5 Misconceptions About Vanpool

Vanpooling is an effective, economical, and environmentally friendly way to get to and from work. By sharing a van with a group of people that live and work in a similar location to you, your daily commute can be fun and relaxing while also reducing your individual carbon footprint. If you’re looking to get started with vanpool, you may have questions. How do you find a good group to ride with? What impact would this really have on my wallet? The CIRTA team is here to break down five common misconceptions about vanpooling and tell you why it’s great.

Misconception #1: It’s hard to find a group to vanpool with. The first step to commuting in a vanpool is finding people to ride with. This may seem like a difficult task, but CIRTA makes it easy with our vanpool matching services. Through this service, CIRTA matches groups of people that live and work in similar locations that are interested in joining or starting a vanpool. It couldn’t be easier! Once you find your vanpool crew, all you have to do is meet at your designated spot and ride along.

Misconception #2: Vanpooling doesn’t save you money. It can be easy to lose track of how much solo driving is actually costing you. All those gas or parking charges, even if your commute is a short one, add up. When you vanpool, you can split those small costs with others and save big on charges such as fuel and maintenance. We recommend using CIRTA’s Commute Cost Calculator to estimate how much you are paying now on your individual commute. You can also compare this cost to our latest vanpool pricing information on our website: [www.cirta.us](http://www.cirta.us).

Misconception #3: You won’t have a way home. If you vanpool to work, what happens if you suddenly have to get home? You may worry about not having your own vehicle on hand in these situations, but CIRTA is prepared to help you. When you register

your vanpool through us, you may also qualify for our Emergency Ride Home service. If you find yourself in a bind, simply call the emergency ride and we will send a taxi your way, on us. Learn more at [www.cirta.us](http://www.cirta.us)

Misconception #4: Vanpooling doesn’t help the environment. Another benefit of joining a vanpool is the positive impact they have on the environment. Vanpooling helps decrease the number of vehicles you and your peers need to get to work, thereby significantly reducing emissions with less cars and less time spent idling in traffic. When you and your crew share the ride, you’re removing multiple vehicles from the road and helping to clean your community’s air! Learn more about CIRTA’s environmental mission, and how you can track the emissions reduced during your “green commute,” at [www.cirta.us](http://www.cirta.us).

Misconception #5: Vanpooling is not fun, relaxing, or easy. The idea of adding other people to your daily commute may cause a bit of stress, especially if you are used to driving alone. You might be worried about how you will adapt, or that the process of pick-up and drop-off will become too complicated. However, CIRTA’s ride matching services ensure that your group is conveniently located around each other to keep your commute flowing smoothly. Vanpooling is also a great way to meet new neighbors and make new connections, bringing more fun to your daily travel! Don’t wait… register for free with CIRTA today and get started with your vanpool!

If you have any additional questions about vanpooling or other CIRTA services, reach out to us at [info@cirta.us](mailto:info@cirta.us) or 317-327-RIDE (7433)!