

Making the Difference!

Commuter
Smart
Champions



Making the Northwest a Better

Employer Champion Awards

Commute Smart employers are recognized for their excellence in employer strategies and practices by earning points in the areas of performance, programming and ETC engagement. Daily, their efforts remove over 8,300 trips from our roadways and remove over 141,000 miles from being driven on our roadways, helping to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy in the Inland Northwest.

Platinum

 Avista Utilities	Spokane	 Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency	Spokane
 City of Medical Lake	Medical Lake	 Spokane Regional Health District	Spokane
 City of Spokane - Public Safety	Spokane	 Spokane Transit - Paratransit	Spokane
 City of Spokane - Water Department	Spokane	 WA State Department of Ecology	Spokane
 Fairchild Air Force Base	Unincorporated	 WA State DSHS - Trent CSO/CCNE/Region 1	Spokane Valley
 Gonzaga University	Spokane	 WSDOT - Eastern Region	Spokane
 Numerica Credit Union	Spokane Valley		

Gold

City of Spokane - City Hall	Spokane	Office of Administrative Hearings	Spokane Valley	Spokane Transit - Plaza	Spokane
Department of Health	Spokane Valley	Spokane Regional Transportation Council	Spokane	Travelers Insurance	Spokane
Itron, Inc.	Liberty Lake			WA State Attorney General's Office	Spokane

Silver

AgWest Farm Credit	Spokane	Inland Imaging Business Associates	Spokane	Spokane County	Spokane
Airway Heights Corrections Center	Airway Heights	Kaiser Permanente - Corp.	Spokane	Spokane Falls Community College	Spokane
Banner Bank	Spokane	Kaiser Permanente - Riverfront	Spokane	Spokane Teachers Credit Union	Liberty Lake
City of Cheney	Cheney	Keytronic	Spokane Valley	Spokane Transit	Spokane
City of Spokane Valley	Spokane Valley	Liberty Mutual	Liberty Lake	URM Stores, Inc.	Unincorporated
Clearwater Paper Corporation	Spokane	Molina Healthcare	Spokane	Vitalant	Spokane
Community Health Assoc. of Spokane	Spokane	MultiCare Deaconess Hospital	Spokane	WA State Dept. of L & I	Spokane
Eastern Washington U.S. Probation	Spokane	Northwest Orthopaedic Specialists, P.S.	Spokane	WA State DSHS - HCS	Spokane
Eastern Washington University	Cheney	PAML	Spokane	WA State DSHS, Division of Child Support	Spokane
Engie Impact	Spokane	Premera Blue Cross	Spokane	WA State Employment Security Department	Spokane Valley
Fiserv	Liberty Lake	Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center	Spokane	WA State Gambling Commission	Spokane
Frontier Behavioral Health	Spokane	Providence St. Luke's Rehab. Medical Ctr	Spokane	Washington Trust Bank	Spokane
Goodwill Industries	Spokane	Shriners Hospitals for Children - Spokane	Spokane	WSU Health Sciences	Spokane
Hotstart, Inc.	Spokane Valley	Spokane Community College	Spokane	Zak! Designs, Inc.	Airway Heights

Bronze

Atek, Inc.	Liberty Lake	Jubilant HollisterStier LLC	Spokane	Servatron, Inc.	Spokane Valley
BECU	Spokane Valley	Kaiser Aluminum Washington LLC	Spokane Valley	Trans-System, Inc.	Cheney
City of Airway Heights	Airway Heights	K-L Manufacturing	Spokane	TTEC	Spokane Valley
City of Spokane - Nelson Service Center	Spokane	Lakeland Village	Medical Lake	Umpqua Bank	Spokane
Coffman Engineers	Spokane	Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center	Spokane	WA State DSHS - APS	Spokane
Davenport Hotels	Spokane	MultiCare Rockwood Clinic	Spokane	Wagstaff, Inc.	Spokane Valley
Eastern State Hospital	Medical Lake	MultiCare Valley Hospital	Spokane Valley	Washington Air National Guard	Unincorporated
Guardian Life Insurance Company	Spokane	Providence Holy Family Hospital	Spokane	Whitworth University	Unincorporated
Huntwood Industries	Liberty Lake	SCAFCO Corp.	Spokane		

Place to Live, Play and Commute!



