

THE
MOVE MINNEAPOLIS
GUIDE TO
TRANSPORTATION
AFFORDABILITY
PROGRAMS





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➤➤ INTRODUCTION

Move Minneapolis is here to help your employees get to work safely, sustainably, and on time. We know that it takes a reliable workforce to keep your business running and productive. Supporting employee transportation options fits in with your environmental sustainability goals. And best of all, finding ways to stretch limited dollars helps both your employees and your bottom line. This guide will help your employees save money as they get to work and home again each day.

These solutions are tailored toward employees in lower-wage jobs such as food service, retail, housekeeping, and security. These are jobs in which number of hours and shift times can vary greatly. Your employees might be juggling multiple commitments – family, school, and even other jobs, and for them, having multiple affordable options for getting around town is a tremendous benefit. No matter where your employees are going, this guide will help them **#MoveLikeABoss**.

Read on for the most affordable ways to ride Metro Transit and for savings tips on bicycling, scooting, carpooling, and even getting home fast in an emergency.

Key to reading the guide:

There's a description of each program including how much it costs and how it works, followed by eligibility requirements and how to sign up. Visit the program link for additional information.



Pro tip! Make it easy--work with Move Minneapolis to enroll employees for affordable transportation options at an in-house Get to Work event. We request a contribution of \$25 per participating employee which allows us to give each enrollee a \$5 Nice Ride for All membership and a \$20 Go-To card for Metro Transit).

Transportation Affordability Programs in the Twin Cities

Transit Assistance Program

The Transit Assistance Program, commonly known as TAP, allows people to ride Metro Transit buses and light rail for \$1, even during rush hour! TAP works by providing riders with a reduced fare Go-To card. Reduced fares are valid for one year and employers and/or riders can add as much or as little fare value to the card as they wish.

Signing up for TAP is easy! Users need two items – their ID and one accepted document (see list below) and can sign up online or in person.

Accepted documents:

- Blue Plus 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- Free/Reduced Lunch Community Card
- Diversionary Work Plan Approval Letter
- Early Learning Award Letter
- Energy Assistance Approval Letter
- Free/Reduced Lunch Approval Letter
- General Assistance (GA)
- HealthPartners 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- Hennepin Health 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- IMCare 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- Medica 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- Metro HRA Family Summary
- Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)
- Minnesota Health Care Programs Card
- Minnesota Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program
- Plymouth HRA Verification Sheet and Family Information Survey
- PrimeWest Health 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- SCHA 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- SNAP EBT Approval Letter
- St. Louis Park Housing Authority Certificate
- St. Paul Public Housing Certificates and/or Section 8
- UCare 2019 Sample Member ID Cards
- WIC Account Balance/Shopping List
- WIC card and a screen capture from the WIC app
- WIC folder
- WIC Participant Summary



Enroll online at:

www.metrotransit.org/tap-enrollment-form

1. Fill out the application.
2. Upload photos of your two documents and select "submit."
3. Your new Go-To card with a TAP fare pass will arrive by mail at your home in 7-10 days.



In-person in downtown Minneapolis:

1. Visit the Minneapolis Metro Transit Service Center – 719 Marquette Ave, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Fill out the application.
3. Provide your two documents.
4. Pick up a new Go-To card or load the TAP pass onto an existing Go-To card.

For additional information on TAP, visit: <https://www.metrotransit.org/tap-riders>

Nice Ride for All

Nice Ride rents bicycles for short trips between many locations throughout Minneapolis. As a Nice Ride for All program member, users pay \$5 for an annual membership with no (or minimal) additional costs. Enjoy unlimited rides of 60 minutes spring through fall. Use a comfortable regular bike at no additional cost or take out a fast, effortless electric bike for \$.05 per minute extra. Renew the membership annually.

To sign up, provide an accepted document (see list below) at:

<https://account.niceridemn.com/membership-discounts/eligibility>

You're eligible if you're enrolled in any of the following programs: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Food Assistance Program (MFAP), Transit Assistance Program (TAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), SSI/SSDI Supplemental Security Income, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Medicaid.

Accepted documents:

- EBT Card
- Discounted Utility Bill dated in last 30 days
- Go-To Card with a TAP fare pass
- SSI/SSDI
- Medicaid Card
- Statement benefits

For additional information on Nice Ride for All, visit:

<https://www.niceridemn.com/pricing/nicerideforall>

Additional Options for Commuting

Carpool Parking - Early Bird Rate at ABC Ramps

Are your employees able to carpool with a coworker and does their shift start in the early morning? Carpoolers park in the ABC Ramps for as little as \$5 per day. Simply enter Ramp A, B, or C in a carpool lane with two or more people in the vehicle, from Monday through Friday between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. There is a 12-hour parking limit. No advance registration is needed.

For more information, visit:

<https://abc-ramps.com/carpool/>

Night Rate Parking for \$5 Daily

Do your employees work the second shift? If so, they can park in the ABC Ramps for \$5 starting at 2:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday.

Thursday – Saturday second shift commuters who enter between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. get the \$5 night rate, but after 5:00 p.m., the rate increases to \$8.50.

Be aware that during downtown sporting and other events rates are subject to change and can be much higher.

For more information, visit:

<https://abc-ramps.com/commuter/>

Guaranteed Ride Home Program

Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) covers the cost of an emergency ride home for people who commute to work sustainably. GRH is great for any unplanned event, such as a sick child or unplanned overtime. Pay for a taxi, Uber, or Lyft trip, submit your receipt online, and then receive a check in the mail.

Anyone who travels to a job, post-high school education, or a day-long volunteer opportunity and takes a bus, train, bike, and/or carpool at least three days a week is eligible for this program. Participants must register for this free program before their emergency and can use the GRH program up to four times per year or \$100 in value, whichever comes first.

Sign up for the program here:

<https://www.metrotransit.org/guaranteed-ride-home>