

## MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

<b>PROJECT ELEMENT</b>	<b>Regional Mass Marketing Campaign</b>	<b>6147</b>
<b>Month:</b>	July 2004	FY05
<b>Staff Contact:</b>	D. Franklin	
<b>Edited By:</b>	N. Ramfos	
<b>Today's Date:</b>	August 31, 2004	

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### **Background Activities**

- Prepare agenda, documents and logistics for August 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional TDM Marketing meeting.
- Access For All meeting on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Presented WMATA / Commuter Connections Hispanic Postcard mailer to 78,700 Hispanic Households within Metrobus and rail footprint. The purpose was to drive awareness of the Spanish speaking capabilities of both WMATA and Commuter Connections to communicate and provide transit, ridesharing and GRH information.
- Distribution of Park & Ride Map. The bi-lingual (English / Spanish) Park & Ride map was created to prompt and assist commuters with planning ridesharing activity and taking transit to work. The helpful commuter tool provides a visual of the nearest park & ride locations and corresponding bus service. Also included are Metrorail, light rail and commuter train locations with parking facilities. For bicyclist, the map indicates the presence of bike racks/lockers. It was designed with an easy to read color-coded icon legend, which may be particularly beneficial to any non-English speaking commuters. These symbols indicate the type of transit service available at each location. For the convenience of commuters, a list of phone numbers of widely used Transit Services was also provided.
- Minor league baseball promotion with the Potomac Cannons Potomac, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Commuter Connections threw out the first pitch, set up a marketing booth to promote ridesharing and GRH, provided stadium seat cushions as giveaways, received public address announcements and sponsored fireworks after the game.

### **Products**

- Various meetings, presentations, promotions and conference calls.
- Direct mailers and public relations activities.

### **Problems Encountered**

None

## **Future Activities**

- Monthly conference call with advertising agency and marketing vendors August 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss media plan for FY05. New editions to the marketing program will be sponsorships of radio traffic reports and possibly exterior signage on commuter buses.
- Distribute final FY04 2<sup>nd</sup> half marketing campaign summary. This document highlights marketing and advertising which occurred between January – June 2004 for the Guaranteed Ride Home, Mass Marketing and Telework programs. It encompasses radio, television, direct mail and internet advertising campaigns, as well as promotional and public relations activities conducted by Commuter Connections within the Washington metropolitan area.
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional TDM Marketing Group Meeting, topics include:
  - ▶ FY04 Media Impact analysis of Commuter Connections Marketing Programs.
  - ▶ Recent Commuter Connections marketing activities and reports.
  - ▶ Virginia Department of Transportation Public Affairs Office HOV enforcement campaign.
  - ▶ Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission Children's Educational Bus Outreach.
- ▶ Draft of Regional TDM Resource Guide and Strategic Marketing Plan. This annual guide serves as a resource for TDM products, research, and marketing activities conducted within the Washington metropolitan region. It outlines the strategies used to develop and implement ongoing campaigns in order to increase overall awareness of TDM products and services and their effectiveness toward the adoption and continued use of alternative transportation modes. This is a collaborative report with contributions from transit agencies and Transportation Management Associations, as well as local governments, state and Federal agencies.
- Distribute Park & Ride map to list provided by the Access for All Committee.

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**PROJECT ELEMENT**      **Commuter Operations Center 6141**  
**Month:**                      July 2004    **FY05**  
**Staff Contact:**              C. Arabia  
**Edited By:**                    N. Ramfos  
**Today's Date:**                August 31, 2004

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### Background Activities

The Commuter Operations Center continued providing transportation information services on alternatives to driving alone through the 800 telephone number, general marketing support, and through the distribution of matchlists. (*See Table 1 Monthly Activity and Impact Summary and Commuter Operations Center Performance Data*).

Technical assistance through the Commuter Operations Center help line was provided to member clients. COG staff performed routine server and file maintenance (removing old matchletter and associated matching files, and old upload files) on the CCRS server. Additional assistance to clients is described as follows:

ARTMA – COG staff provided instructions on what CCRS files are necessary to copy after ARTMA's computer staff formats the hard drive on the computer used for CCRS. There were problems with the hard drive unrelated to CCRS that had to be fixed. COG sent the ArcView installation CD and talked with rideshare staff via telephone on how to load the software. Everything was installed and copied and the system was OK.

