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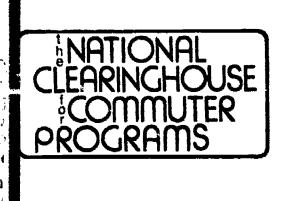
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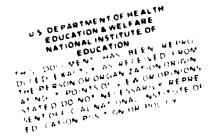
ABSTRACT

This document is written in an effort to urge commuter colleges and universities to use their technical expertise in solving the automobile problem, which adds to the congestion and pollution in college communities. It has become a necessity that colleges and universities begin to explore ways to offer a variety of less expensive transportation alternatives to the student. Mass transit, carpools, buspools, and the bicycle are some of the alternatives to be considered. Carpooling is the best method available to reduce the transportation expenses of commuter students. It can also help to alleviate the traffic congestion, pollution, and parking problems on each campus. This careful carpool package has been designed to provide some hints on how to start an efficient carpool system at higher education institutions. Included in this packet are sections covering: publicity and recruitment for carpools, incentives for carpooling, carpool promotion at the University of Maryland, matching riders, matching geographical areas, informing commuters of prospective carpool participants, resources on carpools, campus bus systems, bicycle systems, a sample survey to investigate transportation patterns, and a sample survey to investigate the feasibility of a bicycle system. (Author/PG)





SOME TRANSPORTATION: ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMUTER COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



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SOME TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMUTER COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

We would like to urge commuter colleges and universities to use their wealth of technical expertise in solving the automobile problem which adds to the increasing congestion and pollution problems in our college communities. The energy crisis is a new phenomenon for our country which strikes at the heart of our love affair with the automobile.

The implications for commuter colleges are not so obvious. One of the major consequences will be to add more frustrations and even higher costs to the already burdened commuter student. This could be the final blow. We may see many students dropping out or not attending our commuter institutions because of these irritations.

It has become a necessity that colleges and universities begin to explore ways to offer a variety of less expensive transportation alternatives to the student.

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Carpooling is the best method immediately available to reduce the transportation expenses of commuter students. It can also help to alleviate the traffic congestion, pollution and parking problems on each campus. This Caréful Carpool package has been designed to provide some hints on how to start an efficient carpool system at your institution.

A few universities have begun to develop and implement successful carpool programs. The University of Maryland, Oakland University and the University of Detroit give preferred parking spaces to commuters who form carpools. The University of Minnesota and other institutions sponsor a free computerized matching of students by schedules and geographic areas. However, many of the carpool systems which have proven successful have been designed by governmental agencies, civic organizations or business industries. But, the wholessle adoption of another University's or industrial carpool system, no matter how well planned, will not guarantee success. We hope that you find the enclosed material helpful in saving you valuable time in not having to search for relevant carpool material—we think carpools can make a difference and hope they can work at your campus.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Hardwick

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Publicity & Recruitment for Carpools

The first and most important step in starting a carpool program for your campus is to plan the publicity carefully. Every student, faculty and staff member should be aware that the carpool program is starting and know how to participate.

Rationale and examples of materials and ideas that have successfully helped to publicize the program and recruit participants are presented below.

Why you need publicity?

- 1. Inform the population of what exists.
- 2. Reward the carpool participants with incentives; for example, free concert tickets, free oil changes, etc.
- 3. Raise funds from local business enterprises for publicity and promotion.
- 4. Encourage more participation by other community members.

Sources of publicity.

- 1. The media--use a variety of approaches to reach the many different target groups of faculty, staff and students--campus newspaper, local community newspapers, radio station or T.V. networks. These access areas are needed to reach the commuter population.
- 2. Newspapers Press
- a. Campus newspaper very important because it is targeted to the group you want to attract. Try many different approaches: want ads, editorials, feature stories, letters to the editor, paid advertisements with cut out application forms.
- b. Local community papers—might do a column on programs for local commuters; or it may be possible to develop a system of including commuter news on a monthly basis.
- c. The College or University's public information office can be a good resource for developing press releases and making contact with T.V. and radio stations.
- d. Miscellaneous methods: Radio spot announcements commuters often listen to their car radio on the way to and from school. Use free public service announcements on popular stations to advertise the program.

