

Commute Options

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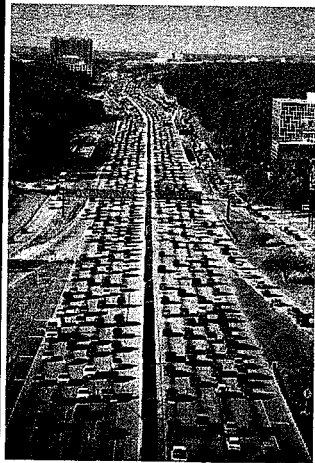
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Presentation Outline

- Objectives**
- Examples**
- Challenges**
- Keys to Success**

Objectives



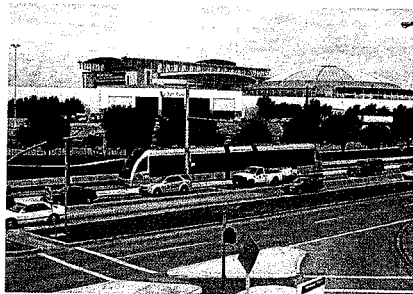
Help Address Congestion By:

- Moving More People in Fewer Vehicles
- Moving Trips to Less Congested Travel Periods
- Removing Trips from Congested Roadways

Strategies



- Transit
- Vanpools
- Carpools
- Alternative Work Arrangements and Telecommuting



Transit



- Buses
- HOV/HOT Lanes
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- Commuter Rail
- Park-and-Ride/Park-and-Pool



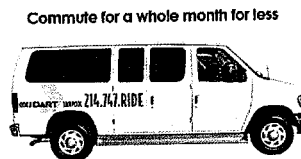
Vanpools/Carpools

- **Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) Vanpool Programs**

- Houston METRO – 730 Vans
- The 'T' – 179 Vans
- DART – 174 Vans
- Capital Metro – 144 Vans

- **MTA Carpool Programs**

- Rideshare Matching Services/On-Line Matching
- Employer Outreach
- Support Activities – Guaranteed Ride Home



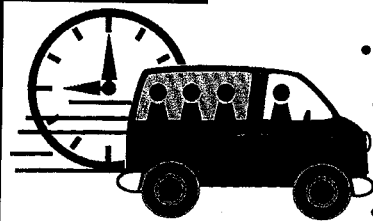
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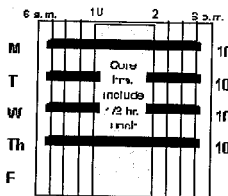
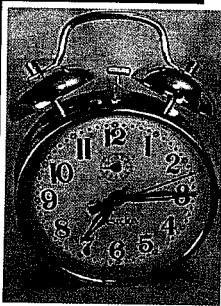


- **USAA San Antonio Office**
 - 1977 – 5 Vans
 - 2007 – 104 Vans
- **2008 Partnership with NuRide and Commuter Challenge**
- **2009 Expanded to H-E-B and other Employers**
- **10 Months**
 - 3.1 Million Commute Miles Reduced
 - Fewer Car Trips
 - Savings in Driving Costs
 - Carbon Emissions Eliminated

Alternative Work Arrangements



- **Staggered Work Hours**
- **Flexible Work Hours**
- **Compressed Work Week**
- **Telecommuting/Telework**
- **Results Only Work Environment (ROWE)**




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Challenges

- **Diverse Travel Patterns**
- **Demand Continues to Increase**
- **Peak Period Extending Over Longer Portion of the Day**
- **Multiple Demands on Individuals**
- **Capital and Operating Cost of Services**

Keys to Success

- **Strategies Matched to Needs and Opportunities**
- **Employer Participation and Incentives**
 - **Preferential Parking**
 - **Bus Pass Subsidies**
 - **Vanpool Subsidies**
 - **Guaranteed Ride Home**
 - **Gifts/Awards**
- **HOV/HOT or Other Facilities – Travel-Time Savings and Trip-Time Reliability**



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