the carpool policies on food, music, route to work, stopping for errands and smoking?
- Take precautions when driving your carpool. Remember, everyone should wear a seatbelt. The driver should drive responsibly, obey the speed limit, and not participate in road rage.
- Be courteous of your riders. Be on time and make sure your car has enough gas so you don't delay the commute by filling up. Also make sure your car is clean enough for passengers to be comfortable.
- **Can't get a carpool started from your matchlist? The matchlist is not the only opportunity you have to get into a carpool. Call us, and we will send you fliers to put up at work! We can also come to your workplace and hold a Transportation Fair! Give us a call for details!**