Rappahanock-Rapidan Regional Commission – RRRC experienced problems with the hard drive of the rideshare computer. The hard drive was ultimately replaced. COG staff had several telephone conversations with RRRC staff to discuss copying the CCRS files on to the new hard drive and install ArcView.

TransIT Services of Frederick County – COG provided mailing labels for TransIT newsletter.

COG staff participated in an employee transportation fair at the DC Courts offices in Washington, DC on July 28. COG staffed a tabletop display and presented information about Commuter Connections services, including ridematching, Guaranteed Ride Home, and the Commuter Connections Web site at this event.

The Commuter Connections Subcommittee met on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The agenda included an update on the recent TDM evaluation activities and review of the draft 2004 State of the Commute Technical Report, 2004 GRH Applicant Survey report, and the 2004 Telecenter Utilization and Teleworker Travel Behavior Surveys report; and update on TERMS for the 2004 CLRP and FY2005-2010 TIP; an update on the 2004 Employer Recognition Awards; an update on the FY2004 Employer Telework Workshop evaluation; and a TMA Advisory Group update.

Work continued on the web-based ridematching project. The Requirements Specification document has been reviewed by the COG team and edits are being made. Work continued on the Fall issue of the Commuter Connections newsletter. Staff worked with the Verizon yellow pages directories to place ads in books being published December 2004 thru March 2005 within the Washington and Baltimore areas.

Staff met with MDOT on July 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the overall Commuter Connections program. Staff met with Department of Environment staff at COG on July 12<sup>th</sup> to exchange information on Commuter Connections and Clean Air Partners. Staff coordinated the Commuter Connections Vice Chair Nominating Committee conference call on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Staff met with Fairfax County Executive staff and Fairfax County Economic Development Authority staff on July 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss Commuter Connections program services.

### **Products**

- June monthly performance report.
- Bi-weekly commuter listing reports were mailed to all clients during the weeks of July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Commuter Connections Subcommittee meeting on July 20.
- Client invoices for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter were mailed.
- Follow up to 2004 Employer Recognition Awards including thank you letters to speakers and copies of videos to winners.

### **Problems Encountered**

On Sunday, July 25, COG's building experienced a power outage. Power was restored by Monday morning; however, the CCRS server was down as a result of the power outage. Clients that use dialup uploads and downloads could not access the CCRS server while it was down. The CCRS server was up and running and all modems connected to the server were reinitialized by late morning on Monday, July 26.

Funding commitments for the FY05 CCWP have not been received from the District of Columbia or Virginia.

### **Future Activities**

- Install the Commuter Connections Ridematching Software System software and updates at member client sites, as needed.
- Fix software bugs on the Commuter Connections software system, as needed.
- Prepare and mail annual and first quarter client invoices.
- The next Commuter Connections Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2004.
- The next meeting of the Commuter Operations Center Subcommittee is scheduled for September 14, 2004.

- Finalize and distribute the 2004 State of the Commute Survey Technical report.
- Prepare and distribute FY04 Annual Progress Report.
- Finalize yellow pages placement in Verizon yellow page directories.
- Printing and distribution of Commuter Connections summer newsletter and online posting.

<b>Table 1</b>
<b>Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments</b>
<b>Commuter Connections Program</b>
<b>Monthly Activity and Impact Summary</b>
Month of JULY 2004

Commuter Connections Activity	This Month	Last Month	Since July 2004
<b>Total applicants/info provided:</b>	1,944	2,013	1,944
Rideshare applicants	1,862	1,942	1,862
Matchlists sent	1,797	1,885	1,797
Transit applicants/info sent	55	60	55
GRH applicants	1,316	742	1,316
Bike to work info requests	33	N/A	33
Telework info requests	1	0	1
<b>Kiosk users</b>	4,145	2,684	4,145
Kiosk applicants	3	19	3
<b>Internet users</b>	6,330	7,972	6,330
Internet applicants	1,620	1,635	1,620
<b>New employer clients</b>	28	12	28
Employee applicants	71	165	71

Program Impact Performance Measure	This Month	Last Month	Since July 2004
<b>Continued placements</b>	544	564	6,960
<b>Temporary/one-time placements</b>	344	356	4,400
<b>Daily vehicle trips reduced</b>	324	336	4,143
<b>Daily VMT reduced</b>	11,073	11,466	141,577
<b>Daily tons NOx reduced</b>	0.0157	0.0162	0.2006
<b>Daily tons VOC reduced</b>	0.0074	0.0076	0.0943
<b>Daily gallons of gas saved</b>	513	531	6,554
<b>Daily commuter costs saved</b>	\$2,132	\$2,207	\$27,254