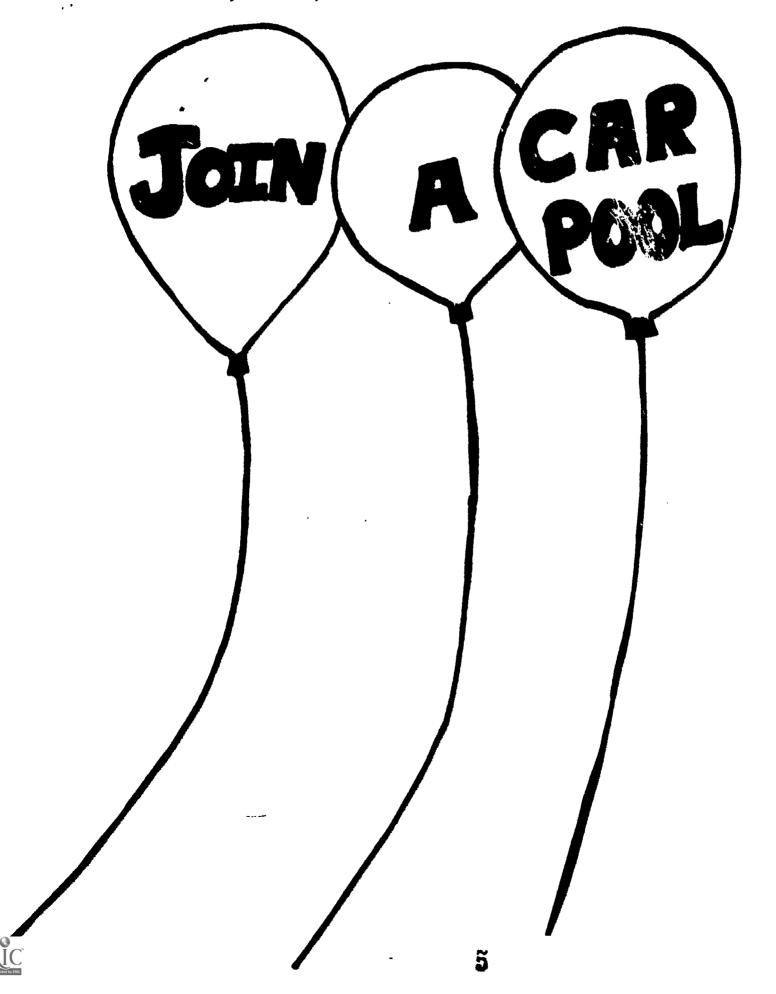
The campus radio network can be used to reach commuters while they are on campus; for example, broadcast in the student union or dining hall facilities.

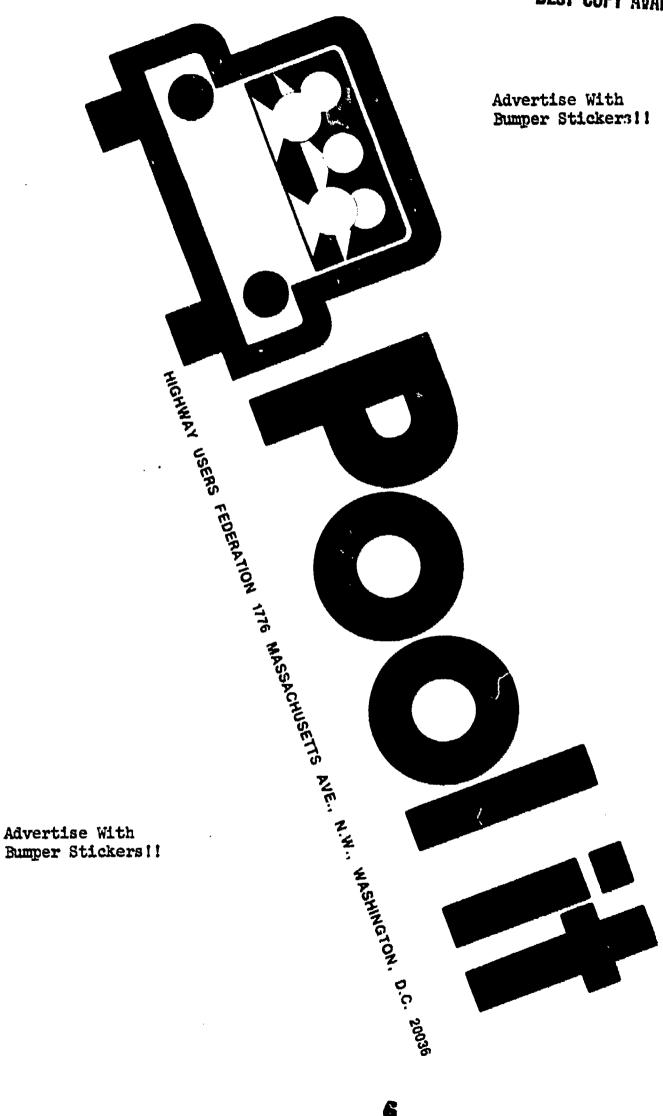


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Design flyers, bumper stickers, decals or brochures which identify and give symbolic status to the carpool program.

Use some creative approaches to capture attention such as, to advertise via free helium filled balloons or by having students wear sandwich boards in commuter activity centers; such as the student union







Incentives for Carpooling

People often know more about the disadvantages of carpooling than they know of the advantages. Commuters value their independence and are satisfied with driving their own car. They are often resistant to changing this habit. As yone can find an excuse for not joining a carpool! A large scale promotion of the advantages of carpooling is necessary to help overcome this initial state of resistance. The addition of extra incentives is often helpful in getting commuters to start trying a carpool system.

- A. Advantages of Carpools
- 1. Costs: The expense of commuting to school can be a substantial burden to many students. The student who lives ten miles from school can pay as much for travel expenses as he or she would pay for a room in a dormitory.

