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Rising gas prices mean commuter match-making service is busy

With gas prices climbing, Commuter Connect is seeing an increase in phone calls and website visits.

"Carpooling is an easy way to control what you pay to get to work," said Andrew McGee, program director of Commuter Connect, a service of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA). "While you can't change the price of gas, you can share the cost with other commuters. In addition to saving on gas, you can also save money by reducing the wear-and-tear on your car."

Commuter Connect helps commuters find people in their area who are interested in carpooling to work. Currently, approximately 6,000 people have entered their information in the Commuter Connect database and are looking for people to share rides. Commuter Connect even offers an Emergency Ride Home service that gives carpoolers access to free cab rides in case they need to get home quickly to care for a sick child or attend to another emergency.

"The emergency ride home eases people's minds," said McGee. "No one wants to feel stranded at work."

Visit <u>www.commuterconnect.us</u> and enter your home and work address and work hours, and then, instantly, you'll see the names and contact info for others who live and work near you.

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