

What Are My Transportation Options?



Mode	Considerations	Most Appropriate Uses
Walking	Requires physical ability. Distance and carrying capacity. Difficult or unsafe in some areas.	Short trips by physically able people.
Bicycle	Requires bicycle and physical ability. Limited distance and carrying capacity.	Short to medium length trips by physically able people on suitable routes.
Taxi	Relatively high cost per mile.	Infrequent trips, short and medium distance trips.
Bus Fixed Route Transit	Destinations and times.	Short to medium distance trips along busy corridors.
Paratransit - TOPS	Cost and limited service.	Travel for people with disabilities.
Auto driver	Requires driving ability and automobile. High fixed costs.	Travel by people who can drive and afford an automobile.
Ridesharing (auto passenger)	Requires cooperative automobile driver. Consumes driver's time if a special trip (chauffeurage).	Trips that the driver would take anyway (ridesharing). Occasional special trips (chauffeurage).
Motorcycle	Requires riding ability and motorcycle. High fixed costs.	Travel by people who can ride and afford a motorcycle.
Tri Rail	Destinations and times.	Long distance trips along Tri Rail stations (crosses tri-county area).

Choosing the Right Transportation Option

- ✓ Choose the option that best meets your needs and considers the cost.
- ✓ Before choosing a taxi as an option, have you considered asking a friend, family or neighbor for a ride? Is it required? Can you take a bus? Can you walk any portion of the trip?
- ✓ Know your bus route before making the trip.
- ✓ Think about how long your trip will be. Which mode is the most cost effective?
- ✓ Think about how much time you have to get where you are going. Which mode will get you there in time? Give yourself enough time to choose the cheapest option.
- ✓ Think about using more than one mode when possible to lower the cost. For example, walk part of the trip and use the bus.