Cost of operating an automobile round trip to school*

	If you dri	ve alone	Cost of being in a	3 person carpool		
Total Miles	Cost per day	Cost per week	Cost per day	Cost per week		
5	\$.88	\$ 4.40	\$.29	\$ 1.46		
10	\$1.76	\$ 8.80	\$.58	\$ 2.92		
15	\$2.64	\$13.20	\$.88	\$ 4.40		
20	\$3.42	\$17.10	\$1.14	\$ 5.70		
25	\$4.40	\$22.00	\$1.46	\$ 7.33		
30	\$5.28	\$26.40	\$1.78	\$ 8.80		
35	\$6.16	. \$30.80	\$2.05	\$10.28		
40	\$7.04	\$35.20	\$2.34	\$11.73		

^{*} Figures are from U.S. government statistics:

Gas - 4¢ a mile; Maintenance - 1.5¢ a mile; Insurance - 4¢ a mile; Depreciation - 8¢ a mile



- 2. Environment Carpooling presents an excellent opportunity for commuters to "do their part" in reducing air pollution. Some will respond to the posting of an air quality index. Measuring the air quality on your campus would be a start at identifying the extent of your problem.
- 3. Energy Carpooling provides an opportunity to conserve fuel during the energy crises.
- 4. Convenience Carpooling provides a chance for rest and relaxation rather than having to fight drivi in heavy traffic every day.
- 5. Community Carpooling can help in providing a social interaction for commuter colleges which must find positive ways to fight alienation, non-identification and the need for reference groups.
 - B. Incentives to join carpools:
- 1. Designate priority parking areas at the best locations on the campus, e.g. close to the Union, classroom buildings, etc.
 - 2. Reduced parking fees
 - 3. Priority registration for courses
 - 4. Distribute free tickets for a campus event
 - 5. Gifts or discount coupons from local merchants
- 6. Many students are hesitant to form carpools with people they have not previously met. One of the more successful methods to overcome this has been to organize "get acquainted" meetings in different geographic areas at the beginning of a semester. Students have the opportunity to meet others from their area, compare schedules, and form carpools immediately. Freshmen and transfer orientation programs provide a good opportunity to promote carpools before students develop their behavior and transportation patterns. Get them started on the right foot.
 - 7. Insurance premium reductions.



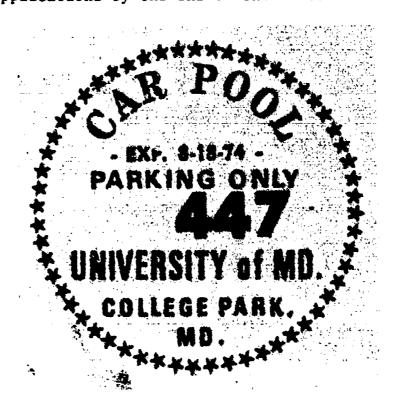
Carpool Promotion at the University of Maryland

The carpool promotion was begun during summer orientation. The difficulties of finding a parking space were presented through a student made film entitled Parking Lot 1. Students were encouraged to help solve this problem by forming carpools. Through this program 500 interested freshmen were attracted to the program.

During the fall registration time the University launched a large publicity campaign with a promotion and publicity grant from Amoco. This activity was designed to spark student interest in joining carpools. Flyers urging participation in carpools were posted on campus the day before classes started; copies of the flyer also appeared in the campus newspaper. To overcome initial resistance to carpooling all students who actually formed carpools were offered a free daisy shirt and a guaranteed parking space.

On the first day of classes a registration table was set up in front of the student union. Five TV stations covered the kickoff; the presence of TV cameras and crews helped considerably in drawing attention to carpool registration.

As a result of this heavy publicity, more than 2,000 students filled out carpool applications by the end of the first week of classes.



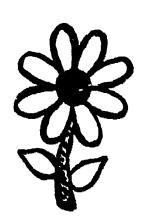
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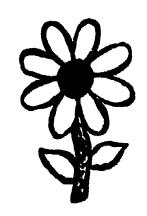
Parking Space for their Carpool



THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CARPUOL PROMOTION FLYER



FIGHT POLLUTION Join A Car Pool



SAVE WEAR AND TEAR ON YOUR CAR, SAVE GASOLINE MONEY, SAVE TIME HUNTING A PARKING SPACE AND HELP FIGHT POLUTION.

How do you do all of this? Just form a carpool with at least two other people. In appreciation of your efforts in helping to solve the parking, traffic congestion and pollution problems on campus, you will receive a free daisy gift* and a conveniently located guaranteed parking space.

If you can't get a carpool together, we'll help you form one. Fill out the card below, and we'll send you a list of students who live near you with similar class schedules.

That's all there is to it — just get a carpool together and claim your reserved parking space and free daisy gift at the Office of Commuter Services, Room 1211 H, Student Union Building. Have questions? Call 454-5274;

*Gifts limited to the first 500 students who form carpools.

JOIN A CARPOOL

If one person fights pollution, others around him see the beauty of it.

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Return to:	-
Office of Commuter	Affairs, 1211 Student Union

University of Maryland, College Park, Md.



