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Cut Gas Use and Costs NOW

There are options for commuters needing to cut costs of gas and/or conserve its use:

- Carpooling: Two or more people sharing the ride to and from work, school or other activities. This is a flexible option that allows use as many or as few times a week, according to the wishes of the carpool members. Call BACS for information on how to form your carpool at 800-998-RIDE or visit our website at www.TampaBayRideshare.org.
- Vanpooling: A group of seven or more people sharing the ride to and from work regularly each week. There is a fee to participate, based on the distance traveled; participants share gas, toll and parking expenses where applicable. Call BACS for more information at 800-998-RIDE or visit our website at www.TampaBayRideshare.org.
- Ride the bus. Take reading materials with you; it'll be time well spent, as well as money and gas saved. A list of transit companies in the region can be found at our website at www.TampaBayRideshare.org.
- Ask your employer about compressed work weeks (working 5 days in 4, for example) and/or telework (working from home or other closer locations). Have your employer contact Bay Area Commuter Services at 800-998-RIDE or via www.TampaBayRideshare.org for detailed information.
- Plan your weekly schedules so as not to duplicate trips. Check for the most fuel efficient routes to regular places you visit. Consider pooling with neighbors or friends to shopping and other destinations. For more tips, contact Bay Area Commuter Services at 800-998-RIDE or via www.TampaBayRideshare.org.
- For commuters who want to rideshare but are afraid of emergencies, ask BACS about the ***Emergency Ride Home*** program, which offers a free* taxi ride home to registered participants who use a commute option other than driving alone at least two days per week. Contact BACS at 800-998-RIDE or via www.TampaBayRideshare.org for complete details. (*Certain restrictions apply).

Feel free to link to BACS' website to facilitate getting information out to the commuting public. Should you require further information, contact us via the information above.