

County of Los Angeles

Pilot Vanpool Subsidy

Policies and Procedures



POLICY

County policy (Chapter 5.90 Vehicle Trip Reduction - Ridesharing) supports regional air quality enhancement and traffic mitigation by encouraging County employees to rideshare when commuting to and from work. Item D4 in the County Code provides for full or partial subsidization of vanpools. The Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program is intended to provide direct financial incentives to eligible County Vanpools pursuant to County Code Chapter 5.90 and South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Rule 2202. Subsidy funding is limited and based on annual allocation which is subject to change. Eligible vanpools must meet minimum requirements, submit the application and obtain approval.

ELIGIBILITY

The Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program is available to vanpools at County SCAQMD regulated worksites only. Priority will be given to regulated worksites that did not meet their Rule 2202 Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) Target during the prior AVR survey period. Subsidy awards will be prioritized for regulated worksites with the lowest AVR scores first, followed by other regulated sites below the AVR target and then regulated sites above the AVR target based on remaining available funding. Unregulated sites are ineligible to participate in the Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program. Below are the specific eligibility requirements to participate in the Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program:

1. The Vanpool must be approved to participate in the Metro Vanpool Subsidy Program and already receive the Metro monthly subsidy for at least 30 days
2. The Vanpool must be a Los Angeles County Vanpool arriving at a County-owned or leased building that is an SCAQMD regulated worksite
3. The majority of Vanpool participants must be County employees
4. Both the primary driver and back-up driver of the Vanpool must be Los Angeles County employees
5. Qualifying electric vanpools are eligible to receive a \$500 monthly County subsidy paid directly to the vanpool provider
6. Qualifying gas vanpools are eligible to receive a \$350 monthly County subsidy paid directly to the vanpool provider
7. The Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) at the worksite must coordinate parking arrangements for the participating Vanpool
8. The ETC at the worksite must coordinate EV charging arrangements for participating electric vanpools
9. Participating Vanpools must apply each year to receive subsidy funding

VANPOOL SUBSIDY APPLICATION

Each eligible County Vanpool that wants to participate in the Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program must first complete an Application and submit it to ISD Rideshare at: Rideshare@lacounty.gov. Applications can be obtained from ISD Rideshare, the Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) at the worksite, or downloaded from the Rideshare website at <http://www.rideshare.lacounty.gov>. Proof of eligibility for the Metro Subsidy Program must be submitted with the County Subsidy Application. Once the application is submitted, the County subsidy will be available within 30 days of approval. The subsidy will continue for the entire calendar year and participating Vanpools must re-apply for the County subsidy at the end of the calendar year. Renewal of the subsidy is subject to available funding and approval.

All County approved Vanpool participants are eligible for the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) Program services in case of an emergency or unplanned overtime. The GRH Program provides Rideshare employees only with a free guaranteed ride home in case of an emergency or unplanned overtime. Approval to receive GRH services must be coordinated with the local ETC and a liability waiver form must be completed in addition to other documentation proving the need for service.

ETC LOG

ETCs are required to arrange for parking for qualified vanpools and for access to EV charging for electric vanpools. ETCs are required to keep a log of all Vanpools at the worksite that receive the County subsidy and assist vanpools with maintaining the required number of participants to remain eligible.

MARKETING AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

ETCs are encouraged to create a flyer announcing the implementation of the Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program and promote to existing Vanpools and use it to encourage the formation of new Vanpools. Employee awareness of this subsidy will be featured periodically in the Rideshare Monthly Clean Air Memos. Information about the Pilot Program will also be included on the Rideshare Website. ETCs are encouraged to promote Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program through Department Newsletters, New Hire Orientations, Rideshare events and staff meetings.

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Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program Application

Please provide complete responses to the following information to determine eligibility for the Pilot Vanpool Subsidy Program. Once completed, please submit the Application and a copy of Metro Vanpool Subsidy Forms and submit to Rideshare@lacounty.gov or turn in completed Application and Metro Vanpool Subsidy Forms to your local ETC.

Pilot Subsidy Eligibility Questions

Name of individual completing the Application _____

Contact information _____

Date Application submitted _____

Vanpool service provider company _____

Contact for Vanpool service provider _____

Date the Metro Vanpool Subsidy received _____
(Attach the Metro Vanpool Subsidy approval documents with the County subsidy application)

Vanpool pick-up location _____

Vanpool arrival location _____

Primary driver _____

Back-up driver _____

ETC Contact Information _____

Vanpool has dedicated parking space _____

If electric, Vanpool has access to EV charging at work _____

Total number of Vanpool participants _____

Total number of County employees participating in the Vanpool _____

Total number of non-County employees participating in the Vanpool _____

Please provide complete information below for all Vanpool Participants:

Name	Employee #	Department	Regulated Site #
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Approved	Denied
Amount of Subsidy	Reason for Denial -
Implementation Date	Date of Denial