

Commuting Resource

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Anoka County Transportation Management Organization

2009 Commuter Challenge

The Commuter Challenge continues through June 30.

There is still time to pledge to take the bus or train, carpool, vanpool, tele-work, bike, walk or host an event.

Visit AnokaCountyTMO.com or call 763-862-4260 for more information or to schedule a commuter fair.



eWorkPlace

The eWorkPlace web site is scheduled to launch in June. Check it out at eWorkPlace-mn.com

Learn more about the eWorkPlace Tele-work initiative. Join us for a free continental breakfast on:

Thursday, June 25, 2009
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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1440 Bunker Lake Boulevard
Andover, MN 55304
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eWorkPlace

Introducing eWorkPlace, a state-sponsored program for Twin Cities metro employers. eWorkPlace is a strategy and work process that enables employees to work from home or a remote location and connect to the office and clients via technology - internet, phone, and mobile devices.

Tele-work can be performed on a full or part-time basis and is often complemented with flexible scheduling.

eWorkplace is truly a win-win-win for employers, employees, and the community.

Employer Benefits

- *Increased employee productivity.
- *Enhanced recruitment and retention.
- *Greater geographic flexibility.
- *Reduced cost of real estate and overhead.
- *Reduced absenteeism.
- *Expanded access to talented people.
- *Better resiliency - economic and disaster.
- *Opportunity to provide employees soft dollar perks.



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National Bike to Work Day Recap

This year's regional Bike Walk Week was held May 11-15, with Bike to Work Day held on Thursday, May 14. The regional Bike to Work Day is a single day when commuters can pledge to bike to work. New or current bike commuters could join a commuter convoy or a workplace team. The Anoka County TMO sponsored its annual event at the Highway Department in Andover. Despite wind gusts in excess of 20 mph, the event had a good turnout.

Special recognition goes to Bill Howard and Charles Cadenhead who biked 40.4 and 35.4 miles respectively. A new record at the Highway Department.
Congratulations Bill and Charles!!



The TMO would like to thank all the riders for their participation: Jerry Woltman, Brent Aase, Mark Lekson, Bruce Lennox, Mike Murphy, Dave Hilton, Bill Tiede, Chris Elliot, Bryan Rhode, Troy Helwig, Bob Hoppe, Al Bradford, Bob Rose, Larry Grovum, Jerry Harter, Matt Euteneuer, and Al Lekson.

Not pictured: Scott Trembath, Pamela Max, Dawn Hill, Gene Haag, Marv Werlinger, Doug Fischer, Kathleen Miller, and Norm Larson.



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Employee Benefits

- *Reduced and eliminated drive times and vehicle trips.
- *Greater productivity.
- *Enhanced quality of life and reduced cost of living.
- *Greater economic opportunity for lower income households and people with disabilities.

Community Benefits

- *Reduced number of rush hour work trips which contribute to traffic congestion.
- *Maximized infrastructure investment.

If you are interested in establishing a tele-work pilot program, contact the TMO office at 763-862-4260 or visit AnokaCountyTMO.com. Learn more at our eWorkPlace breakfast on Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 a.m.

Construction Corner

7th Avenue & Bob Ehlen Drive (CSAH 7) in Anoka - Work is currently being done on the new signal.

Crosstown Boulevard (CSAH 18) & Highway 65 in Ham Lake - Construction has begun and is expected to continue through July 2009.



Main Street (CSAH 14) & Highway 65 in Blaine - The 129th Avenue and Central Avenue frontage road intersection on the east side of Highway 65 is closed until late June. The project is scheduled to be completed Fall 2009.

Main Street (CSAH 14) from I-35W to I-35E in Lino Lakes & Centerville - Construction has resumed and will continue until November 2009.

Norris Lake Road (CSAH 24) & St. Francis Boulevard TH 47 in Oak Grove - Construction is expected July-August 2009.

For more information on all county construction projects visit www.anokacounty.us/highways



Summer Events in Anoka County - The following is just a sample of community events throughout the county. Please check with the city listed for more information. If you plan on attending these events, keep in mind possible traffic delays and detours in these areas.

June

- June 4-7 - Spring Lake Park Tower Days
- June 6 - Lino Lakes Kite Day
- June 12-14 - St. Francis Pioneer Days
- June 25-27 - Fridley 49'er Days
- June 26-28 - Blaine's Blazin' 4th, Aquatore Park

July

- July 2-5 - Coon Rapids 4th of July Celebration, Sand Creek Park
- July 6-12 - 3M Championship at TPC, Blaine
- July 10-11 Andover Family Fun Fest
- July 17-19 Schwan's Cup Weekend, National Sports Center, Blaine
- July 21-25 Schwan's Cup Week, National Sports Center, Blaine
- July 21-26 - Anoka County Fair, Anoka County Fairgrounds, Anoka

August

- August 8 - Centerville Fete des Lacs Parade

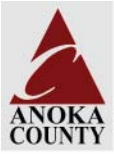
September

- September 12 - Linwood Family Fun Day
- September 19 - Ramsey Happy Days

Words of Wisdom

“The difference between possible and impossible is hardwork and commitment.”

Robert Dole



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Dates to Remember

June 14 - Flag Day

June 21 - First Day of Summer

June 30 - Last Day to Register for
Commuter Challenge

July 4 - Independence Day

July 21-26 - Anoka County Fair

August 4 - Night to Unite

August 27-September 7 - Minnesota
State Fair

The Anoka County Transportation Management Organization (TMO) helps local employers and commuters explore different choices such as carpooling, vanpooling, tele-work, transit, biking, walking, or flexible work hours. It is our goal to help make commuting easier, healthier, and more enjoyable.

These options can help you save money on fuel, improve your health, and keep our environment clean. With a little planning and consideration you might find that walking, biking, or taking transit to run errands or commute is as efficient as taking your car.

In addition, the TMO serves as a community resource providing information such as project detours and project time lines to help reduce traffic congestion around areas impacted by road construction.

Sources:

www.eworkplace-mn.com

www.metrotransit.org

The Cities in Anoka County

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You can now follow Anoka County on Twitter for more information on transportation, highway projects, parks, libraries and more.

www.twitter.com/anokacounty