

The Coordinator Update

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Quarterly Communication from the Office of Travel Reduction Programs

Hello, Travel Reduction Coordinators! As we approach the end of Fiscal Year 2016, the next few months are shaping up to be a busy time for State employees. This edition includes information about current and upcoming contests and promotions, along with some important reminders. As always, our office will send separate email messages for you to distribute to employees in Maricopa County. We appreciate your support in the effort to spread the word about this beneficial program, and we stand ready to assist you!

Contest Spotlight: **Clean Air Campaign Poster & Essay Contest**

State employees may submit entries for both categories:

EMPLOYEE CATEGORY

Essay or poem (500 words or less)
Theme: I Care About Clean Air



FAMILY CATEGORY*

Poster (any media on 8 1/2" x 11" paper)
Theme: I Care For Clean Air

The winning essay will receive a \$50 Omaha Steaks Certificate!
Winning artwork will receive a prize pack donated by Gardner's Book Service!

Hurry! The deadline to enter is May 16, 2016.

For contest details, go to: <http://www.capitolrideshare.com/special-promotions/contests/current-contests/>

* Family category includes employee's children or grandchildren, grouped by grades K-2nd and 3rd-5th.



Keep an eye out in May for the information kit about the Summer Clean Air Challenge.

Prizes include: One iPad Tablet for each challenge week, courtesy of the Arizona State Credit Union, PLUS **ANOTHER 50 PRIZES EACH WEEK!**





HPA SEASON REMINDER

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality issues High Pollution Advisories (HPAs) when the highest concentrations of ozone or particulate matter levels may exceed the federal health standard. In turn, our office sends HPA messages to you, our Coordinator, to disseminate to employees in Maricopa County, urging them to carpool, use transit, or telework. On October 1, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency lowered the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone from 75 ppb to 70 ppb. **With the revised standard, we are expecting a much higher number of HPA days this season, so make sure to have signs on hand to be displayed in the lobby of your building as instructed on those days!**

If you need additional signs, please contact our office at 602-542-RIDE.



Coordinator Tip:



Platinum Pass applications are processed by the General Accounting Office (GAO). Although the Office of Travel Reduction Programs does not process the cards, we are your main point of contact to request blank applications.

When you receive an application from an employee, follow your agency procedures for handling/documenting the application.

For Platinum Pass application submissions and questions about the status of an application, please contact GAO:

Email: central.payroll@azdoa.gov

Phone: 602-542-6084

Fax: 602-364-2215



Platinum Pass (a.k.a: Transit or Bus Card)

THE LATEST VALLEY METRO TRANSIT SCHEDULE HAS BEEN RELEASED!

Transit route changes go into effect on **April 25, 2016**.

- ⇒ Valley Metro has printed a Supplement to the October 2015 Transit Book, which lists only the routes that have changed.
- ⇒ The October 2015 Transit Book is still valid for all routes not found in the Supplement.
- ⇒ Our office has already begun mailing out the Supplements. Please be sure to display them with the October 2015 Transit Books in easily accessible locations and distribute them to the employees in your agency who ride the bus.

If you need additional Supplements and/or Transit Books, please call Capitol Rideshare at 602-542-RIDE.

Have you visited www.capitolrideshare.com lately?

We recently unveiled a new website design, which will be announced in a future Rideshare Review publication.

Please note: The page URLs have changed, so you will need to update any internet bookmarks that you had. We will be testing and tweaking the site in April and May, so if you see something amiss, don't hesitate to let us know!

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Online Issue

Thank You!

The 2016 Travel Reduction Survey is complete!

With your help, the mandatory survey was distributed to **more than 20,000 State employees.**

Our staff recognizes that once again, your hard work and dedication made this year's survey a success! **Please know that your assistance is truly appreciated.**

We will release the results in a future edition after the data has been evaluated by Maricopa County.