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The Bicycle Commuter Act: What it Means for You and Your Company



Now that the bicycle commuter provision is law, the League of American Bicyclists is taking the lead to ensure that implementation guidelines are established prior to the provision's effective date of January 1, 2009. To date, the Bicycle Commuter Act allows employers to offer a fringe benefit of \$20 per month for employees to purchase a bicycle, as well as bicycle improvements, repairs or storage costs.

How the Legislation Works:

- * For employees who regularly bike to work, employers may offer a \$20 monthly (\$240/year) tax-free benefit.
- * The employer is responsible for implementing their own system of distributing the funds to the employee. For example, the company may choose to have their employees bring in receipts to be reimbursed, they can have employees sign up for monthly payments, or implement a voucher system.
- *NOTE: Bike commuters are NOT eligible to receive transit or parking benefits in addition to the biking benefit.

A complete overview of the Bicycle Commuter Act can be found [here](#) and a list of Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the League of American Bicyclists' [Web site](#). GVF Transportation will be glad to assist your company with implementing this benefit for bike commuters, and find the best and easiest way to ensure that bicyclists receive their monthly benefit. Contact [Maureen Farrell](#) or [Carissa Pleiss](#) for more information.

GVF Transportation Continues to Grow with the Addition of Two New Members

McCormick Taylor
Engineers & Planners
Since 1946

GVF Transportation is pleased to announce that

McCormick Taylor, an engineering and planning firm dedicated to advancing multi-modal transportation projects through sound planning, engineering and design, has joined GVF Transportation. McCormick Taylor's comprehensive engineering and planning services include highway and bridge design, traffic and stormwater solutions, environmental planning and analysis, land use planning, and communications. McCormick Taylor is currently working with GVF Transportation and the US-422 Corridor Coalition to address future transportation and land use issues in the corridor. For more information, visit www.mccormicktaylor.com.



The City Avenue Special Services District (CASSD) is a community formed by a balanced mix of residences, offices, schools, stores, restaurants and institutions, a place where people can live, work, play and learn. The mission of the City Avenue Special Services District is to recognize City Avenue's current strengths and challenges; to identify and evaluate the ways that those who live and work within this and the

wider area are grossly underserved today, particularly in the arenas of residential, retail, personal services and restaurants; and to broadly communicate these findings and to suggest plans that encourage determined investigation and the

discovery of significant opportunity, subsequently attracting the financial, personal and organizational commitment and investment required to realize our vision. For more information, log onto www.CityAve.org.

Don't forget that GVF Transportation manages a number of Web sites, including:

www.gvftma.com

www.phillytraffic.com

www.localroads.com

www.us202.com

www.422coalition.com

www.smtcoalition.com

www.svtransportation.com

www.midatlanticchapter.com

www.422improvements.com

<http://phillytraffic.blogspot.com>

<http://www.youtube.com/GVFTransportation>

As a partner, we can offer numerous opportunities to link your business with our Web sites.

Contact Carissa Pleiss or Maureen Farrell for more information and increase your company's exposure today!

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Despite Dramatic Dip In Gas Prices, Public Transit Users Save Almost \$9,000 Per Household Annually; GVF Transportation Can Help You Start Saving Today!



Despite declining gas prices, a person can achieve an average annual savings of **\$8,754 per year** by taking public transportation instead of driving based on today's gas prices and the average unreserved parking rate according to the American Public Transportation Association's "Transit Savings Report." The report is a monthly analysis that shows the average annual savings represents almost a third more than the average amount a household pays for food in a year, according to the Food Institute (\$6,111).

Even with gas prices 70 cents lower than last year, public transportation users still receive a dramatic economic savings over those who commute by automobile. APTA's monthly "Transit Savings Report" shows how much a person can save on a monthly or yearly basis by taking public transportation and living with one less car in his or her household. The report reminds commuters that in these tough economic times taking public transportation is the quickest way to save money compared with the overall driving costs of commuting by auto or light truck.

"Even as the price of gas goes up and down, the one constant is that riding public transportation is the most economical and efficient way for Americans to save money, reduce their consumption of oil, and lessen their impact on the environment," said William W. Millar, president of APTA.

Remember that GVF Transportation can help you, your co-workers and employees figure out the best mode of public transportation as a commuting option. We would be glad to set up a time to host a transportation expo and sit down one-on-one with your employees to figure out their best commuting options.

To set up a transportation expo or for more information on using public transit, contact Maureen Farrell or Carissa Pleiss at 610-354-8899.

	City	Monthly Savings	Annual Savings
1	New York	\$1,063	\$12,756
2	Boston	\$1,061	\$12,728
3	San Francisco	\$992	\$11,900
4	Chicago	\$907	\$10,887
5	Philadelphia	\$888	\$10,650
6	Honolulu	\$878	\$10,538
7	Seattle	\$874	\$10,482
8	Washington DC	\$824	\$9,887
9	Los Angeles	\$812	\$9,748
10	San Diego	\$792	\$9,504
11	Minneapolis	\$776	\$9,311
12	Portland	\$761	\$9,136
13	Cleveland	\$761	\$9,135
14	Denver	\$753	\$9,037
15	Baltimore	\$740	\$8,877
16	Miami	\$712	\$8,539
17	Las Vegas	\$693	\$8,320
18	Dallas	\$686	\$8,233
19	Atlanta	\$686	\$8,228
20	Pittsburgh	\$659	\$7,907