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CONGRATULATIONS GIFT CARD WINNERS!

Track your trips to be automatically entered to win! [Official Rules](#)

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Improvements to the Trip Tracker

In March, the Trip Tracker was improved to give you more options and a new way to access it. With the new tracker, you can track trips using more than one mode (for example, you ride your bike to a transit stop then ride a bus or train the

rest of the way), enter a regular weekday commute, and get in touch with your inner Trip Tracker nerd by reviewing your commute history and even export your data to an Excel or CSV file.



Your Trip Tracker account also gives you the ability to take part in Ridematching to form carpools or vanpools with those who share your commute pattern. You can also easily enroll in or submit online reimbursement requests for the free [Guaranteed Ride Home](#) program.

Track your trips for a chance to win – we'll give away a \$100 gift card monthly. Every month you track at least one trip per week (other than driving by yourself) online, you'll be automatically entered in the drawing.

If you haven't already started using the new Trip Tracker, you'll need to log into your Commuter Account.

1. [Click Here](#)
2. Log in using the e-mail where you received this message
3. Click Need Password to generate a password
4. Once you are logged in, complete a commuter profile. If your employer is not listed, please e-mail rideshare@metrotransit.org
5. Once your profile is complete, click Track Your Trips and

enter your information on the calendar

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Contact Metro Transit Rideshare at 612-373-3333 or rideshare@metrotransit.org with questions about your account or how to use the site.

2012 Commuter Challenge kicks off April 1

Ready, set, pledge! Starting April 1, take the 2012 Commuter Challenge, an annual campaign to encourage people in the Twin Cities region to reduce the amount they drive alone. For most people, this means trying a bus or train, bicycling, walking or carpooling or vanpooling to work. For others, it means trying a trip you would typically take by driving alone and choosing another way – heading to the store on foot or a going to visit a friend by bus. It can also mean just trying a new transportation option – such as using a bike rack on a bus or train or carpooling to a Park & Ride. It's easy to get started.

Pledge online at mycommuterchallenge.org between April 1 and June 30. This year's grand prizes include Amazon Kindle Fires, Amazon Kindles and Netbooks. Winners will be drawn at random from all entrants in early July. Plus, you'll be eligible for monthly \$100 gift card drawings for every week you continue to track your trips.

NOTE: If you normally access the Trip Tracker via mycommuterchallenge.org, you'll notice a different page. You can continue to reach the trip tracker through the link in the lower left at mycommuterchallenge.org or bookmark/favorite the link [here](#) for direct access to the Trip Tracker login.

Bike Sharing Kiosks to return in April

This week, [Nice Ride MN](#) stations began to appear on the streets with plans to have the entire system activated and ready to ride the week of April 2. For 2012, there will be 116 stations with more than 1,200 bikes. New stations along the Mississippi River in Minneapolis and in downtown St. Paul will arrive early this summer. In 2011, people rented Nice Ride bikes more than 214,000 times.



Rent a locker – it's like a garage for your bike!



Bike lockers are secure, weatherproof and are available at scores of Park & Ride lots, light-rail and Northstar stations and other Twin Cities locations. Annual rental (Feb. 1 through Jan. 31) costs \$48 plus a refundable \$40 damage deposit. The rental fee is reduced by \$4 for each month into the term but month-to-month rental is not available.

[Click here](#) to find the location of bike lockers nearest you. For information on locker rental, call Metro Transit Rideshare at **612-373-3333** or e-mail rideshare@metrotransit.org.

Bike lockers are also available through the [City of Minneapolis](#), the [University of Minnesota](#) and some employers in the metro area.



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