**NOTE:** Daily vehicle trips reduced is calculated by multiplying the number of placements by a vehicle trip reduction (VTR) factor. The VTR factor takes into account three types of placements. 1) Drive alone commuters that shift to a commute alternative, 2) current alternative commute users that shift to a higher occupancy commute mode, and 3) current commute alternative users that increase the number of days they use a commute alternative. Daily vehicle trips reduced include both trips to work and trips from work to home.

Commuter Connections Website Activity -- July 2004

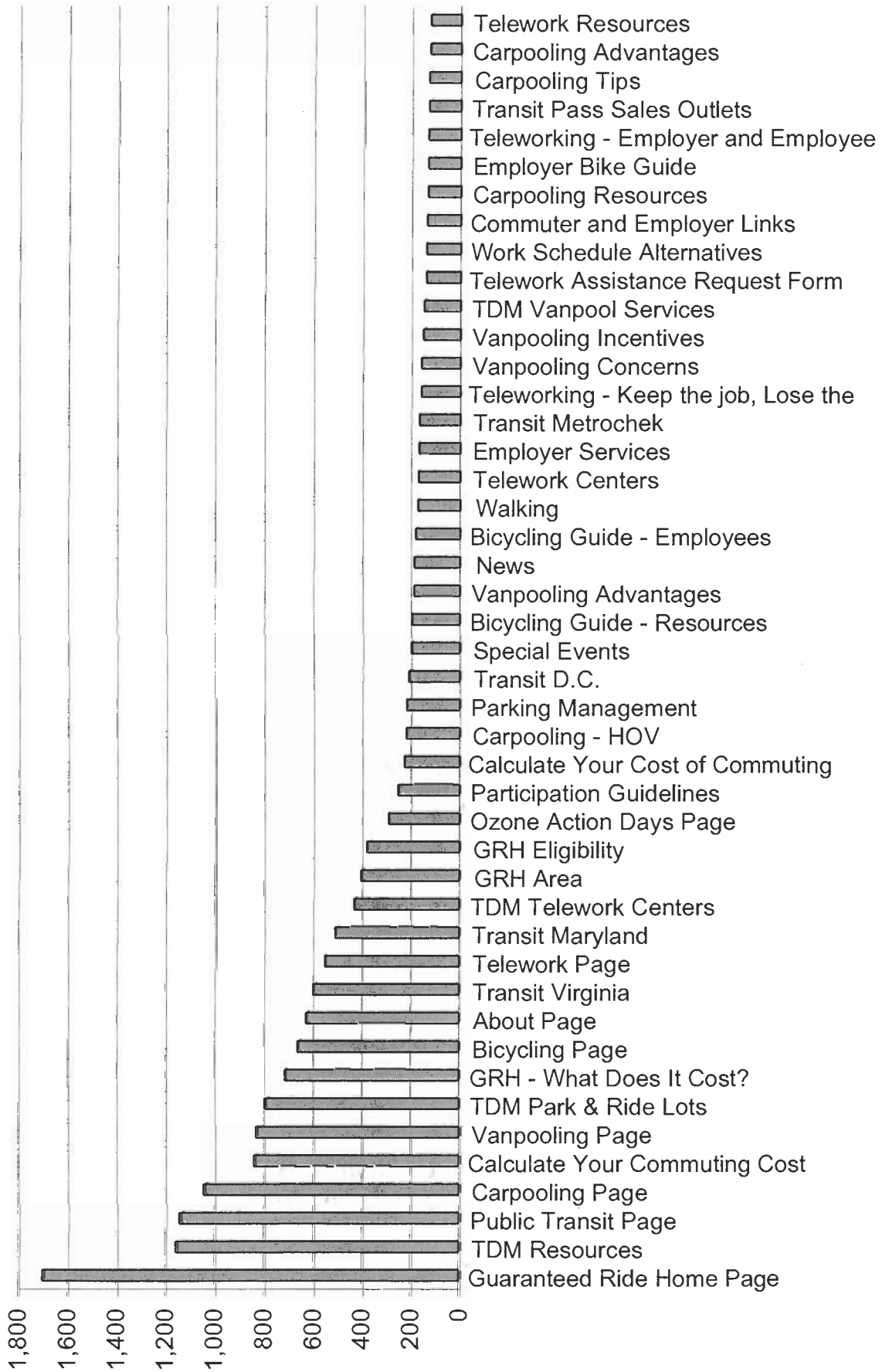
	<u>Accesses</u>	
Total Accesses of MWCOG Web Site Pages	2,377,037	
Total Accesses of Commuter Connections Home Page	6,330	
<i>Breakdown of BDY Sub-page accesses</i>		
Guaranteed Ride Home Page	<u>Accesses</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
TDM Resources	1,702	9.79%
Public Transit Page	1,157	6.66%
Carpooling Page	1,141	6.57%
Calculate Your Commuting Cost	1,043	6.00%
Vanpooling Page	839	4.83%
TDM Park & Ride Lots	831	4.78%
GRH - What Does It Cost?	793	4.56%
Bicycling Page	713	4.10%
About Page	663	3.81%
Transit Virginia	628	3.61%
Telework Page	600	3.45%
Transit Maryland	551	3.17%
TDM Telework Centers	508	2.92%
GRH Area	432	2.49%
GRH Eligibility	404	2.32%
Ozone Action Days Page	381	2.19%
Participation Guidelines	292	1.68%
Calculate Your Cost of Commuting	254	1.46%
Carpooling - HOV	227	1.31%
Parking Management	219	1.26%
Transit D.C.	217	1.25%
Special Events	209	1.20%
Bicycling Guide - Resources	199	1.15%
Vanpooling Advantages	197	1.13%
News	189	1.09%
Bicycling Guide - Employees	188	1.08%
Walking	183	1.05%
Telework Centers	172	0.99%
Employer Services	170	0.98%
	167	0.96%

