



# Fuel Price Survival Guide:

## Tips for Reducing Your Daily Commuting Costs

Since mid-February, gas prices in the Tallahassee area have increased an average of \$.43/gallon or 14%. That means higher commuting costs for most people and, in turn, less money in your pocket. But, there's good news too. Here are some simple, economical, and environmentally responsible actions you can make to your daily commute that will more than offset the rise in fuel prices.



### Share the Ride (& cost)

Carpooling is an easy and effective way to reduce fuel consumption and costs. Commuter Services of North Florida offers a FREE computerized ridematching system to help work commuters locate neighbors and co-workers with whom they can share the ride. Remember, carpooling just 3 days per week will more than offset recent price increases. To receive a free, no-obligation matchlist, simply call Commuter Services or use our online EZRide system at [www.commuterservices.org](http://www.commuterservices.org).



### Vanpool

Vanpooling is the perfect option for commuting groups traveling longer distances. It can also save you thousands of dollars each year. Commuter Services, VPSI, and the Florida DOT are currently offering a special discounted rural vanpool program which covers up to 60% of monthly operational expenses including lease costs, insurance, maintenance, and fuel. Call us or visit us online for more information.



### Ride the Bus

StarMetro provides fast and friendly transit service to residents throughout Tallahassee. Fares are currently \$1.25 per trip. It's even cheaper when you purchase a discounted monthly pass. The Gadsden Express is a great option for Quincy and Midway residents. The Gadsden Express provides daily express transit service between Quincy, Midway, and Tallahassee for only \$1/trip.



### Save Money While Getting Healthier

Bicycling and walking are two of the healthiest and most reliable forms of transportation available. Commuting costs are reduced to practically zero and you get fit in the process. Numerous trails and paths connect many parts of the region. Visit [www.biketallahassee.com](http://www.biketallahassee.com) for more information.



### Telework

Employers can provide a valuable and yet low-cost benefit to employees by allowing them to work at home one or more days per week. Employers who offer telework and support other commute option programs increase employee morale which in turn increases productivity and improves retention and recruitment.



### Work 40 in 4

Employers can also boost employee productivity through compressed work week scheduling. Condensing an employee's work week from 5 days to 4 reduces their commute and commute-related expenses by at least 20%.



### Go from Car-Free to Carefree

Whatever option you choose, Commuter Services of North Florida also offers a FREE guaranteed ride home. This program provides free transportation home in the event of an emergency and is available to commuters who carpool, vanpool, ride the bus, bike, or walk to work at least 3 days per week.

No one really knows how long or how high gas prices in the Tallahassee area will go, but there's no need to let the worry ruin your day. Simple changes to your daily commute let you decide what you're willing to spend. And employers can also get involved by promoting commute options at their work site.

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