



The San Diego Community College District has partnered with RideLink, San Diego's free regional commuting assistance program to help you with your commute to work. RideLink will help you find the best strategies and effective options to driving alone to work. Options include carpooling, vanpooling, biking to work, or taking the bus, Trolley, the COASTER or new SPRINTER. Whichever you choose, taking advantage of the SDCCD's partnership with RideLink's free services will dramatically reduce your commute stress and cost!

The first step is to complete the online survey RideLink has set up for SDCCD employees. It asks how you currently get to work and which other ways of commuting interest you. As an incentive, by completing the survey you will automatically be included in a raffle for 4 movie tickets! The survey can be found at (<http://www.ridelink.org/survey.asp?cid=2274>) no later than **Friday, September 19, 2008**.

Commute options include:

- Carpooling – Sharing the ride with others that have a similar commute pattern as you. The advantages include sharing the cost of commuting as well as being able to use the carpool lanes. RideLink will help match you with other commuters who live and work near you when you mark the Carpool box on the survey.
- Vanpooling – A vanpool is like a carpool but for 6 or more people that have a similar commute pattern as you do. It is comfortable, reasonably priced, and convenient way for groups of people to share the ride. RideLink will help you get started by providing a list of people to vanpool with, and in some cases, SANDAG will pay \$400 toward the monthly bill. RideLink will help match you with other commuters who live and work near you when you mark the Vanpool box on the survey.
- Biking to Work - San Diegans can take advantage of the wonderful climate by biking to work. With more than 700 miles of bikeways in the region, bicycling is an excellent alternative to driving. It gets you out of the daily traffic grind and on the path to a healthier, less stressful commute. RideLink can provide you a FREE regional Bike Map that shows official bike lands and paths to take along on your commute when you mark the Bike box on the survey.
- Transit – Bus, trolley or train options exist for many San Diego commuters. RideLink can help connect you to the best alternatives with transit resources such as schedules and routes when you mark the Bus/Trolley or Coaster* boxes on the survey. You can also find an online Trip Planner on www.511sd.com or by dialing 511. * Note: By selecting Coaster, you will receive both Coaster and Sprinter schedules.

An added benefit, the Guaranteed Ride Home Program. If you are reluctant to carpool vanpool, use an express bus* or the Coaster because you might be stranded, the Guaranteed Ride Home program will provide a taxi or rental car for those times when you have to work overtime or have an emergency. Just call 511 (say RideLink when prompted) or log on to RideLink.org and register today! * Note: Trolley, bus and Sprinter services users are not eligible for Guaranteed Ride Home program due to the frequency of these services.

Using alternative means of commuting to work has been proven to reduce the stress and expense in getting to work. With the costs of fuel skyrocketing, it will enable you to keep more of your money in-pocket. It also helps to keep the air clean in our region providing us, our families, and our children with a healthy and beautiful environment.

The first step in this process is to complete the survey. Please fill out the online survey today to get started right away (<http://www.ridelink.org/survey.asp?cid=2274>)

Note: Your information will be included in the regional database and may appear on other matchlists UNLESS YOU SPECIFY THAT YOU PREFER TO BE MATCHED WITH SDCCD EMPLOYEES ONLY (Survey question #8). In accordance with Section 637.6 of the California Penal Code, home addresses are never disclosed and this information will be used for ridesharing and commuting program purposes only.

For more information, dial 511 from any phone and say RideLink when prompted. You also can talk with Human Resources Department to find out more about the commuting programs it offers.

Sincerely yours,

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