Recognizing Outstanding Leadership, Support & Commitment

Through a nomination process, four Champion Business Leaders were selected to be honored for their exceptional efforts to make their Commute Smart programs a success at their worksites.

Champion Business Leaders



Michael Herzog

Director,
Program
Management
Office



"Commute Smart is an easy and visible way to understand that even reducing one trip saves resources and promotes cleaner air."



**Karl Kolb,
PE, SE**

Spokane
Office Managing
Principal



"The Commute Smart program benefits our employees in supporting a healthier work/life balance."



Kristen Nester

92nd Civil
Engineer Squadron
Installation Mgmt
Flight Chief



"A Commute Smart program is valuable in recruiting, retaining, and overall employee satisfaction."



Lindsey Skinfill

Senior Vice
President
People
Potential



"Commute options save money, time and provide health benefits to those choosing active transportation."

Champion Employee Transportation Coordinators



Angie Swan

Eastern
Washington
U.S. Probation



Margaret Terry

Lakeland
Village



Marilyn Eaker

City of
Medical Lake



Jan Dormady

Spokane Transit
Paratransit

Champion Commuters



Thomas Johnson

Airway Heights
Corrections Center



Brian Thomas

Community Health
Assoc. of Spokane



Clayton Krietzman

Spokane Regional
Clean Air Agency



Joshua Hagen

URM Stores, Inc.



Tyler Smith

Fairchild Air
Force Base



Emily Rebert

Fairchild Air
Force Base



Denise Guiles

Providence
Sacred Heart
Medical Center



Danielle Nybo

City of Spokane
Public Safety



Benjamin Christiansen

City of Spokane
Public Safety



Mike Piccolo

City of Spokane
City Hall



Mark Buescher, PA-C

Northwest
Orthopaedic
Specialists, P.S.



Kevin Erickson

Airway Heights
Corrections Center

Special thanks to all of our 2023 Commute Smart Champions!

Your efforts to use and promote commute options is helping make the Northwest a better place to live, play and commute.



Jurisdiction Champion Awards

The seven jurisdictions in the Commute Smart Northwest program are dedicated in helping to improve their communities by providing continued enhancements that help employers achieve success with their Commute Smart programs. The Jurisdiction Champion Awards are determined by taking the point average from the employers in each jurisdiction.

Silver



Bronze



Employee Transportation Coordinator Years of Service

Commute Smart Northwest thanks these dedicated Employee Transportation Coordinators for their many years of service promoting commute options and helping to make the Northwest a better place to live, play and commute!

Twenty Five Years

Craig Wahl
City of Cheney

Ten Years

Jill Barrett
Spokane Regional
Health District

Krystal Hammons
Wagstaff, Inc.

Five Years

Margaret Terry
Lakeland
Village

Irish Gray
Spokane Public
Schools

Jerry Compton
WSDOT
Eastern Region

August Weil
Whitworth
University



Proudly Presents

the Clean Air Award to an organization that has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to improve air quality by reducing its overall air emissions.



Proudly Presents

the Transit Award to an employer with the largest growth of employee participation in the Employer Sponsored Bus Pass program.



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*Recognizing Outstanding Efforts to Help Make the Northwest
a Better Place to Live, Play and Commute!*

Pinnacle Award Winners



*Water
Department*

The City of Spokane - Water Department employs approximately 163 employees in North Spokane and as part of their Commute Smart program, they offer free bus passes, preferred parking for carpoolers, secured bicycle parking, lockers, flexible work schedules, compressed work schedules, teleworking, a guaranteed ride home program, ride matching services, employee recognition and prize giveaways!

