

CARPOOLING TIPS



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WHAT MAKES FOR A BETTER COMMUTE?

How about a good laugh? Commiserating over a tough project?
Swapping songs or talking about your new favorite show?

Carpooling replaces the drudgery of a lonely ride in traffic with time with friends. Make your commute the highlight of your day and ride in the HOV lane for some added convenience!

Carpooling isn't just about finding people in the office who live near you and splitting gas, it's about spending a little leisure time with colleagues without giving up your free time. You can network a little, or get to know your team members better, or just share in your favorite songs. Here are a few suggestions for building a carpool that will be the best part of your workday:

- ▶ Invite people who you like working with or chatting with already (obviously), or people you don't know but who seem interesting or you'd like to get to know better. See if anyone lives nearby, or along your current route to work.
- ▶ Let them know you're forming a carpool, and you're doing it to make driving in less stressful and more fun.
- ▶ Consider having a "theme" for your carpool, that will make people curious to learn more or interested to give it a try. Use this to pick a playlist or inspire a fun conversation. Even better if your carpool colleagues begin to suggest some as well! Here are a few of our favorites:
 - ▶ Songs that I grew up with
 - ▶ Podcasts I couldn't put on pause
 - ▶ Favorite guilty pleasure songs
 - ▶ Overrated movies
 - ▶ If I could meet anyone in history
 - ▶ If I could visit any time in history
 - ▶ Brands I'm irrationally attached to
 - ▶ Favorite comedy routine/comedian
- ▶ Once you have some interested people, talk about schedules, and see if there's a day that works for a few people to try it out - Pick a day without early morning meetings, and make sure everyone is ok with a general time table (like arriving at the office at 8:30 and leaving at 5)
- ▶ Don't worry about getting everyone to commit long-term – just try it out, and see how it goes!
- ▶ Have someone who carpooled in with you but has to deal with an unscheduled overtime or emergency?
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