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We salute Twin Cities commuting innovators!



COMMUTER CHOICE AWARDS 2011

Seven Twin Cities organizations and four individuals on Nov. 9 received Commuter Choice Awards at a ceremony in St. Paul for innovation in helping people get to work without adding to traffic congestion.

The awards honor organizations, employers and individuals for their work to support or promote commuting options, including taking transit, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling, walking and telecommuting.

Read more about [this year's winners](#).

We salute all the nominees:

Individual Category

Kelly Burroughs
Susan Humphrey
Christina Morrison
Dave Pasiuk
Kristen Ries
Kevin Sanderson
John Thomas
Jodie Zurn

Employer Category

Haberman Marketing
Northern Brewer Ltd.
TURCK Inc.
US Bank - Richfield Campus
Wells Fargo Minneapolis Campus

Organization Category

Active Living Ramsey Communities
City of St. Paul
Cushman & Wakefield/NorthMarq Real Estate Services - Campbell Mithun Tower
Fairview Southdale Hospital and Fairview Physician Associates
Interstate Parking
Minneapolis Community and Technical College
Minneapolis Media Institute

MPLS Parking System and the ABC Ramps
Nice Ride Minnesota
REI
St. Paul Bicycle Coalition
University of St. Thomas



Representatives from U.S. Bank accepted the Outstanding Relocation award for its work to prepare employees for a new commute due to an office relocation. Metropolitan Council Member Jon Commers, first at right, congratulated the group. See more event photos [here](#).

Thanks for promoting Rideshare to Work Month

Thanks for helping us promote Rideshare to Work Month in October.

During the month, Metro Transit and the region's Transportation Management Organizations offered incentives to encourage more commuters to share the ride in a carpool or vanpool.

To be eligible for prizes, commuters had to set up an account with our [Rideshare Planner](#). Active users were eligible if their profiles were public and if they performed a ridematching search in October. We recorded 2,110 new or active users during the month, which was 62 percent higher than October last year.

Congratulations to our prizewinners:

- Chris P. – Week 1 winner (Netbook)
- Rosemary H. – Week 2 winner (Kindle)
- Briana R. – Week 3 winner (Netbook)
- Elise S. – Week 4 winner (Kindle)
- David L. – Month winner (Netbook and Kindle)

[Get more information about sharing the ride.](#)

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Fare policy change takes effect Jan. 1

Please be aware that bus drivers will no longer issue Rail-Only Transfers effective Jan. 1.

Customers who transfer between a bus and light rail should use a Go-To Card for an easier way to pay their fare. Go-To Cards automatically include a transfer when a fare is paid.

Help us spread the word!

Use this [poster](#) at your location to alert bus and light-rail customers about the upcoming fare policy change. Thanks for your help.

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