Matching Riders

The process of matching students, faculty and staff can be accomplished in various ways. The U.S. Department of Transportation suggests it is usually more economical to use a computer to match people when the number interested exceeds 300. Where the potential of interested persons is less than 300, a hand matching or self matching technique is easy and economical. Past experience suggests that approximately 10% of the population will register for a carpool. If a computer system is not available, yet the number of potentially interested suggests that computers would be the best matching method, local government organizations might be of assistance. They often have provisions for outside organizations or may be willing to undertake such operations. Organizations using the Federal Highway Administration computer program are listed in the next section as possible resources for establishing a computer matching program.

Matching Time Schedules

It is difficult to match exact arrival and departure times of students, faculty and staff as there are so many different schedules. Experience has shown that commuters are willing to be somewhat flexible in their arrival and departure times. Those who travel a long distance are usually more flexible than the short distance commuters. Several methods of time matching have been tried:

1. Schools with a large percentage of long-distance commuters have had applicants check a schedule similar to the one shown below:

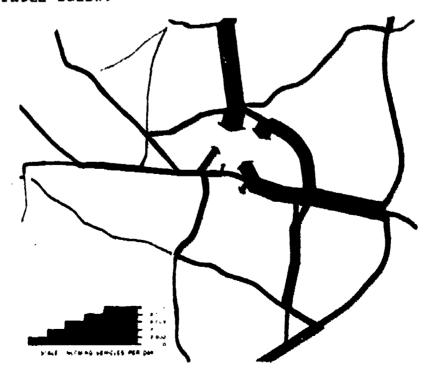
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2. Schools with a large percentage of short-distance commuters have used forms where students indicate their exact schedules. These schedules are matched with others that do not differ by more than two hours, e.g. a driver who wants to arrive at 9:00 a.m. will be matched with all who are planning on arriving 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



A critical aspect in carpool matching is identifying the areas where carpools can be formed with a minimum of extra travel distance. The areas of highest density and those in close proximity of the campus should be much smaller than those areas which are sparsely populated or a great distance from the campus. Long distance commuters find it less inconvenient to travel two miles for riders than do the short distance commuters. Several methods of designating carpool areas are described below:

- 1. Zip Code Matching: People with the same zip code are matched.
- 2. Grid Matching: The area surrounding the campus is labeled by horizontal and vertical grids similar to a road map. Commuters are matched with others living in their grid area. The U.S. Department of Transportation suggests that one square mile areas are acceptable in high density regions while areas ranging to four or more square miles are acceptable in less developed or far away regions.
- 3. Matching by Travel Routes: This system of dividing the area is the most practical for commuters to locate the most convenient carpool riders, although it is the most complex system to design. The first step is to study the commuter routes and approaches to campus: identify the major access roads to the campus, the major highways that lead to these access roads, and the proportion of commuters who use each of these roads. An example of such a study is illustrated below.



The carpool areas are those areas surrounded by the major highways. The areas can be subdivided if it is a high density area. Commuters pick up riders on their way to the major highway.



The University of Minnesota Carpool Application Form

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At the beginning of each quarter, the computer prepares a notice of suggested time and travel patterns for each person.

To date, the University estimates that almost 1,000 students have been persuaded to join in carpools. Over half of these pools consist of three or more riders. For further information, write: Roger G. Huss, Transit Coordinator, 224 Northrup Memorial Auditorium, University of Minnesota, Minnesota, Minnesota 55455.



Informing Commuters of Prospective Carpool Participants

The process of informing and matching students, faculty, and staff in diverse geographic areas can be accomplished in various ways. In all types of matching procedures it is important to clarify that it is the responsibility of each person to contact others in their area to make arrangements for forming the carpool.

- A. Ride Board: people form their own carpools
- 1. Ride Boards can be as simple as a reserved space on a bulletin board. This can serve as a clearinghouse for rides needed, riders wanted, etc.
- 2. A more elaborate ride board system is illustrated on the following page. Label a hook or a pocket for each area on the map. People interested in carpooling fill out a "ride wanted" or "riders wanted" card, and hang it on the hook for their area. It has been helpful to have these cards in different colors.
- B. Master List: people form their own carpools

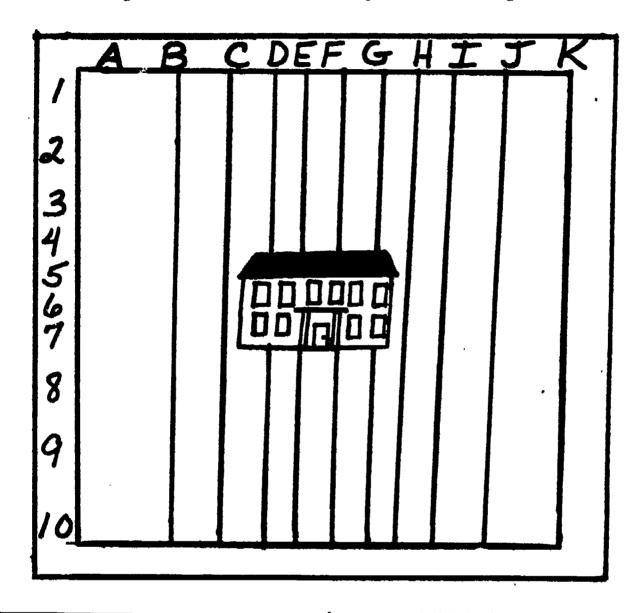
A single master list of interested participants can be compiled and kept in a central location of three or four areas. The names can be filled by town, section of a city, or by zip code. This is especially helpful for new people and for those whose situations or locations change. They can use this service to help establish or join existing carpools.

