

Apply for Vanpool Reserved Parking

If you are the primary driver and park the van at your office, we can request a reserved parking spot at your building to guarantee you close parking every day. Request our assistance and we will seek Command approval, install a sign, and assign the spot to you.

Personal Use of Van

The primary driver is authorized limited personal use of the van. Typically up to 250 miles per month can be used for personal use, whether you need to transport something large, go to lunch, or drive to meetings.

Example Vanpool Cost Summary

(Actual costs from Jan 2015)
 Vehicle: 2014 Chevy Traverse SUV
 Capacity: 7 people
 Current riders: 6 people
 Round-trip commute: 60 miles
 Days per month: 21
 Monthly mileage: 1,260 (+250 personal)
 Fuel efficiency: 20 mpg
 Fuel cost: 75.5 gal @\$2.50 = \$188.75

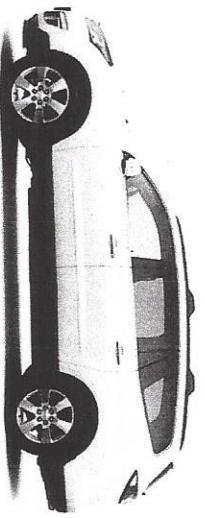
Monthly Van Fee: \$1,130.00
 Tax: \$56.50
 Fuel Cost: \$188.75
Total \$1375.25
 MassDOT Subsidy - \$600.00
 Federal Subsidy (6 x \$130) - \$780.00
FINAL COST FREE

"Vanpooling saves me \$2,100 a year. I don't have to pay for gas to commute to work any-more and my car insurance went down \$300 a year by putting fewer miles on my own car. Going to be a nice Christmas this year! Plus, it's a great reason to have to leave work on time.. 'gotta catch my vanpool!'"
a Hanscom AFB Vanpooler

Current Hanscom AFB Vanpools

EXISTING VANPOOLS	WORKBOUND	HOMEBOUND
Auburn, MA	6:00 AM	3:00 PM
Fitchburg, Leominster, MA	5:45 AM	6:30 PM
Methuen, MA	7:00 AM	4:30 PM
Methuen, MA	6:50 AM	4:30 PM
Nashua, NH, Exit 5	5:40 AM	3:45 PM
Nashua, NH, Exit 5	5:50 AM	3:50 PM
Nashua, NH, Exit 5	5:45 AM	4:00 PM
Nashua, NH, Exit 5	6:45 AM	4:30 PM
Nashua, NH, Exit 5	7:15 AM	4:45 PM
Nashua, NH, Exit 7	5:45 AM	4:00 PM
Nashua, NH, Exit 8	5:50 AM	3:00 PM
Portsmouth, NH	6:15 AM	4:00 PM
Portsmouth, Newburyport	5:00 AM	3:00 PM
Salem/Peabody, MA	6:00 AM	4:00 PM
Sturbridge, MA	5:30 AM	3:00 PM
Taunton, MA	5:35 AM	3:00 PM
Tyngsboro, MA	5:45 AM	3:45 PM
West Bridgewater, MA	6:15 AM	4:00 PM
Westford, MA	5:15 AM	3:00 PM
VANS IN FORMATION	WORKBOUND	HOMEBOUND
Action, MA	6:30 AM	3:00 PM
Gloucester, MA	5:30 AM	3:30 PM
Leominster, MA	5:45 AM	4:00 PM
Mansfield, MA	5:45 AM	4:00 PM
Quincy, MA	6:00 AM	4:30 PM
Taunton, MA	5:45 AM	3:00 PM
Topsfield, Boxford, MA	5:45 AM	3:00 PM
GAINING INTEREST	WORKBOUND	HOMEBOUND
Arlington, MA	TBD	TBD
Framingham, MA	TBD	TBD
Lowell, MA	TBD	TBD
Marlborough, MA	TBD	TBD
Scituate, MA	TBD	TBD
Windham, NH	TBD	TBD

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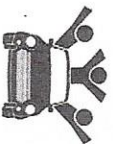
*Joining or Starting a Vanpool
 Commuting Cost-Free*

**Environmental Management
 Office Commuter Services**

**72 Dow Street, Bldg. 1825
 Hanscom AFB, MA**

**AF Global Email
 "Hanscom Commuter Program"
 66ABG.CEIE.HanscomCommuters@us.af.mil**

Starting or Joining a Vanpool at Hanscom



HanscomRIDES—Commuter E-Board

Hanscom's central website for the most current information on commuting options and ride share matching. On this site you will find more details about existing vanpools and programs.

