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Check out the new metrotransit.org

We've streamlined metrotransit.org to make it faster and easier than before.

Check it out today. You'll see:

Handy transit tools

Online schedules, Trip Planner, NexTrip, Detours & Alerts, Personal Schedule and Services Finder. Access them all in one easy-to-use place on every page you need them.

Interactive regional transit map

Explore regional transit options with this new navigable map. Synched with transit tools, use it to find a Park & Ride, plan your trips, get your NexTrip departures – even check freeway travel times by bus versus car.

Easier navigation

Rebuilt for speed: Getting from starting point to destination has never been faster or simpler. There are plenty of stops along the way to get your attention, too.

Note: You may need to update your company's links to Metro Transit's website, including these pages:

- Rideshare
- Carpool/Vanpool registration
- Guaranteed Ride Home



Are you participating in the Commuter Challenge?

There's still time to get involved with the Commuter Challenge – it's a fun way to encourage your employees to try smarter ways of getting to work.

We'll help you promote the Commuter Challenge. Click here to get materials you can use at your worksite.

This year's Challenge goes through June 27. Your employees can sign up today at mycommuterchallenge.org for a chance to win dozens of great prizes.

To participate in the Commuter Challenge, just replace drive-by-yourself trips and instead take the bus or train, bicycle, carpool, walk, telework or vanpool. Participants can extend their challenge by tracking their trips online. If your employees track their trips at least once a week, they'll be entered into weekly drawings for even more great prizes!

Don't forget to contact your <u>employer outreach</u> <u>specialist</u> to schedule a commuter fair.

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Metropass program provides more flexibility for employers

We're changing the Metropass program to give employers more flexibility. Thanks to feedback from Metropass companies, we will bill organizations monthly for the active number of cards (a minimum of 10 riders) in use, rather than the active number of riders over the first three months of your company's participation.

To manage the transition, we will convert Metropass companies to the new billing plan on their anniversary date on their contracts. If you don't know that date or would like to transition to the new

program earlier, please contact us.

Before your organization moves to the new contract, you must set up a user account here. Once you create an account, you can:

- Enroll and remove employees from Metropass
- Order a replacement Metropass for a participant
- Add stored value to a current Metropass user (for example, a Northstar rider)
- Download an active rider report, which is the basis for your monthly billing

Thanks again for supporting the Metropass program!

If your company is interested in providing Metropass to your employees, please contact your employer representative today.

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Celebrate Twin Cities Bike Walk Week June 5-11

Get ready to pedal your wheels or move your feet. Join in the celebration of bicycling and walking in the Twin Cities! The region will host a series of events June 5-11 to mark Twin Cities Bike Walk Week.

The week kicks off with American Heart Association's Twin Cities Start! Heart Walk on Saturday, June 5, at Target Field in downtown Minneapolis. Get a free ride on buses and light rail to and from the event with your Start! Living Active Pass between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. that day.

Another big event is Twin Cities Bike Walk to Work Day on Thursday, June 10 – when commuters will get to work on their own power. Don't miss the activities (click here for more details) planned in downtown Minneapolis and downtown St. Paul and at REI locations in Bloomington, Roseville and Maple Grove.

Activities will include free breakfast treats at several locations, bicycle clinics, workplace team competitions and commuter convoys. Those who

register are eligible to win prizes! Join here today.

Note: If your co-workers bicycle or walk to work during the week, they can use that activity for the Commuter Challenge, too! There's still time to enter.

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We can help your employees welcome cash to their commutes

Here's an easy way for your employees to keep more money in their pockets – have them join a carpool or vanpool! They'll save on gas and parking expenses, plus help reduce congestion and air pollution.

We'll help them find a carpool or vanpool partner. Our free Rideshare Planner can connect commuters who are traveling the same direction and time.

Share the ride and start saving

If your employees create a commuter account with our Rideshare Planner, we'll send them a \$10 gift card. When they start sharing the ride, they can track their trips at mycommuterchallenge.org for a chance to win some great prizes.

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