C. Area Lists for Each Person: The names and telephone numbers of all persons in a given area are printed and distributed to each person from the area. The lists can be prepared by hand or by computer. When the lists have been prepared, announcements can be made that they are available for distribution, or they can be mailed to each person.

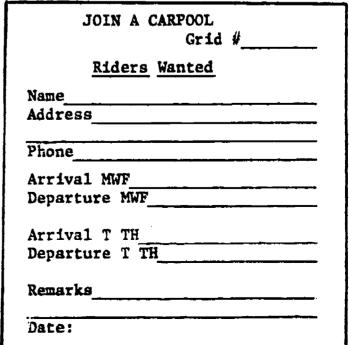


THE RIDE BOARD

Post a map of the area surrounding your school. Label it with grid codes similar to a road map. Commuters fill out one of the cards illustrated below and hang it on a hook that corresponds to their grid number.



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Computer List to be distributed to each person

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FHWA COMPUTERIZED CARPOOL MATCHING PROGRAM

1.	Tennessee Department of Transportation
2.	City of Los Angeles Department of Traffic
3.	City of Dallas Department of Traffic
4.	Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
5.	North Carolina A&T State University
	Transportation Institute
6.	Florida Department of Transportation
7.	Baltimore Federal Executive Board
8.	San Francisco Federal Executive Board
9.	Maricopa Association of Governments
10.	Defense Supply Agency, Defense Contract
	Administration Services Region, Detroit
11.	Gleason Works
12.	Lockheed Missiles and Space Co., Inc.
13.	St. Charles County, Missouri
14.	Maryland Department of Transportation
15.	Contra Costa County, California
16.	Federal Aviation Administration, Northwest Region
17.	Com-Bus
18.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
19.	City of Baltimore Department of Transit and Traffic
20.	Comprehensive Planning Organization
21.	City of Hamilton Department of Traffic
22.	Texas Highway Department
23.	Kentucky Department of Transportation
24.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
25.	State of Hawaii
26.	Montgomery-Greene County Transportation and
	Development Planning Program
27.	IBM Corporation
28.	U.S. Army, Computer Systems Command
29.	Walter Reed Army Medical Center
30.	Tennessee Valley Authority
31.	Puget Sound Governmental Conference
32.	General Services Administration
33.	Georgia Institute of Technology
34.	D.C. Department of Highways and Traffic
35.	State of New York, OGS Computer Center
36.	Washington State Highway Commission
37.	United Air Lines
38.	San Bernardino County
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40.	Kentucky Department of Transportation
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44.	Pennsylvania Department of Transportation	Harrisburg
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47.	Office of Systems and Finance Management,	
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49.	Social Security Administration	Baltimore
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51.	SID, Security Data, Inc.	Walnut Creek,
		California
52.	Texas Air Control Board	Austin
53.	Fort Worth City Planning Department	Fort Worth, Texas
54.	City of Tucson	Tuscon, Arizona
55.	Selnec Passenger Transport Executive	Manchester,
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56.	FHWA, Arkansas Division	Little Rock
57.	Burlington House Area Rugs	Monticello,
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58.	Los Angeles Department of Water & Power	Los Angeles
59.	University of California	Livermore
60.	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	Moffitt Field,
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61.	San Bernardino County	San Bernardino
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74.	Illinois Department of Transportation	Springfield
75.	U.S. Army Armament Command	Rock Island, Illinois
76.	Indianapolis Department of Transportation	Indianapolis, Indiana
77.	University of Kentucky	Lexington, Kentucky
78.	Capital Region Planning Commission	Baton Rouge, Missouri
79.	East-West Gateway Coordinating Council	St. Louis, Missouri
80.	University of Massachusetts	Amherst
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91.	International Business Machine Corp.	East Lansing, Michigan
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93.	City of Lincoln	Lincoln, Nebraska
94.	State of Nebraska	Lincoln, Nebraska
95.	County of Suffolk	Hauppauge, New York
96.	Corning Community College	Corning, New York
97.	Nassau County	Mineola, New York
98.	Sardia Laboratories	Albuquerque, New Mexico
99.	Grumman Data Systems Corporation	Bethpage, New York
100.	New York State Department of Transportation	Babylon
101.	Town of Islip	Islip, New York
102.	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Troy, New York
103.	State University of New York	Buffalo
104.	National Time Sharing and Data Services, Inc.	Buffalo
105.	Duke University	Durham, North Carolina
106.	Burlington Management Services Company	Greensboro, North Carolina
107.	Union County	Elizabeth, New Jersey
108.	Ohio Department of Transportation	Columbus, Ohio
109.	Oregon State Highway Division	Salem
110.	State of Oklahoma Department of Highways	Oklahoma City
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113.	Environmental Protection Agency	Cincinnati
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Resources on Carpools

Carpool and Buspool Matching Guide (3rd edition)

A 31 page booklet which describes successful car, van and bus programs. The last section is an introduction to the FHWA computer program for carpool matching. Free upon request: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Carpools and Buses: Two Ways to Cut Commuting Costs and Ease Traffic Congestion

A ten page pamphlet which illustrates the economy of leaving the car and joining a pool. 15¢ a copy: Highway Users Federation, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Industrial Package for Business and Industry

This package was prepared by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to fight the smog problems. It contains practical suggestions on how to start a carpool program. Free upon request: Operation Oxygen, P.O. Box 5975, Pasadena, California 91107.

