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## WINTER 2011

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### EXTEND YOUR CHALLENGE

[Log in here](#) to track your trips.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST \$50 GIFT CARD WINNERS!

A winner is chosen every week – [track your trips](#) to be automatically entered to win.

**Oct. 3 - Oct. 9**  
Katy Schultz  
Minneapolis

**Oct. 10 - Oct. 16**  
Megan Bretl  
New Brighton

**Oct. 17 - Oct. 23**  
Lindsey Bakkum  
Eden Prairie

**Oct. 24 - Oct. 31**  
Kelly Jordan  
St. Louis Park

**Oct. 31 - Nov. 6**  
Gunnar Nelson  
Minneapolis

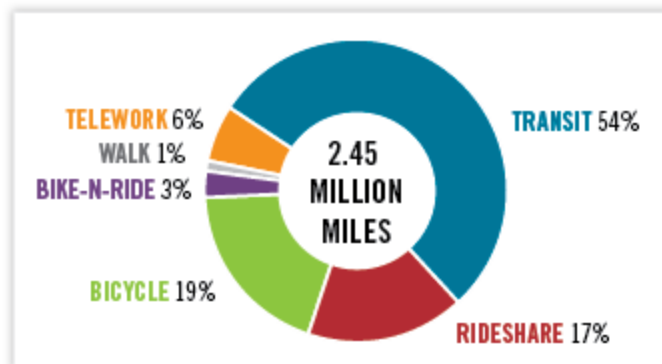
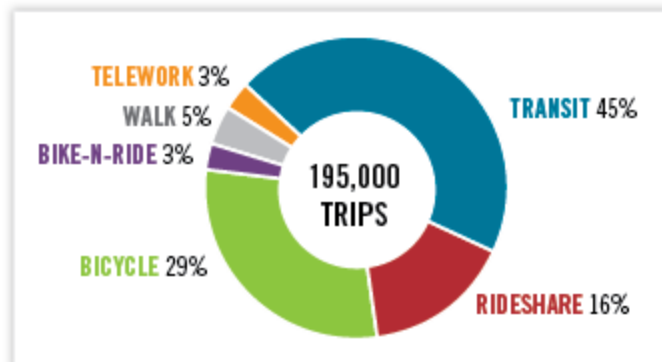
**Nov. 7 - Nov. 13**  
Jeff Lang  
Minnetonka

**Nov. 14 - Nov. 20**  
Sada Stewart



### 2011 Recap

You and your fellow Commuter Challenge members tracked more than 195,000 trips totaling 2.45 million miles in 2011! By taking these trips without driving alone, members saved about 114,000 gallons of fuel and reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by nearly 700 tons. Here's how the trips and miles break down:



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**Safe, free rides on New Year's Eve**

Edina

**Nov. 21 - Nov. 27**

Casey Peterson  
St. Paul

**Nov. 28 - Dec. 4**

Martin Arend  
Edina

#### ARCHIVES

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Metro Transit and Miller Lite are promoting responsible celebrations this New Year's Eve by offering Miller Lite Free Rides™ on buses, light rail and Northstar.



On Saturday, Dec. 31, Twin Cities residents and visitors can ride free from 6 p.m. through the last scheduled trip on bus and rail routes operated by Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council or Minnesota Valley Transit Authority.

[> Get complete service details here](#)

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## Changes to Commuter Challenge tracker in store for 2012

Next year the Commuter Challenge trip tracker will be enhanced in a number of ways to make tracking your trips faster and easier. It will allow you to set up commonly-used trips into a weekly schedule to cut down on the number of entries. It will also be more flexible and allow multiple trips and trip types to be tracked within a single day in a color-coded calendar. Upcoming newsletters will detail changes which are anticipated to be implemented by spring.

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## Free transit rides to Wild games at Xcel Center this season

Are you a Minnesota Wild fan? You have a fast and easy way to get to and from home hockey games.

All it takes is a game-day ticket and you can get a free ride on a Metro Transit bus or light-rail train! Pre-game with your friends and hop on a bus downtown or ride from your neighborhood. Your ride is FREE with your game-day ticket.

[> Get more details and view a Wild schedule here](#)

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## Company offers easy audio tours via light rail

[Twin Cities Live](#) rides the Hiawatha light-rail line with [MSP Tours](#) and learns a lot about this new company that provides audio tours for air travelers on layover (and also a little more about our fair cities).



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## Did you know?

Construction of the region's second light-rail line connecting St. Paul and Minneapolis is more than one third complete.

> [Follow the line's progress at centralcorridor.org](http://centralcorridor.org)

> [Watch a simulation of the train in action!](#)

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## Walk well in this winter wonderland

Walking is an integral part of nearly every trip – so much so that we don't usually think about it. In Minnesota, winter walking can require extra care and preparation, however. Icy streets and sidewalks and nasty temperatures can catch us off guard.



Here are some tips for winter walking – whether it's two miles all on foot or two blocks to a transit stop.

### **Dress warmly and visibly.**

Put on an extra layer – even a short wait outdoors can be dangerous if you're not dressed for the weather. Especially on dark winter mornings, it's important that you make yourself visible around traffic. Wear light-colored or reflective clothing. Consider also using a blinker light or flashlight.

### **Stand back.**

Vehicles may slide on snow as they approach intersections. Stand back on the curb until vehicles have stopped and you can cross safely. At transit stops, stand back a few steps and wait to move until the bus or train has stopped completely.

### **Know your routes.**

Some sidewalks, paths and routes may be cleared more regularly and in better condition than others. Walking indoors might be an option also. Minneapolis has the largest skyway network on earth – Saint Paul's system is also extensive. Find them on the [interactive map](#) at [metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org). Use the map to discover locations and routes that provide quick connections between skyway walking and transit stops.

The regional transit [Trip Planner](#) also provides walking directions and stop-area maps to get you directly to your bus or train.



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