

2009-2010 CTR Information

Commute Trip Reduction:

The University provides Faculty and Staff numerous incentives to use alternative transportation such as transit, ferry, vanpool, carpooling, bicycling, and walking for their commute to SPU. To participate in the SPU Commute Trip Reduction Incentive program, you must be a full time employee (at least .8 FTE or 32 hours a week) and utilize an alternative form of transportation at least 3 days a week. Upon signing up, a starter kit that includes instructions and monthly calendars to track your commute trips will be sent to you.

As a full time faculty or staff you are eligible to receive a free SPU Flex Pass. This bus pass is good anywhere Metro, Sound, Pierce, and Community Transit travel, in any zone and at any time of day (up to a trip value of \$4.75). The Metro FlexPass cannot be used with Everett Transit, Island County, Thurston County or Pierce County transit. However, you are eligible for a subsidy if you use these transit services in addition to the FlexPass.

The following are the various commute trip reduction options that we are offering this year:

Sound Transit - With the SPU FlexPass you receive unlimited access to the Sounder Train from Tacoma to Everett. A bus or connector van can complete your commute from the King Street Station to the SPU campus.

Vanpool - If you choose to commute to work by an agency organized vanpool (such as Metro), the University will contribute \$65 towards your rider fare through your FlexPass.

Vanshare - Metro Vanshare provides a van to groups of three or more commuters connecting them to buses, trains, or ferries. Now you can park a van at a transportation hub or terminal (rail station, park-and-ride, or ferry dock) and the van is there, ready to bridge the gap in your trip.

Ferry - Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) Ferry riders are not eligible for the subsidy, however, a bus or vanpool can complete your commute to SPU.

Carpool - If you have two people in your carpool, you will receive a reserved carpool space and may split the \$144.00 annual fee. You will also receive 5 days passes per person a month for days when you drive alone. If you have three or more people in your carpool, you will receive a reserved space free of charge as well as 5 parking passes per person, per month for when you drive in alone.

Bicycling/walking - Many University employees live within easy bicycling and walking distance of campus. To encourage this type of commuting, the University offers free lockers and access to showers at Brougham for those who will be biking or walking to work at least three days per week as well as an annual gift for participants that fill out a monthly calendar.

ZipCar – ZipCar, a car-sharing company which rents cars by the hour, is available free to qualifying SPU faculty and staff that regularly use alternative methods of transportation for their commute to work. Employees that routinely bicycle, walk, bus, or carpool to work can use ZipCar for occasional errands or appointments for free as long as they do not exceed more than two hours a day and up to 12 hours a month.

If you have any further questions or would like more information on any of our programs please do not hesitate to contact me!

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