Transportation Research Opportunities for Universities and Contracts Under the Program of University Research

These booklets provide prospective contractor universities with information on the DOT Program of University Research which is designed to increase the contributions of universities to the solutions of national, state, regional and local transportation problems. Free upon request: Office of University Research, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.



Environmental Resource Packets

These resource packets are directed to college science teachers who wish to incorporate environmental materials in their courses and/or to become resource people for their community. They consist of a review paper or papers and an annotated bibliography. Two packets will be published this spring: "Automobiles and Air Pollution" and "Urban Transportation": \$1.00 per packet: Environmental Resource Packet Project, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742.

American School and Business, January, 1974.

This issue has several articles devoted to the energy crisis.

The article "Latest in Campus Transportation" describes innovations in handling bicycles, autos and buses on campuses across the country. Subscriptions are available @ \$15.00 a year: American School and University, 134 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Educational Facilities Laboratory is planning to produce a special report on college and university transportation issues. Presently they distribute a newsletter, "Planning" to college planners and others at national, state, and regional levels who are concerned with planning. For information, write Educational Facilities Laboratory, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022.

DOT Press Releases: You can receive free up-to-date information on mass transit, carpools, highway safety, etc. In the letter of request, specify if you wish to receive press releases from certain departments only, otherwise releases are sent from all departments.

Department of Transportation Attention: Mailing List, Office of Public Affairs Room 10106, 400 7th St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590



Resources on Campus Bus Systems

The University of Iowa operates a shuttle bus system from parking income and a portion of student fees. The eighteen bus system connects all parking lots with the main campus. For further information, write: John Dooley, Director, Transportation and Security, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.

<u>Campus Bus Systems</u> is a booklet that describes the bus service systems that have worked well at major universities. Free upon request: GMC Truck and Coach Division of G.M. Corporation, Attn. Mr. E.W. Hall, 660 S. Blvd. East, Pontiac, Michigan 48053.

Pennsylvania State University investigated the costs, energy consumption and demand fulfillment of three campus transportation systems: a conventional bus system, a skybus network, and an underground moving sidewalk. The university subsequently contracted for a bus service which required no installation costs and less annual costs. For copies of the reports and further information, write: Dr. Thomas B. Davinroy, Department of Civil Engineering, the Pennsylvania State University, 203 Old Main, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802.

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst through a \$700,000 grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, is documenting the effect of a free intercity and campus shuttle bus system supported by campus parking restrictions. For further information, write: Dr. William Goss, Project Director, Marsten Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002.



Resources on Bicycle Systems

The University of California at Davis has joined forces with the City of Davis to develop one of the most extensive areawide systems of special bicycle facilities in the United States. Information and descriptions are available in:

City of Davis Bicycle Circulation and Safety Study, \$3.00 a copy:

DeLeuw, Carther & Company, 1256 Market Street, San Francisco, Calif.
94102

Bikeway Planning Criteria and Guidelines, \$4.00 a copy: California Division of Highways, State Department of Public Works, 1120 N. Street, Sacramento, California 95814.

The Bicycle Institute of America, 122 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017 provides information and many free publications on bicycle safety, development of bikeways and legislation.

Bicycles in the University Community is a technical paper available @ \$.50 a copy. Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges, Suite 510, One Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Michigan State University prohibits student automobiles on campus during class hours. Students may park their cars and ride a bicycle on the 12 miles of bike paths. For further information, write: Mr. Milton Barron, Director, Campus Park & Planning, 310 Manley Miles Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824.

The University of Illinois also provides bike paths to accommodate an estimated 15,000 bicycles on campus. The paths started as a single lane, 30 inches wide but were quickly changed into 72 inch concrete pathways. For further information, write: Mr. John Baerwald, Director, Highway Traffic Center, 418 Engineering Hall, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 48824.



