

# Save on your commute. Your way.

Use your commuter benefits in **Washington, D.C.** to save money and get to work in the way that works best for you.



Step  
**1**  
Enroll in commuter benefits with your employer.

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**2**  
Determine your pre-tax contribution amount.\*  
\*This is how you save on commuting to and from work.

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**3**  
Receive your benefits debit card in the mail.

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**4**  
Spend your funds on your work commute.



Here are a few examples of how you can use your commuter benefits to get to work in Washington, D.C.:

## Drive your own car and park with SpotHero.



- 1 Use the SpotHero mobile app (or go online to access the site) to find an available parking spot close to your office.
- 2 Pre-pay for your spot using your benefits debit card, drive to work, scan and show your pass, and then park in your reserved spot.

## Take a LyftShared or uberPOOL

Request your LyftShared or uberPOOL and pay for the ride using your benefits debit card.

## Ride the MARC train.



- 1 Purchase a ticket at a MARC vending machine using your benefits debit card.
- 2 Activate your ticket just before boarding MARC train.
- 3 Show activated ticket screen to the conductor, and ride the rail.

## Use the CharmPass app to ride the rail.



- 1 Download the CharmPass mobile app and create your account.
- 2 Select the fare you want to buy, enter your benefits debit card info and confirm transaction.
- 3 Activate ticket just before boarding Light RailLink.
- 4 Show activated ticket screen to the conductor.

## Take the Virginia Railway Express (VRE).



- 1 Purchase tickets online through Commuter Direct site using your benefits debit card.
- 2 Tickets arrive in the mail a few days prior to the start of the month for which they are valid.
- 3 Prior to boarding VRE, validate your ticket at the ticket vending machine in station entrance area.
- 4 Board VRE and insert validated ticket on top of the seat in front of you. A conductor will visually validate your ticket.

## Use your SmarTrip card to pay for parking and ride the Metrorail.



- 1 Purchase a SmarTrip card on WMATA's website. Once you receive it in the mail, make sure to register it.
- 2 Place your Smart Commute order online to load funds to SmarTrip card for the following benefit month.
- 3 Pay for parking at the Metrorail station with your SmarTrip card.
- 4 Touch the SmarTrip card to circular targets on top of or inside station fare gates and ride the rail.