

2015-2016 CTR Information

Commuter Trip Reduction:

The University provides Faculty and Staff numerous incentives to use alternative transportation such as transit, ferry, vanpool, carpooling, bicycling, and walking for their commute to SPU. To participate in the SPU Commuter Trip Reduction Incentive program, you must be a regular, full-time employee (at least .8 FTE or 32 hours a week) and utilize an alternative form of transportation at least 3 days a week. In addition to this, all faculty and staff members that utilize an alternative form of transportation at least 3 days a week are eligible to receive a SPU ORCA card for \$28. This bus pass is good anywhere Metro, Sound, Pierce, Everett, Kitsap and Community Transit travel, in any zone and at any time of day. Washington State Ferries are not included. However, you are eligible for a subsidy if you use these transit services in addition to the ORCA card.

The following are the various commuter trip reduction options that we are offering this year:

Sound Transit - With the SPU ORCA card you receive unlimited access to the Sounder Train and Link Light Rail. A bus or connector van can complete your commute from the King Street Station to the SPU campus.

Vanpool - If you choose to commute to work by an agency organized vanpool (such as Metro), \$75 of the monthly fares are covered by the ORCA card.

Vanshare - Metro Vanshare provides a van to groups of five or more commuters connecting them to buses, trains, or ferries. Now you can park a van at a transportation hub or terminal (rail station, park-and-ride, or ferry dock) and the van is there, ready to bridge the gap in your trip. 100% of the monthly fares are covered by the ORCA card.

Ferry - Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) Ferry riders are not eligible for the subsidy, however, a bus or vanpool can complete your commute to SPU.

Carpool - If you have two people in your carpool, you will receive a reserved carpool space and may split the annual fee. You will also receive 6 days passes per person a quarter for days when you drive alone. If you have three or more people in your carpool, you will receive a reserved space free of charge as well as 6 parking passes per person, per quarter for when you drive in alone.

Bicycling/walking - Many University employees live within easy bicycling and walking distance of campus. To encourage this type of commuting, the University offers free lockers and access to showers at Brougham for those who will be biking or walking to work at least three days per week.

ZipCar – ZipCar, a car-sharing company which rents cars by the hour, is available free to qualifying SPU faculty and staff that regularly use alternative methods of transportation for their commute to work.

Employees that routinely bicycle, walk, bus, or carpool to work can use ZipCar for occasional errands or appointments for free as long as they do not exceed more than two hours a day and up to 12 hours a month.