

CHAPTER 6

6.3 RIDESHARE

6.3.1. INTRODUCTION

What is ridesharing? Ridesharing is an arrangement by two or more commuters to drive together in the same car to their place (or places) of business. Carpools usually consist of individuals who live near each other, are employees of the same company (or are employees of different companies located only a short distance apart) and have similar work hours.

- There are benefits of ridesharing:
- Save money, gas and parking
- Reduce commute-rated stress
- Save wear and tear on your vehicle
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Reduce air pollution

What is OhioRIDESHARE? OhioRIDESHARE (Exhibit 6.3.1) is a free web based service that gives residents from 13 counties in Northeast Ohio the ability to identify potential carpool partners quickly and securely.

OhioRIDESHARE is:

- Fast: Allows instant access to potential matches.
- Convenient: Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Easy: Just point, click and ride.
- Safe/Secure: Initial contact is through e-mail. Users decide how much personal information to share.
- Flexible: Rideshare as many days a month as you like.
- Guaranteed Ride Home program for qualifying participants.

Exhibit 6.3.1 OhioRIDESHARE Home Page

OhioRIDESHARE
Carpooling Assistance for Northeast Ohio

Welcome to Ohio Rideshare!

OhioRideshare is a cooperative service offered by the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments (Eastgate), and the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

Now, finding a carpool partner is as easy as *Point, Click, Ride!*

OhioRideshare gives residents from 13 counties in Northeast Ohio the ability to identify potential carpool partners quickly and securely. Registering with OhioRideshare is free and gives you the power to conduct searches for potential carpool partners online.

You control the personal information that is shown to other carpoolers. Contact possible carpoolers by email to discuss what your needs and expectations are and you're on your way! You may also enjoy other features such as mileage tracking and interactive mapping functions.

Carpooling Advantages:

- Saves money by splitting commuting costs for fuel, tolls and parking
- Lowers stress
- Reduces pollution
- Gives riders time for other activities such as reading, sleeping, working, and socializing
- Reduces traffic congestion
- Reduces need for parking spaces

Getting Started:

Not Registered? Click on "Create Account" under "New Rideshare User" and enter your information where prompted.

Already registered? Sign in with your user name and password under "Member Login."

• It's that easy - Point, Click, Ride!

Member Login

* Email Address: * Password:

Remember Me [Forgot Password?](#)

New Rideshare User

Not a Member? [Create Your Account Today!](#)

Rideshare Service Areas

OHIO, EASTGATE, NOACA

6.3.2. PARK AND RIDE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY COMPONENT

The identification of park and ride locations in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties give attention to future regionalization opportunities to reduce single vehicle occupancy, traffic congestion, and provide commuting options for individuals within and near the planning area.

Eastgate's 2040 MTP identifies park and rides that are classified as "informal" or "official" park and ride lots. Informal park and ride lots are areas where motorists park their automobiles and connect with another form of transportation. These locations are where motorists can carpool, vanpool, and they provide access to accommodate passenger exchange with other transportation providers and multi-modal connectivity within the region. The sites are often located in close proximity to intersections, major arterials, or near transit trip generators where existing parking can accommodate automobile and transit bus circulation. The informal park and ride facilities utilize existing locations where parking areas are plentiful.

An official park and ride facility depends on public and private investment partnerships. The use of public/private partnerships to facilitate park and ride sites provides opportunities for innovative design and land use planning concepts with multi-modal connectivity in the region. Owners and proprietors of official park and ride locations are encouraged to establish joint use agreements and multi-year commitments on usage. In the near future, these types of facilities can promote economic growth, provide coordinated multi-modal connectivity travel patterns, and encourage public-private joint ventures that present significant business and privatization incentive opportunities for the region. Eastgate and ODOT recently completed a park-n-ride project within our region. The SR46/I-80 Park n' Ride (PID 90186) is located in Austintown, Ohio. This project sold on May 10, 2012 and was opened in October 2012.

Park and ride locations provide personal mobility and freedom for every individual living in the region. From a user's perspective, the result is the choice to choose an alternative mode of transportation and to avoid the personal cost of operating a private automobile. The benefits to the planning area are the reduction of single vehicle occupancy, a decrease in traffic congestion, and our conscious effort to reduce this generation's carbon footprint left on the environment for future generations.

The following ride multi-modal connectivity sites are included in Eastgate's 2040 MTP.

- Liberty Plaza on SR 193 near Goldie Road
- Phoenix House on Meridian Road and Interstate 680
- Lincoln Knolls Plaza on SR 422 East at IGA
- Giant Eagle Plaza on US 224 in Boardman Township
- Ipes Field on Midlothian Boulevard and Interstate 680 South
- Southern Park Mall on SR 7 South and US 224 South
- Tiffany Square on US 224 near Interstate 680
- 76 Truck Stop on SR 46 and Interstate 80 in Austintown
- Struthers Plaza on Fifth Street and Omar Ave
- Elm Road Plaza near Reeves Road
- Vicinity of King Graves Interchange
- Eastwood Mall on US 422
- Truckworld Mall by Interstate 80 East and SR 7/62 in Hubbard

Listed below are additional proposed transit park and ride multimodal connectivity locations for Eastgate's planning region:

Austintown Plaza on Mahoning Ave
Giant Eagle Plaza on US 224 in Canfield
SR 7 South and McClurg Road at Humility of Mary Health Center
US 224 and Clingan Road at Giant Eagle
SR 164 and SR 46 near SR 14 – Village Plaza
SR 170 (Main Street) and Middletown Road at Giant Eagle
Intersection of SR 14 and Davidson Ave. in Washington Village
Intersection of Grandview and Mahoning Ave. in Milton Township
GM Plant on Hallock Road in Lordstown
Flying J near Interstate 80 and SR 7/62
Youngstown Regional Airport on SR 193
Warren Sharon Road East of SR7 at Giant Eagle
KSU Extension off of SR45

Map 6.3.1 on the following page identifies the Mahoning and Trumbull Counties Existing and Proposed Park and Ride Facilities.

Map 6.3.1 – Mahoning and Trumbull Counties Existing and Proposed Park and Ride Facilities

