

Recognizing Champion Business Leaders



Outstanding Leadership, Support & Commitment!

Commute Smart Northwest works with over 100 employers in Spokane County to promote and encourage employees to use commute options including riding the bus, carpooling, STA Ridesharing, walking, bicycling, and working from home. With nearly 36 percent of employees participating, nearly 850,000 weekly miles are not driven on our roads resulting in a reduction of over 785,000 tons of air pollution not being emitted into our air. The following Champion Business Leaders were honored in 2025 for their exceptional efforts to make their Commute Smart programs a success at their worksites.

Janet Stowe

Director Paratransit & Rideshare

"The Commute Smart program allows employees to enjoy a relaxed and predictable commute, arriving at work less stressed, more focused and ready to start the day!"



Spokane Transit



Joe Smith

Chief Financial Officer

"The Commute Smart program fundamentally is aligned with who we are at Gonzaga University and our mission for responsible stewardship of physical, financial and human resources!"



Chris Madunich

Business Administrator

"Our employees benefit from our Commute Smart program. Participants reduce their commuting costs and stress while improving their health and well-being. They also enjoy spending more time with family!"



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Shari Yamane

Chief Human Resource Officer

"Our Commute Smart program benefits our company, employees and the community as a whole. When employees have options, they are more engaged, productive, and have a better work/life balance!"



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Northwest a better place to live, play and commute!*