#### What are the vans like?

All of the 11 passenger vans are specifically designed for commuters. Each is equipped with air-conditioning, individual vents, AM/FM radio, and automatic transmission.

### What makes vanpools so economical?

In a typical vanpool, six to eleven commuters ride together. Each one contributes a low monthly fare in exchange for a comfortable van with all maintenance, repairs, and insurance covered.

The cost of fuel is spread out among all of the riders. Additionally, each rider wisely saves wear and tear on their personal vehicles.

### How does a vanpool work?

One person volunteers to be the primary driver/coordinator of the van. In exchange for taking on that responsibility, the driver usually receives a discount on their monthly fee.

Riders usually meet at a designated pick-up location such as a Park-and-Ride lot. Some van pools have more than one pick-up point. Some do not.

## How much does a vanpool cost?

The riders share a fee that covers the cost of the vanpool lease and gas. The leasing price depends on the number of miles the vanpool travels each month. Read more at:

www.bigbendtransit.org/vanpool/

## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide safe, reliable, courteous, and affordable transportation to the community while maintaining dignity and respect for our customers. This service will improve the quality of life for our customers by providing access to health care, education, employment, and recreation. We will constantly solicit feedback to improve our service to our customers as they will always be our highest priority.

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## **VANPOOL INFORMATION**

Big Bend Transit, Inc. (BBT) is seeking residents who are interested in forming a Vanpool. Vanpooling will save you wear-and-tear on your vehicle, fuel, and is good for the environment.

# **WHAT BBT FURNISHES**

BBT furnishes each Commuter Vanpool with a fully insured 11-passenger ambulatory van. There are various locations convenient for refueling. Scheduled and corrective maintenance is provided and, if necessary, use of a back-up van.

# WHAT IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY AND I NEED TO LEAVE EARLY?

Emergency Ride Home program makes sure you get to the places you need to in an emergency, you can enroll in the program by following the link provided.

http://www.commuterservices.org/commuters/emergency-ride-home-program/



## WHAT COMMUTERS FURNISH

Commuters furnish a properly licensed driver (at least a valid Class "E" Florida driver's license), and back-up driver(s) with acceptable Motor Vehicle records.

Drivers and back-up drivers are not employees of BBT, are not compensated for driving, and may not use the vehicle for personal use.



Commuters indicate, and BBT approves, a designated parking location for the vehicle when not in use.

A Commuter Vanpool is responsible for paying a monthly fee which will be mailed to them by BBT. BBT calculates this fee based upon a monthly fixed charge and the van's monthly mileage.

All Commuter Vanpools are month - to - month programs, and can be discontinued by either party without notice.

## **EXAMPLE COST BREAKDOWN**

Assuming 21 days of service per month, 110 miles per day (round trip) and no unpaid balance from previous month.

2,310 miles @ \$0.26 per mile - \$600

Fixed monthly charge - \$200

Total monthly cost - \$800

# of persons	Cost
6	\$133.33
7	\$114.29
8	\$100.00
9	\$88.89
10	\$80.00
11	\$72.73

For more information please call (850) 574-6266 ext. 111