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		UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SURVEY	121.11
Max to wit wil men ins	ylan impr hin 1 pr its. itruc E:	versity, in cooperation with the University Master Plan and the d-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is seeking ways ove transportation access to and from the campus as well as the campus. Your cooperation in completing this questionnaire ovide information to assist in the planning for needed improve-When completed, please return this questionnaire to your class tor. Thank you. For the purpose of this survey the CAMPUS is defined as including the principal academic buildings, classrooms, library, student union, dining halls, athletic facilities, etc. and excluding dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and other residences.	
1.	My	present school year residence is:	_
		Fraternity or Sorority House; Name	13 🔲
		Off-Campus (home, apartment, rooming house, etc.)	
	•	(Complete address and mailing zip code)	
		off-campus residence shared with other University of Maryland dents? No	14
2.		m I first arrived on campus today, I came from: My presert school year residence (as in No. 1 above) Place of work (Complete address and mailing zip code) Eating establishment	15
	•	(Number of dining hall or name/address of eating facility) Other (Please Specify)	16
		(complete address, building name, location)	_
3,		I finally leave the campus <u>today</u> , I intend to go to (check one): My school residence Place of work Eating establishment	17
		Other	18
		(Please Specify)	.
		(Complete address, location)	
4.	(ot)	Bually arrive on the campus for my first class or activity ner than class) and leave after my last class or activity ner than class) at the following times: (Please write in times) DAY ARRIVE LEAVE Monday: am pm : am pm	19 23 27 31 35
		Tuesday : Dam Dpm : Dam Dpm Wednesday : Dam Dpm : Dam Dpm : Dam Dpm Thursday : Dam Dpm : Dam Dpm Friday	39 43 47

5.	b. If you are a licensed license? $\square A$ - tracte $\square D$ - automobile \square	i Maryl or-trai E - mo	and dri ler D torcycl years shman	ver, what is B - other tru	cks DC - bus	60 <u> </u>	
6.	During this semester, I dautomobile for the purpos		riving	to and from t		64	
	□ Yes			□ No		65	
7.	When I first came to the (check one):	campus	today,	I got here p	rimarily by		
	☐ Driving an auto ☐ Riding as an auto pass ☐ Driving a motorcycle of motorbike ☐ Riding as a motorcycle motorbike passenger	or s or	0000	Bus transit Taxi Bicycling Hitchhiking Walking Other (Pleas	e Specify)	66	
8.	When I finally leave the	campus	today,			e):	
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9.	I estimate the following campus today:	charac	teristi	cs about my t	ravel to the		
	a. Total door-to-door to	ime		minutes		68	
	b. Total time spent in (including time spent parking)	walki:				70	
	c. My out-of-pocket cost cents (include only f car pool contribution	fares, m	netered	this trip was parking fees	, tips,	72	
10.	If I did not travel to an would evaluate the follow as follows (check one box	ing att	ributes	e of other max	sently do, I	122	
	Attribute	Very Imp.	Imp.	Some Importance	Not Important		
	a. Door-to-door time b. On time performance c. Door-to-door service d. Personal security e. Cost of trip f. Having a seat g. Air conditioning	امممممم	امممممم	0.000000000	00000000	13	
	i. Leg roomj. Frequency of system		0 0	0	0	20	
	stops k. Night service l. Weekend service m. Service to parking	000	000	000	000		
	lots n. Service to local			0		25	
	business district o. Radio/music	00	00	0	0		
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Questions 11 and 12 describe hypothetical systems being studied and therefore it should not be inferred that these systems will necessarily be implemented.

11.	tra to	University is considering sever asportation services to, from, a assist us in determining the typuld be provided, pluase answer t	e and quality of service that	BEST COPY AVAILABLE
	A -	Campus Shuttle - serving clause other buildings, etc., dormitorie		
		Would you use: ☐ Frequently ☐ Not Use ☐ Occasionally ☐ Don't Know	If you think you would use, how often should it run? D 5 min. D 10 min. D 15 min. D 20 min. D 30 min. D 60 min.	28 <u> </u>
		How closely should this serve you?	Between what hours of operation should this service be provided?	30[
		O door-to-door not over 1 min. walk not over 2 min. walk not over 5 min. walk not over 10 min. walk	# .m. P.m. # .m. To:	35
		what do you think is a fair price for this kind of service per ride? 5 cents 25 cents 10 cents 40 cents 15 cents 20 cents 30 cen	What do you think is a fair price for this kind of service per semester? 1 dollar 20 dollars 5 dollars 25 dollars 10 dollars 50 dollars 115 dollars	· 39 40
	B -		rvice same areas as in A above, but is within 1 mile of campus and nearby ting establishments.	
		Would you use: Frequently Not Use Occasionally Don't Know	If you think you would use, how often should it run?. 5 min. 10 min. 15 min. 20 min. 30 min. 60 min.	41 42
		How closely should this serve you?	Between what hours of operation should this service be provided?	43
		☐ door-to-door ☐ not over 1 min. walk ☐ not over 2 min. walk ☐ not over 5 min. walk ☐ not over10 min. walk	Prom: p.m. a.m. To: p.m.	44 48
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	c -	Campus Commuter Service - se Maryland from Montgomery and	rving commuters to the University of Prince George's Counties.	
		Would you use: Frequently Not Use Occasionally Don't Know	If you think you would use, how often should it run? 5 min. 10 min. 15 min. 20 min. 30 min. 60 min.	54 55
		How closely should this serve you?	Between what hours of operation should this service be provided?	56
		Onot over 1 min. walk Onot over 2 min. walk Onot over 5 min. walk Onot over 10 min. walk	From:o.m. a.m. To:o.m.	57 61
		What do you think is a fair price for this kind of service per ride? 1 5 cents 25 cents 10 10 cents 40 cents 15 cents 50 cents 120 cents	What do you think is a fair price for this kind of service per semester? 1 dollar 20 dollars 5 dollars 25 dollars 10 dollars 50 dollars 115 dollars	65



