

/// SPECIAL REPORT: COPING WITH HIGHER GAS PRICES IN THE TRIANGLE



THE CHALLENGE /// *It's not getting any easier out there. Gasoline prices in North Carolina have fluctuated more than 30 cents in the last year. The record high within the year was a whopping \$3.13 a gallon. The cost of maintaining your vehicle is up as well. AAA says it costs 61.8 cents a mile. Many of us are coping in a variety of ways: driving less, putting more errands into each trip and even cutting travel. There are other ways to cut your fuel costs and here are some tools you can use to save energy and your personal budget.*

WAYS TO BEAT RISING FUEL PRICES ///



RIDE PUBLIC TRANSIT. For just a few dollars a day, you can buy a transit day pass and travel to and between Apex, Cary, Chapel Hill, Durham, Garner, Hillsborough, RDU International Airport and Research Triangle Park.



SHARE THE RIDE. It's easy. Carpool or vanpool to work. GoTriangle.org is the region's Web site with information on how easy it is. 485-RIDE connects you with the Regional Transit Information Center. TTA has vanpools that serve 13 counties, including Durham, Orange and Wake, as well as Alamance, Chatham, Cumberland, Guilford, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Nash, Person and Vance counties.



SPLIT YOUR TRIP. Drive less by using one of the Triangle's Park & Ride lots. You can meet your carpool or vanpool partner there, catch a TTA route or use our popular express service between Chapel Hill and Raleigh or Durham and Raleigh.



BUG THE BOSS. Your employer can help set up vanpools or provide transit subsidies for you to take transit. Go Pass and UPass programs are also available. Taking transit together will benefit the company and the employees.



GET INVOLVED. TTA is a key participant in the regional "SmartCommute Challenge" and "Dump The Pump" campaigns which promote transit use, carpooling, vanpooling, ridematching, biking and teleworking. Register for the free "Emergency Ride Home" program that provides a safety-net offering a free taxi ride or rental car ride home in case of emergency or illness.



LET US HELP. We're ready to help with information, schedules, presentations and other ways to make your commute a breeze. You can save money, endure less stress, have a more productive commute and more control over your work.

//// GIVE US A CALL AT 919-485-RIDE AND LET TTA TAKE YOU THERE! ////