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Save Money by Vanpooling!

Have you considered a vanpool, but not quite sure it will save you money? Driving your car alone does add up, so you might be interested in visiting the Metro vanpool website to compare your driving costs to Vanpool costs.

Metro's Commute Cost Calculator allows you to calculate the average monthly cost of driving your car vs. vanpooling to work. There are 4 easy steps:

1) How many days per week do you normally drive?
2) What are your daily round-trip miles to and from work?
3) How much do you pay for parking each month?
4) Number of vanpool riders including driver?

Metro's Commute Cost Calculator does the math… go to: http://www.gometrovanpool.net/commutecalc1.asp, plug-in your numbers and compare – See if Metro vanpool can save you hundreds of dollars over the cost of driving alone.

Still not sure? Let's try an example using the Metro Commute Cost Calculator:

1) How many days per week do you normally drive? **5**
2) What are your daily round-trip miles to and from work? **40**
3) How much do you pay for parking each month? **0**
4) Number of vanpool riders including driver? **5**

By plugging in these numbers, the following comparison was made:

Commuting Costs	Driving Alone	Vanpooling
Total Commute Miles Each Month To/From Work	800	800
Operating & Ownership Cost Per Mile (gas, maintenance, insurance, license, depreciation, finance costs)	$ 0.5947	$ 0.2503
Monthly Parking Fees	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Monthly Vehicle Lease (Calculated Average Lease Cost)	--	$ 1,314.50

Metro Vanpool Program Fare Reduction	--	$ - 400.00
Number of Paying Passengers in Your Vehicle	1	5
Total Estimated Commute Cost Per Month	$ 475.76	$ 222.95
You save $252.81 per month with the Metro Vanpool Program		

Vanpoolers can shave an average of 20 minutes off of their commute time by using carpool lanes, and lower the stress and expense of driving alone. Doesn't it make sense to consider Metro's Vanpool program? Contact the SBESC at 310-371-7222 for more information on how you can take advantage of the program.