Commute Options

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Presentation Outline

• Objectives
• Examples
• Challenges
• Keys to Success
Objectives

Help Address Congestion By:

- Moving More People in Fewer Vehicles
- Moving Trips to Less Congested Travel Periods
- Removing Trips from Congested Roadways
Strategies

- Transit
- Vanpools
- Carpools
- Alternative Work Arrangements and Telecommuting
Transit

• Buses
• HOV/HOT Lanes
• Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
• Light Rail Transit (LRT)
• Commuter Rail
• Park-and-Ride/Park-and-Pool Lots
Vanpools/Carpools

- MTA Vanpool Programs
  - Houston Metro – 730 Vans
  - ‘T’ – 179 Vans
  - DART – 174 Vans
  - Capital Metro – 144 Vans

- MTA Carpool Programs
  - Rideshare Matching Services
  - Employer Outreach
  - Support Activities – Guaranteed Ride Home Program
Vanpools/Carpools

• USAA San Antonio Office
  – 1977 – 5 Vans
  – 2007 – 104 Vans
• 2008 Partnership with NuRide and Commuter Challenge
• 2009 Expanded to H-E-B and other Employers
• 10 Months
  – 31 Million Commute Miles Reduced
  – 131,410 Fewer Car Trips
  – $822,363 Savings in Driving Costs
  – 2,050 Tons of Carbon Emissions Eliminated
Alternative Work Arrangements

- Staggered Work Hours
- Flexible Work Hours
- Compressed Work Week
- Telecommuting/Telework
- Results Only Work Environment (ROWE)
Challenges

• Diverse Travel Patterns
• Demand Continues to Increase
• Peak Period Extending Over Longer Portion of the Day
• Multiple Demands on Individuals
• Capital and Operating Cost of Services
Keys to Success

• Match Strategies to Needs/Opportunities
• Employer Participation and Incentives
  – Preferential Parking
  – Subsidize Bus Passes
  – Subsidize Vanpools
  – Guaranteed Ride Home
  – Gifts/Awards
• HOV/HOT or Other Facilities – Travel-Time Savings and Trip-Time Reliability
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