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Welcome to the January 2013 Edition of "On the Move"

Transportation Fringe Benefit Increase

The Transportation Fringe Benefit increased to \$240/month for 2013

On January 1, 2013, legislation was passed averting the so-called 'fiscal cliff' (HR 8). Included was a provision that will once again re-establish parity between the parking and transit benefits at \$240/month. This increase is effective immediately and is set to expire at the end of 2013.



After January 15th all those receiving a transit subsidy need to use their SmarTripR card in the Metrorail system or any regional bus system that accepts SmarTripR payments to update the amount for February.

Employees who use MetroAccess, Van Pool, Commuter Buses, MTA Commuter Bus and Transit Services for MARC and VRE tickets must update their allocation accounts to reflect the new amount they want to send to the transit provider before the provider's deadline. Employees cannot make their updates in their transit allocation accounts until January 15th.

With the rise in transit fares last year, it is more important than ever to take advantage of the maximum allowed transportation benefit.

Five Commuter Apps You Don't Want to Miss

Since many of us spend countless hours commuting, your Smartphone can help you cut down on commuting time.

Here are 5 Commuter Apps you don't want to miss:

1. **Waze** is a popular tool that helps you spend less time in traffic. This app reads your GPS location and speed along with every person using Waze, and reports that data back to other users who might be traveling in the same direction. Users can report accidents, congestion, and speed traps, and you can ping users on Waze to get real-time updates.
2. **Trapster** pools information from drivers to help other drivers. Users report on speed traps, enforcement cameras, and road hazards so that you can avoid dangers.
3. **Scanner Radio** is useful for avoiding traffic accidents and road hazards. This app allows you to listen in on public-transportation dispatches, so you can find out where the toughest traffic jams are.
4. **NextBus** is website optimized for use in a mobile browser. It gives updated arrival times for transit lines in 31 regions of the United States and Canada. Just go straight to nextbus.com in your phone's mobile browser.
5. **WeatherBug** gives you all the standard weather-app information but also updates information based on your location

Source: PC World Magazine: The 12 Best Free Mobile Apps for Commuters, 2012 Edition By Megan Geuss - http://www.pcworld.com/article/252606/the_12_best_free_mobile_apps_for_commuters_2012_edition.html

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Five Transportation Projects to Watch in 2013

1. **D.C. streetcars** - D.C. DOT officials plan to begin operating the city's first modern streetcar line by the end of 2013. People who live and work along the H Street/Benning Road corridor will start seeing preparations for passenger operations, including the testing of the streetcars, three of which the District already has.
2. **I-95 Express Lanes** - Construction will continue on the I-95 Express Lanes, one of the largest road projects in the D.C. region. This project will create high-occupancy toll lanes between the Edsall Road area of Interstate 395 and Garrison Road along I-95 in Stafford County. These lanes will have the same rules as the 495 Express Lanes. In addition, they will be free for three or more in a car. Also, along the corridor the shoulders on I-95 will be upgraded between the Occoquan River and Quantico for use during accidents and other emergencies. We don't expect to see this completed until 2015.
3. **Route 50 interchange** - The bridges and ramps at the junction of Route 50, Courthouse Road and 10th Street in the Clarendon area are being replaced to ease the difficult merges with Route 50. The project should wrap up at the end of 2013.
4. **Silver Line** - Barring no disruptions in the completion of the Dulles Metrorail project's first construction phase, transit riders may take their first trips on the Silver Line by the end 2013. The new line will provide a transit alternative for commuters and help focus development in Tysons. The Silver Line will bump more trains from the Blue Line and reduce Orange Line service between Vienna and East Falls Church. Designated bus routes that connect with the Orange Line stations will move to the Silver Line.
5. **Wilson Bridge project** - A project that involved not only rebuilding and widening the Woodrow Wilson Bridge over the Potomac River but also reconstructing four adjacent interchanges is pretty much done, however

project managers have until June to finish the remaining work. Commuters already are experiencing most of the changes resulting from the project, but its actual completion will illustrate how it is possible for jurisdictions to cooperate on major transportation projects.

Source: The Washington Post, The year ahead: A top 10 list of transportation projects to watch, By Robert Thomson and Mark Berman, Published: January 6
http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/the-year-ahead-a-top-10-list-of-transportation-projects-to-watch/2013/01/06/1bb2b2b2-5070-11e2-839d-d54cc6e49b63_story.html

Time to renew registrations for the Emergency Ride Home Program

It is now time to renew your Emergency Ride Home program registration for 2013.

If you need to download a form visit RideFinder's website at www.ridefinders.com

K&K Connection January Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone born in January a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

If we missed your birthday please let us know by emailing owilliams@ridek2k.com. Thank you!

Welcome To K&K Connections

We would like to say a BIG welcome to all of our new riders for the month of January. We are so very happy you have decided to join us!