



➤ What is vanpooling?

A vanpool is a group of five to 15 people who commute to work or vocational/post-secondary school together on a regular basis. One person leases the vehicle and typically does the driving while the passengers contribute towards the costs each month.

➤ What are the benefits of vanpooling?

Sharing the ride in a vanpool is easy, saves money and is a relaxing alternative then driving to work alone. Shorten your commute time, read, catch up on work, all while riding in the carpool lane. Vanpooling is an alternative to driving alone that saves wear and tear on you and your personal vehicle, while helping to reduce traffic congestion and improving commute times.

➤ How much does it cost to vanpool?

Costs will vary depending on the size of the vehicle leased, vehicle features, commute distance, number of passengers, employer subsidies, etc. To help, SB Loop offers a subsidy up to \$600 per month to qualified vanpools towards the lease of the vehicle.

➤ How do I get home if I get sick or experience an emergency?

If your employer participates in the [IE Commuter](#) rideshare program, you won't feel stranded without a ride home as you may be eligible for the [Guaranteed Ride Home \(GRH\)](#), which offers a reimbursed ride during a valid emergency up to two (2) times a year.

➤ Who provides the van?

[Commute with Enterprise](#) is the SB Loop approved leasing vendor. They provide commuter vanpool vehicles for lease on a month-to-month basis, which includes the lease amount, maintenance, roadside assistance and insurance. Privately owned or employer owned vehicles do not qualify for the SB Loop subsidy program.

➤ How do I start a vanpool?

Follow these simple steps to get started:

- Find participants with similar schedules, home and work/post-secondary school locations;
- Organize meeting locations;
- Assign roles to passengers within your vanpool (such as Primary or Back-up drivers);
- Select a [SB Loop approved leasing vendor](#) to lease your vehicle;
- Visit ridetheloop.com to apply for the subsidy.

➤ What if I just want to be a rider?

To find a seat in an existing vanpool, visit ridetheloop.com to search for vanpools in your area that may have seats available. If you don't find a vanpool, contact us at 833-RIDETHELOOP (833-743-3843) or ridetheloop@gosbcta.com to create a "trial vanpool" that will be visible to other commuters searching for similar routes and schedules.

➤ Where do I meet my vanpool?

Depending on the preferences of the group, one centralized pick-up location is typical; however multiple pick-ups and drop-off stops may be arranged. Park & Ride lots are ideal for vanpoolers to park their cars and meet their vanpool. To find the most convenient Park & Ride, please visit ie511.org. Check individual lot restrictions before parking.

➤ How do I know if I qualify for the Loop?

Vanpools with destinations (workplaces or post-secondary schools) in the Loop's service area (San Bernardino Valley, the San Bernardino Mountain Communities, the Colorado River Basin and the Morongo Valley of San Bernardino County) are eligible to participate. See the full list of [eligible zip codes](#) at ridetheloop.com. Other agencies in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties provide similar programs if the destination is not located within the Loop service area.

➤ Are there any other incentives available if I were to start vanpooling?

The IE Commuter rideshare program offers up to \$125 in gift card incentives for eligible Riverside or San Bernardino county residents new to vanpooling. If you're not a resident of Riverside or San Bernardino county or you've already received the gift card incentive, you can sign up for the Rideshare Spotlight monthly prize drawing (up to \$100). Learn more at IECommuter.org.