



COMMUTE SMART

Superb Commute Options For PLU Faculty and Staff

Commute Smart provides education in and support for alternative transportation methods for PLU faculty, staff and students, through a variety of policies, programs and benefits. By making conscious efforts to use sustainable commuting practices, PLU commuters model sustainability as well as work toward greater harmony with the environment.

Using an alternative commute does not necessarily mean commuting five days, once or twice a week is a great start and will have a big impact. This program offers various options and is very flexible. See how Commute Smart can help you.

Helpful Resources

PLU Commute Smart

www.plu.edu/commute

Campus Safety

www.plu.edu/campus-safety

Lute Locker at PLU

<http://luteworld.plu.edu/>

ORCA (One Regional Card For All)

www.orcacard.com

Pierce Trips

www.piercetrips.com

Ridematching

www.RideshareOnline.com



Questions and inquiries?
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Bicycle	Ideal for short trips and can combine with transit for longer trips. PLU offers bike racks around campus, as well as locker and shower facilities in the gym on lower campus. Consider registering your bike with Campus Safety in case of theft.
Bus	PLU offers regional transit passes to benefits eligible employees. Faculty and staff receive their ORCA card preloaded with an annual pass good from June through May. The majority of the pass' cost is covered by PLU, but a small fee is paid by employees. Bring your valid PLU ID to the Concierge Desk in the Anderson University Center to purchase an ORCA card.
Carpool	PLU carpools have the privilege of preferred parking at no charge and can be one of the most flexible and convenient ways to commute. If you are looking for a carpool partner, see the Ridematching section below. To apply for a carpool decal, contact Campus Safety.
Compressed Work Week	Some jobs allow for a nontraditional schedule such as four 10-hour shifts instead of five 8-hour shifts. Changes in schedule must be approved by the employee's supervisor and Human Resources.
Emergency Ride Home	If you commute to work and have an emergency situation, you may qualify for Emergency Ride Home. Provides employees with transportation when they have a personal/family illness, family emergency, or same day unexpected overtime. Contact Campus Safety at ext. 7441 to arrange your ride home.
Reporting Commute Trips	Fill out the online calendar on the Pierce Trips website. Use a Commute Smart option 4+ days per month and earn LuteBucks and you'll also be eligible for other campaign prize drawings. Find out how to use LuteBucks at the Lute Locker website.
Ridematching	This convenient online tool allows faculty and staff to arrange their own carpools/vanpools, and biking partners to and from work. Find the right person to share your drive, and share the cost of commuting. Visit RideshareOnline.com for more information.
Telework	For those able to work at home, teleworking can be a desirable option offering flexibility. It may provide benefits such as improved productivity, improved morale, and reduced absenteeism. However, it's not for everyone. Work from home arrangements must be approved by one's supervisor and Human Resources.
Vanpool	Save costs by commuting with a prearranged group of five to fifteen. The group pays a low monthly fare and is provided a passenger van by the county.
Walk	Walking is very beneficial to physical and mental health. PLU also has a Wellness Walking Map for those who love a challenge.