<https://cs.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/hanscom/commuter>

or link to it through the **HanscomNET** at 'Quick Links', 'Commuter eBoard'

Have you seen all the vRide vans around the base? Why so many? Because vanpooling makes sense! With the new MassDOT subsidy vanpooling is usually free! The number of Hanscom active vanpools has increased from 6 to 22 in just the last six months.

What is a Vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of 5 or more people that carpool together to work. The group is provided with an SUV or a van and pays a monthly fee and for gas. Maintenance and insurance is provided free of charge. State and Federal subsidies usually cover 100% of fees and gas.

What are the benefit of Vanpooling?

- Saves on gas and is usually FREE
- Eliminate wear and tear on your vehicle
- Reduce personal insurance rate (less miles)
- Drops off at your door or close parking to work
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions
- Help meet Hanscom environmental goals
- Free taxi rides home for emergencies
- Discounts on sporting events and shopping

Starting or joining a vanpool is easy. Contact the Hanscom AFB Environmental Office at email address in this brochure and we will walk you through the process. In general, here are the steps you would take.

Get on the Vanpool Interest List

You are not committing to a vanpool by getting on the interest list, just expressing your possible desire to participate in vanpooling if it can work out for you. We maintain the interest list and when enough people have expressed interest from your home area, we reach out to everyone to discuss times and locations and whether or not it will work for everyone. As seats open up on existing vanpools, we will also get in touch with you to inform you of the opportunities.

Register on vRide

When you decide to start or join a vanpool, you will register on vRide.com. vRide has partnered with Hanscom to help manage the vanpool program for the base and MIT Lincoln Labs. vRide provides vehicles for vanpooling, coordinates ridership, manages fuel cards, coordinates maintenance, and handles the MassDOT subsidy.

Apply for the Federal Subsidy

When you are ready to join or start a vanpool, submit a one-page Federal subsidy application to the Hanscom AFB Environmental Office. The Federal government provides all Federal employees and service members \$130/month to use toward paying vanpool fees. You will be issued a transit charge card to pay for the vanpool so that you do not have to use a personal credit card.

Set-up Automatic Payment on vRide.com

In your vRide account, set up automatic monthly payments from your Federal transit card to vRide which will cover the fee and the gas. Your transit card will be loaded with \$130 on the first of the month and vRide will automatically deduct \$130 on the 5th, nothing more to do.

Apply for a vRide Fuel Card

The primary vanpool driver should apply for a vRide fuel card so that gas purchased is included in the monthly invoice. This is the easiest way to pay for gas for the vehicle without using personal funds. The gas is usually covered by the payments each rider makes from their transit card with no out of pocket costs.

Sign up for the ERH Program

The State of Massachusetts runs the Emergency Ride Home program. All riders in a vanpool should register for this free program. In the event you need to leave work early, this program will reimburse the cost of a cab ride home, or to your child's, school, or elsewhere, up to 4 times a year. Self-register at www.commute.com.

Submit Monthly Vanpool Form to vRide

The primary driver should submit the one-page monthly vanpool report to vRide. This reports the number of trips taken, the miles driven, and the fuel purchased. By submitting this report, MassDOT provides a \$600 monthly credit to the vanpool fee which makes commuting via vanpool completely free in most cases.

Sign up on NuRide.com

This program run by MassDOT and lets each vanpool or carpool rider record their trips for points. Points can be converted into discounts at local restaurants, shops, and sporting events including the Celtics, Bruins, and ski lift tickets.