



Interested in sharing your commute to work? Want to make new friends? Want to save money? Check out the Waze Carpool option.

Just because you're registered, does not mean you have to carpool or that people will be contacting you for a ride. For your morning and evening commute you can set the request to On or Off. The system will not send requests for rides or have people ask you to pick them up unless you click the button to On for each day, morning or afternoon.

Make sure you join the Sacramento TMA Carpool Group. Open this email on your phone and follow the link, or on your phone, go to the browser line, type bit.ly/carpoolsacramento

As a special offer, Waze Carpool offers a free first ride for joining.

Waze Carpool is an app-based dynamic ride-sharing platform designed to match drivers with people looking for rides along their existing route. Riders pay drivers a cost sharing fee of up to \$0.58/mile to cover gas and car maintenance, but drivers have the flexibility to offer rides to friends and coworkers for free.

Safe matching: Waze Carpool was designed with your safety in mind. Instead of blind matching, it allows you to filter your carpool matches and determine if they're a good fit before sharing a ride. YOU CHOOSE the people you want to carpool with based on detailed profiles, star ratings, and filters like same-gender & coworkers only.

Guaranteed ride home: If the driver cancels, the rider will not be stranded at work. They can look for another ride from Waze Carpool or Waze will arrange an

Uber or Lyft ride, or the TMA will provide the Emergency Ride service through sacregion511.org.

1. Join the Sacramento TMA [Carpoolers Group](#) and decide whether you'd prefer to Drive (Waze app), Ride (Waze Carpool app) or both! If you're in the Waze Carpool app and you want to drive, ask for a ride on the morning or evening trip. Then you'll see the little car at the top of the screen, next to the little guy waving for a ride. When you click the car, you'll be switched to the Waze navigation app.

2. Register with your personal email address, (this is best for transfer of funds). When you set your profile, use your employer email address so we can assign incentives and assure you're registered with your employer so you can match with fellow workers if you set that filter).

Be sure to verify your work email when prompted

3. Enter your route and schedule

4. Review your matches

5. Send ride offers/requests

Tip 1: Send at least 5-10 requests while you're trying to establish your regular carpoolers.

Tip 2: Plan ahead! Its best to schedule rides at least 1-2 days in advance to ensure that you have the highest likelihood of confirming a carpool.

For more detailed instructions, check out these Waze Carpool tutorial videos!

With Waze Carpool, people set filters on who they will ride with in a carpool.

Women, for example, may want to ride with other women. Or people may prefer to commute with others who work for the same employer.

Drivers can select how much time they're comfortable adding to their trip, (five to ten minutes; 11 to 15 minutes extra). The app allows people to share the cost of fuel, insurance, wear and tear on the vehicle, all costs they pay every day for a trip that they make anyway. (Waze transfers the funds directly from the rider to the driver.)

You set your filters and give the origin and destination of your trip. You can arrange separate AM and PM commute trips, ideally the day before, or Sunday evening for the week. (The driver or the rider can cancel a scheduled trip at any time.)

The Waze algorithm finds the most efficient door-to-door trip, shows the people that meet your filters and gives you information about them, (picture, number of rides they've given, star rating from riders).

After Waze's technology makes a match, the driver and passenger can text or call to work out logistics such as pick-up points and departure times. Ideally, once people find a group they like, they keep carpooling together through the app.

Waze arranges the transfer of funds from the rider to the driver— up to the maximum the Internal Revenue Service allows for business-related mileage, currently 58 cents per mile. It's not meant as a job for the driver, but a way to cover expenses. Drivers and riders can agree to adjust the reimbursement amount.

Waze carpool is different from Lyft or Uber because with Waze, the people in the car are already making the trip. Lyft and Uber actually "generate a trip" because the driver must drive to pick the person up, (so there are actually two trips: the driver to pick up the person and the trip the person was going to make. Also, with Lyft and Uber, the driver is not paid to provide a ride).