- 12. In addition to the above conventional systems in Question 11, other ideas are being studied to reduce the demand for more campus roads and parking facilities by increasing the average auto occupancy. These ideas include:
 - A Regular Commuter Car Pooling all commuters who so desire would be matched via computer to all others who resided in the same area and had similar arrival and departure times on campus at least one day a week. Commuters could then form car pools on their own.
 - B Irregular Commuter Car Pooling car pooling is difficult if members of the pool have different schedules too often. Recognizing that commuters generally have different schedules on different days of the week, an idea is being studied whereby any driver may pick up riders rider without pre-arrangement. There will be several sites on campus where drivers and riders may be matched on their outbound trips. There will be special stops set up on all principal approach roads to the campus where campus-bound riders and drivers may collect. For security purposes, all drivers and riders must display their University identification cards. There would be pre-arranged fees for all points to or from the campus. Drivers who participated in this scheme would receive preferential treatment in campus parking facilities.
 - C Commuter Jitney another idea is being studied whereby several hundred commuters would be hired for part-time work as jitney drivers. Jitney drivers would either drive their own vehicles or University-provided vehicles from home to the University and receive reserved close-in parking spaces in the parking lots. Jitney drivers could pocket fares and thus receive an additional source of income. Jitney drivers would be selected on the basis of responsibility, reliability, residence address and class schedule. They would be required to drive a specific route on a specific schedule to and from the University and would be required to pick up (if vehicle capacity allows) all valid University commuters. Jitney drivers would receive free insurance coverage for their jitney driving services.

i	Regular	Irregular		
	Car Pool	Car Pool	<u>Jitney</u>	
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you would use?	[] No	□ No	D 40	
Would you use	□ Driver	☐ Driver	☐ Driver	
it as a driver or rider?	Rider	Rider	☐ Rider ☐ Not use	
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I would not use because:	problem with schedules	schedules	schedules	
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	concern about	concern about	concern about	
	wear and tear on car	wear and tear on car	wear and tear on car	
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The results of this survey will be used to plan a commuter bicycle system leading to the College Park Campus. The purpose of this survey is to determine the potential demand for such a system and along which routes the bikeways should be built. Your assistance in completing this survey will be greatly appreciated. If you have already completed this survey, please do not fill this one out. 1. Status: ___ Student ___ Staff ___ Faculty 2. College 3. Zip code of your present local address: _____ 4. ___ Male ___ Female Sorority ____ Fraternity 6. Age 5. Residence: Off campus Dorm 7. Your present usual means of transportation to campus (omit if you live on campus): Auto __ Carpool __ Walk __ Bicycle __ Bus __ Motorcycle __ Other 8. Do you presently own a bicycle? ____ Yes ___ No 9. How many speeds? ____ How often do you ride your bicycle per week? ____ for recreation ____ for commuting to campus ____ on campus (WHEN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASSUME THAT A BICYCLE IS AVAILABLE TO YOU) 11. If convenient and safe bicycle riding and parking facilities were provided, would you use them to travel by bicycle to or from campus? ____ Yes ___ No 13. If no, why not? 12. If yes, how often per week? 14. Which of the following factors would inhibit you from riding your bicycle to or from campus? (Circle those which apply) d. night e. others b. snow c. fog a. rain 15. How far would you be willing to commute on a bicycle? ___ Miles ___ Minutes If living on campus, go to 18 16. If you live far from campus and if proper facilities were available, would you take one mode of transportation (car, bus, etc.) partway to campus and then transfer to a bicycle to complete the trip? _____ Yes ____ No 17. If a bicycle pathway were built parallel to the route you now use for commuting to campue, how many miles (or fractions of miles) would you be willing to go out of your way to ride on the pathway? _____ number of miles 18. What features do you consider necessary for a bicycle system to meet your personal needs? Necessary Important Not Important a. bikeway completely separated from autos b. rest stops along bikeway c. adequate parking and safe storage available d. lighting along bikeway for night use e. bikeway sheltered from rain, snow, etc. f. storm drain gratings not parallel to path g. other features, please specify _____



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- 19. If convenient and safe bicycle riding facilities were provided, would you use them for recreational purposes? ____ Yes ___ No
- 20. If you do not already own a bicycle, would you be willing to purchase or rent one in order to use a new bicycle system? ____ Yes ____ No

The answers to the following questions are important to our project. DON'T STOP HERE

We want to know the location where you (usually) start from when you come to campus (your origin) and/or the location of where you (usually) go to when you leave campus (your destination).

		Zone No.		Frequency
		(see map)	Zip Code	Trip Made
21.	Origin of trip to campus:			
22.	Destination of trip from campus:			

- 23. If these locations are on the map, please locate them as closely as possible, marking an "O" for the origin of your trip to campus, and an "X" for the destination of your trip from campus.
- 24. Comments: Please give us any other ideas you may have concerning a bicycle system for commuting to or from campus.

