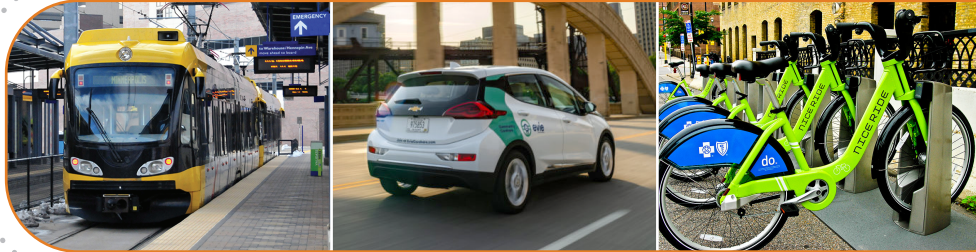


TRANSPORTATION AFFORDABILITY GUIDE

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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.

TRANSPORTATION AFFORDABILITY PROGRAMS IN THE TWIN CITIES

TRANSIT

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.

Pro tip! Anyone who qualifies for TAP automatically qualifies for the other low-cost mobility programs outlined in this guide.

Enroll online at:

www.metrotransit.org/tap-enrollment-form

1. Fill out the application.
2. Submit both identification and qualification documents.
3. Your new Go-To card with a TAP fare pass will arrive by mail at your home in 7-10 days.

Enroll 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. Submit both identification and qualification 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>

ELECTRIC CAR SHARE

Evie and Hour Car

An all-electric, free-floating carshare service with over 150 shared vehicles. Evie is simple. Walk to your closest car and drive. End your trip in the Home Area in an **approved parking space**.

Access PLUS is an income-based Plan offering \$1 monthly membership fees in addition to a reduced charge of \$0.18/Minute, \$9/Hour or \$66/Day

To qualify, the member must self-certify that their household income is 50% or less of the Area Median Income.

No paperwork or financial statements are required to be on the plan; the self-certification selection was designed to avoid many of the hassles normally associated with income-based programs.

To view income limits and self-certify:

<https://hourcar.org/access-plus/#qualifyaccessplus>

SCOOTERS

Lime Access

Lime Access gives discounted fares to qualifying riders and scooter access for people without smartphones or credit cards.

To qualify, you simply need to state your reasons for eligibility. These may include, though are not limited to, being unemployed, or receiving support from the government, such as a discounted public transport pass, or universal credit.

To view a list of accepted documents and apply:

<https://www.li.me/why/community/lime-access>

Spin Access

Spin access offers many affordable ride rates. These rates are for users with limited incomes.

To qualify, you must submit proof of address and either a letter vouching for status or any enrollment document that verifies your enrollment in a local, state, or federal program for which low income status is required (e.g. Medicaid, LIHEAP, SNAP, WIC, EBT, etc).

To learn more and apply:

<https://www.spin.app/spin-page/spin-access-eligible-documents>

BIKES & SCOOTERS

Nice Ride for All

Nice Ride rents bicycles and lyft scooters 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 free rides of 45 minutes spring through fall using a comfortable regular bike or take out an effortless electric assisted ride with ebikes for \$.05/minute or a scooter for \$0.19/minute extra.

Renew the membership annually.

Examples of qualifying documents include:

- Students receiving FAFSA
- SNAP/EBT Card
- Go-To Card
- Discount Utility Bill within 30 days
- SSI/SSDI Statement benefits
- Medicaid Card

To learn more or apply, contact Move Minneapolis or:

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

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR COMMUTING

CARPOOL PARKING EARLY BIRD RATE AT ABC RAMPS

Are you able to carpool with a coworker and does your 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/>

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>

NIGHT RATE PARKING FOR \$5 DAILY

Do you work the second shift? If so, you 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/>

ACCESS JOBS WITH FREE RIDES FROM LYFT

LyftUp offers rides to job interviews, job training sites, and/or a job. Additionally, specific Goodwill® sites will now offer rides for criminal record-expungement services and/or to pick up Internet hotspots.

Lyft requests some basic info, including your email address, city/state that you reside in and what you're trying to access.

To learn more and apply:
<https://lyftup.typeform.com/to/cUNsLfUB?type-form-source=www.lyft.com>

LEARN TO RIDE PROGRAM & BIKE ACCESS

Have you always wanted to learn to ride a bike, but the timing has never been right? Want to keep up with your kids racing on wheels through the park? Motivated by an easy way to earn a free bike? Regardless of your reason or past experience, **Adult Learn to Ride** classes are the perfect entry point to step your foot on the pedal for the first time!

In these free classes, students will progress from walking with a bike, to striding and gliding, to pedaling on their own, to riding with a group. **BikeMN** will supply bikes and helmets for use during class and an opportunity to earn a free bike by attending two or more classes.

For more information:
email helena@bikemn.org or call 952-564-1654

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how to work together? Reach out at



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