With strong management support, Karri Shupe, Employee Transportation Coordinator, is given the time and resources needed to make their program a success. Leading by example, Karrie carpools to work and occasionally rides the bus. With the Commute Smart Champions points system, Karri has always strived to achieve a higher level. From 2017 to 2023, Karrie has taken her Commute Smart program from a Bronze level to a Platinum level. Congratulations to City of Spokane - Water Department for receiving the coveted 2023 Pinnacle Award!



A public employer located in the West Plains, Airway Heights Corrections Center launched their Commute Smart program nearly 30 years ago. Employing over 775 employees, they offer compressed work schedules, secured bike storage, showers, lockers, teleworking, and a guaranteed ride home program as part of their Commute Smart program.

Leadership at Airway Heights Corrections Center is supportive and understands the benefits to their employees. ETC, Lorene Hansen, has been able to form a Commute Smart committee and has been able to increase compressed work schedules and teleworking options for many employees. In addition, Lorene and her committee were also instrumental in growing their STA Rideshare program from 3 vans to 6 vans by the end of 2023. Congratulations to Airway Heights Corrections Center for receiving the coveted 2023 Pinnacle Award!



Originally affected by the CTR Law in 1992, Avista Utilities promotes their Commute Smart program to over 1,900 employees. With multiple locations, this worksite provides a multitude of CTR elements including subsidized transit and Rideshare fares, preferred parking spaces, flex time, covered bicycle parking, showers, lockers, on-site cafeteria and a guaranteed ride home program.

Management support sets a positive tone for the Commute Smart program and generously gives time, energy and commitment to the program. ETC, Kristen Chapa walks her talk by teleworking 2-3 days per week, and carpools with her husband when she goes into the office. Late last fall, Kristen was instrumental in getting her worksite to join STA's new STAR program, which resulted in 3 new STA Rideshare vans on the road and 15 new participants in the program. Congratulations to Avista Utilities for receiving the coveted 2023 Pinnacle Award!

Pinnacle Award Winners Continued...



A large and multifaceted worksite and originally affected by the CTR Law in 1992, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center markets their Commute Smart program to over 4,000 employees. They offer many CTR benefits including fully subsidized transit and Rideshare fares, showers, lockers, secured bike parking, guaranteed ride home, teleworking and compressed work schedules.

With an extremely supportive manager, who also actively participates in the Commute Smart program, Seth Norman, ETC, has been able to spur new energy into their program and has doubled the number of participants since taking over in 2022. Currently, Sacred Heart provides over 100 bus passes each month and is running out of space in their bike cages. In 2023, Sacred Heart saved nearly 420,000 miles from being driven on our roads. Congratulations to Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center for receiving the coveted 2023 Pinnacle Award!

Champion Team Award Winners



Nominated by their ETCs and selected by Commute Smart Northwest, the Spokane Transit Commute Smart committee consists of 11 volunteers who work hard to help plan and set goals for their program at their diverse worksites. With 3 different sites including the Main Facility, Paratransit and the Plaza, 3 different ETCs, and representatives from each department, these members work together to create a successful Commute Smart program.

In department meetings, the committee continually encourages employees to participate and reminds them that it doesn't have to be every day. Their participation collectively makes a difference!

Offering transit and Rideshare subsidies, showers, lockers, secured bike parking, a guaranteed ride home program, compressed work schedules, and a budget for incentives, this Champion Team has nearly doubled their participation at each of the three worksites this past year. Congratulations to Spokane Transit for receiving the coveted Champion Team Award!

Dianne Peach
ETC at Main Facility
Rides the Bus

Jan Dormady
ETC at Paratransit
Rideshares

Yolanda Montes
ETC at the Plaza
Rides the Bus

Alyssa Bashor
Compresses Work
Schedule

Sarah Beal
Rides the Bus

Amie Blain
Carpools

Ryan Brodwater
Rides the Bus

Stephanie Crawford
Compresses Work Schedule

Rhonda Flock
Rideshares

Greg Garrett
Rideshares

Andrew Tackett
Rideshares

Thank you for you hard work and dedication.

