

Commuter Van Fare Increase Announcement

On October 1, 2008, King County Metro Vanpool and Vanshare fares will increase. This fare increase is necessary to finance the Commuter Van Program and meet the cost recovery requirements established by King County Ordinance. This policy requires that fares recover 100% of the program's operating costs (fuel, maintenance, insurance, etc.), 100% of capital costs (the cost of vans) and at least 25% of administrative costs.

Vanpool fares will increase an average of 15%. Depending on van size and trip lengths, the increase is higher for some groups and lower for others. Also starting in 2008, groups may no longer prorate their December monthly fares.

Vanshare fares increase from \$55 per month per group to \$175 per month per group. Vanshare groups will receive a universal fuel credit card to pay for gasoline and washing their van. Vanshare groups will no longer receive an invoice, but will collect and submit their vanshare fares monthly and complete more detailed monthly reports.

The Personal Use rate for all vans increases to 60 cents per mile on October 1, 2008.

Fees to reserve a van during a strike have also been updated and are effective immediately.

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