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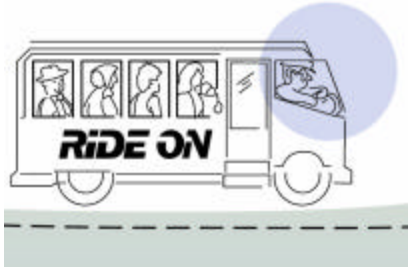

A New Law To Help Us All!

- Encouraging commuting options
- Affecting 100,000 employees in our area
- Reducing congestion

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Employers Can Reduce Congestion

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Who Must Comply -

- Friendship Heights
- Downtown Silver Spring
- Downtown Bethesda
- North Bethesda

North Bethesda Transportation Center

LET'S ROLL FriendshipHeightsTMD

SILVER SPRING

Bethesda Transportation Solutions

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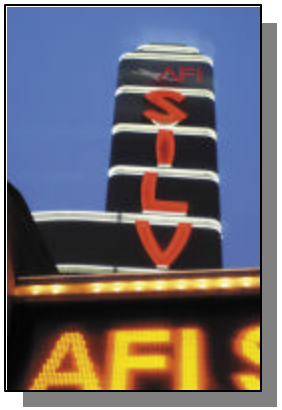
We’re In Good Company!

- Friendship Heights
  - *50 employers with 5,000 employees*
- Downtown Silver Spring
  - *150 employers with 13,000 employees*
- Downtown Bethesda
  - *400 employers with 37,000 employees*
- North Bethesda
  - *520 employers with 65,000 employees*



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What TMDs Do

- Provide
  commute alternatives
- Work to reduce congestion
- Manage parking
- Promote pedestrian and bike access/safety
- Reduce air and noise pollution

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What Employers Do

1. Develop and implement a Traffic Mitigation Plan (TMP) - TMD staff are waiting to assist
2. Actively promote your TMP
3. Take part in Annual Commuter Survey
4. Submit an annual report of activities

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The Challenge

- Offer employees better ways to work
  - Transit
  - HOV
  - Telework
  - Flextime
  - Biking and walking
  - Parity between parking and other modes

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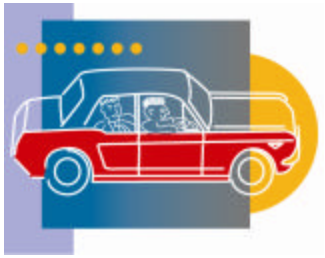
Just Think!



- What if:
  - every car carried 2 to work?
  - once/week every employee teleworked?
  - twice/week every employee used public transit?
  - 20% of your employees commuted off-peak?

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Lots Of Help

- Transportation Management Districts
- Montgomery County
- State of Maryland
- Federal Government

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Let's Get Started!

- Notification Letter
- If more than 50 employees:
  - Submit TMP
    within 90 days of notification
- 25-49 employees:
  - Submit TMP by January 2005
- TMP form online
  - www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute

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We’re Ready To Work With You…

- *Downtown Silver Spring*
- Muriel Bowser, Sheila Wilson, Terrie O’Steen
  - Montgomery County Commuter Services
  - 301-770-POOL (7665)
  - www.montgomerycountymd.gov/commute

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Plenty Of Commuting Benefits

- Transit subsidies
  - Metrorail
  - Metrobus
  - Ride On
  - MARC
- Maryland tax credit
- Federal tax benefits
- Pre-tax Metrochek
- Transit subsidies:
  Fare Share/Super Fare Share

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More Commuting Benefits…

- Carpool/Vanpool
  - Organizing
  - Free/discount parking
  - Preferred parking
  - HOV lanes
- Biking/walking amenities
- "Live Near Your Work"

- Alternative work schedules
- Smart Commute mortgages
- Car sharing/taxi service
- Accessible transportation
- Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH)

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…Still More Commuting Benefits!

- Transportation Benefits Coordinator
  - Briefings, Presentations, Postings
  - Commuter Information Days

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TMP Minimum Requirements

- Designate Transportation Benefits Coordinator
- Post transit/pooling/commuting options
- Post ADA information
- Host TMD Commuter Information Day presentations
- Promote GRH
- Distribute Annual Commuter Survey to employees
- Submit Annual Report

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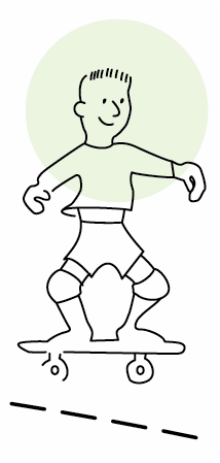
We Can Help!

Your TMD office will gladly assist you in implementing your strategies.



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TMP Process

1. TMP to TMD staff
2. TMD Advisory Committee review
3. DPTW review and approval

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The Goal

- 100% PARTICIPATION!
- RESULTS:
  - Improved business climate
  - Better air quality
  - Reduced congestion
  - Better access/safer streets

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Together, We'll Change Commuting

- Look for DPWT Notification Letter and Sample Plan
- Discuss changing employee commuting habits
- Get in touch with your local TMD staff
- Submit a TMP within 90 days
- When your Plan is approved - implement it!

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