Transportation Commute Options

Getting to work is different now. Questions have become what is the best way to get to and from work safely? What do I do if I choose to work at home? What should I do regarding carbon emissions and the environment?

Safety is one of the first factors to consider when selecting your work commute. Following are the various commute modes and remember that driving alone is not the only transportation option.

- Walk and/or Walking & Transit
- Cycle and/or Cycling & Transit
- Transit and/or CHT, GoTriangle, OPT & PART
- Carpool and/or Carpooling & Walking
- Telework and/or Some Days or Daily

When choosing a commute option, there are aspects to practice if using options that bring us near others. Social distancing is a tool that can be used to stay healthier. Wearing a mask is another way to keep others safe, as well as yourself. Other tools can include washing hands with soap regularly and being mindful of not touching nose, eyes and mouth.

Finally, every mile not driven alone equals one pound of carbon emissions not going into the air. Telework is a good option, when possible, for reducing carbon emissions as well as a way to stay safe at home. Telework information follows on Page 2. Consider all commute options for work and select the correct one for your workplace situation.

Rolling through this together --Thank you to those taking care of us.
Telework Makes Sense During Times When We Are Home

What is Telework? - check www.nctelework.org for details

Telework is a work arrangement that allows an employee to perform work, during any part of regular, paid hours, at an approved alternative worksite (e.g., home, telework center). It is an important tool for achieving a resilient and results-oriented workforce. At its core, telework is people doing their work at locations different from where they would normally be doing it. -gotriangle.org

Alternative Work Schedules

Alternative work schedules (also known as variable work hours) include flextime or compressed work weeks. Flextime is when employees work specified hours each week, but are given flexibility on when they arrive to work, take lunch and leave work. Compressed work weeks are when employees work more hours than typical but work fewer days per week or pay period.

Also consider working 40 hours over four days instead of the usual five, or work 80 hours in two weeks but only work nine out of 10 days.

Check Page 4 to discover how to earn points for gift cards.
Chapel Hill Transit to Modify Service

Chapel Hill Transit will begin running a reduced weekday schedule starting June 1

Starting June 1, Chapel Hill Transit will increase service levels to begin running the weekday CM, D, G, J, NS, RU, S and U routes, Go Triangle’s 420 and EZ rider service

Chapel Hill Transit will begin running reduced weekday routes and schedules Monday through Friday until 8 p.m., starting June 1. This decision was made in conjunction with the Orange County Health Department, Town of Chapel Hill Emergency Management, UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC Health.

The goal is to provide safe service for both our customers and our operators.

Reduced weekday routes and schedules include:

- CM Route
- D Route
- G Route
- J Route
- NS Route
- RU & U Routes and
- S Route
- 6 trips of Go Triangle’s Route 420
- Three trips from Hillsborough to Chapel Hill 6 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and 4:25 p.m.
- Three trips from Chapel Hill to Hillsborough 6:50 a.m., 3:40 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

EZ Rider will offer service from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

None of these routes will operate after 8 p.m. until further notice. This reduction of service helps our operators provide reliable service while allowing our maintenance team to keep vehicles cleaned and sanitized.

Chapel Hill Transit continues to encourage all customers to practice physical distancing by maintaining 6 feet of distance from one another; wear masks or other face coverings while riding transit; only ride when necessary; enter and exit through the rear door; and do not ride if you are sick or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms).

Chapel Hill Transit is committed to safety. We have hired additional staff to support cleaning of vehicles and equipment and have increased our cleaning regimen so that our buses are cleaned and disinfected daily. We are adding equipment on our vehicles to help protect our operators, and we are identifying seats and placing signage on vehicles to help our customers keep distance from one another.

During this time, please take advantage of less crowded bus and practice physical distancing, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between other passengers and the operator. If you are able, arrive at your bus stop earlier to allow yourself options if the bus you are attempting to catch is at capacity.

Sign up for rider alerts (townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/transit/transit-covid-19-update) and follow up on twitter (twitter.com/chtransit) to get the latest information and updates from our team.
Telework & Earn Points for Gift Cards!

The GoPerks - STRNC program at GoTriangle encourages employees to try something other than commuting solo in a car, and rewards employees when they take the bus, bike, walk, carpool or vanpool. Watch for the Go Perks June 25th Awards Online Event!

Telework has changed, and we want to provide a little cheer in your day. Get rewarded with GoPerks for not going anywhere! Visit Share the Ride NC at www.STRNC.org. It's pretty simple. In April you can telework, track your telework “trip”, and get rewarded with $5 and $10 gift cards to local small business or events. Use the Commute Calendar to save your telework day as a ‘favorite trip,’ then drag and drop the trip on each day you work from home. In April, each trip provides points you can use to enter prize drawings; with gift cards to local restaurants available, who says there’s no such thing as a free lunch?

Not motivated by rewards? STRNC has a dashboard. Track your telework trips and see how much money and emissions you are saving by skipping the drive to work.

GoTriangle’s goal is to reduce traffic, help employees save money, and improve the environment and quality of life. Biker, walkers, carpoolers, vanpoolers – you still qualify for tracking trips and points! In April, we’re letting the telecommuters get in on the fun, too.

For more information on GoPerks, visit gotriangle.org - goperks. For information on teleworking during this time of extenuating circumstances, please check out nctelwork.org.
Gearing Up for Summer Cycling Season While Practicing Social Distancing!

The longest daylight hours day of the year are April - September? The daylight hours will get longer with June 21st being the longest daylight hours of the year. It is still important to remember that motorists might not see cyclists when driving, especially during twilight hours (sunset). Be sure to light up as much as possible with brightly colored clothing and flashing lights. This can make a difference in safety for all concerned!

Be sure to turn on your lights when walking or cycling during darker times of the summer days!!!
Remember Meeting Dates Could Change During Virus Times - Contact Agencies To Check!

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ALLOWS COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO EARN THEIR OWN BIKES!

Carrboro Bicycle Coalition
Monthly Meeting
3rd Mondays
7:30 p.m.

For now, the CBC is meeting by way of Zoom. For more information email at bikecarrboro.com.

Bike Alliance Chapel Hill (BACH)
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