Commuter Connections Website Activity -- July 2004

Transit Metrochek	166	0.96%
Teleworking - Keep the job, Lose the Commute	159	0.91%
Vanpooling Concerns	159	0.91%
Vanpooling Incentives	152	0.87%
TDM Vanpool Services	149	0.86%
Telework Assistance Request Form	140	0.81%
Work Schedule Alternatives	140	0.81%
Commuter and Employer Links	137	0.79%
Carpooling Resources	134	0.77%
Employer Bike Guide	133	0.77%
Teleworking - Employer and Employee Benefits	132	0.76%
Transit Pass Sales Outlets	130	0.75%
Carpooling Tips	130	0.75%
Carpooling Advantages	125	0.72%
Telework Resources	124	0.71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,379</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



Commuter Connections Website Activity -- July 2004



# COMMUTER OPERATIONS CENTER

## PERFORMANCE DATA

JULY 2004



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



**TABLE 2A**

**COMMUTER CONNECTIONS APPLICATION ACTIVITY SUMMARY  
JULY 2004**

	<b>New Apps</b>	<b>Re-Apps</b>	<b>Follow Up</b>	<b>Total</b>
ALEXANDRIA	7	0	31	38
ARLINGTON (COG)	0	0	1	1
ARTMA	30	1	47	78
BALTIMORE CITY	4	0	1	5
BMC	19	0	50	69
COG - MD	185	1	237	423
COG - VA	327	4	239	570
COG - Other	12	0	9	21
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	9	0	13	22
DOD	0	0	0	0
FAIRFAX COUNTY	190	3	340	533
FREDERICK	1	0	7	8
HARFORD	1	0	0	1
HOWARD	78	0	37	115
LINK	0	0	9	9
LOUDOUN	82	3	108	193
MTA	0	0	2	2
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	165	23	647	779
Bethesda Transportation Solutions	53	5	255	313
Countywide	1	2	221	224
Friendship Heights/Rockville	56	0	0	0
North Bethesda TMD	15	13	122	150
Silver Spring	40	3	49	92
NIH	19	1	17	37
NORTHERN NECK	1	0	0	1
NORTHERN SHENANDOAH	0	0	0	0
PRINCE GEORGE'S	74	2	67	143
PRTC	100	1	323	424
RADCO	187	1	724	912
RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN	27	3	28	58
TRI - COUNTY	6	107	78	191
USDOE	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL INPUT</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>5,412</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW &amp; RE-APPLICANTS</b>		<b>1,862</b>		

# COMMUTER CONNECTIONS CCRS

## Applications Processed

### FY1996 - FY2004

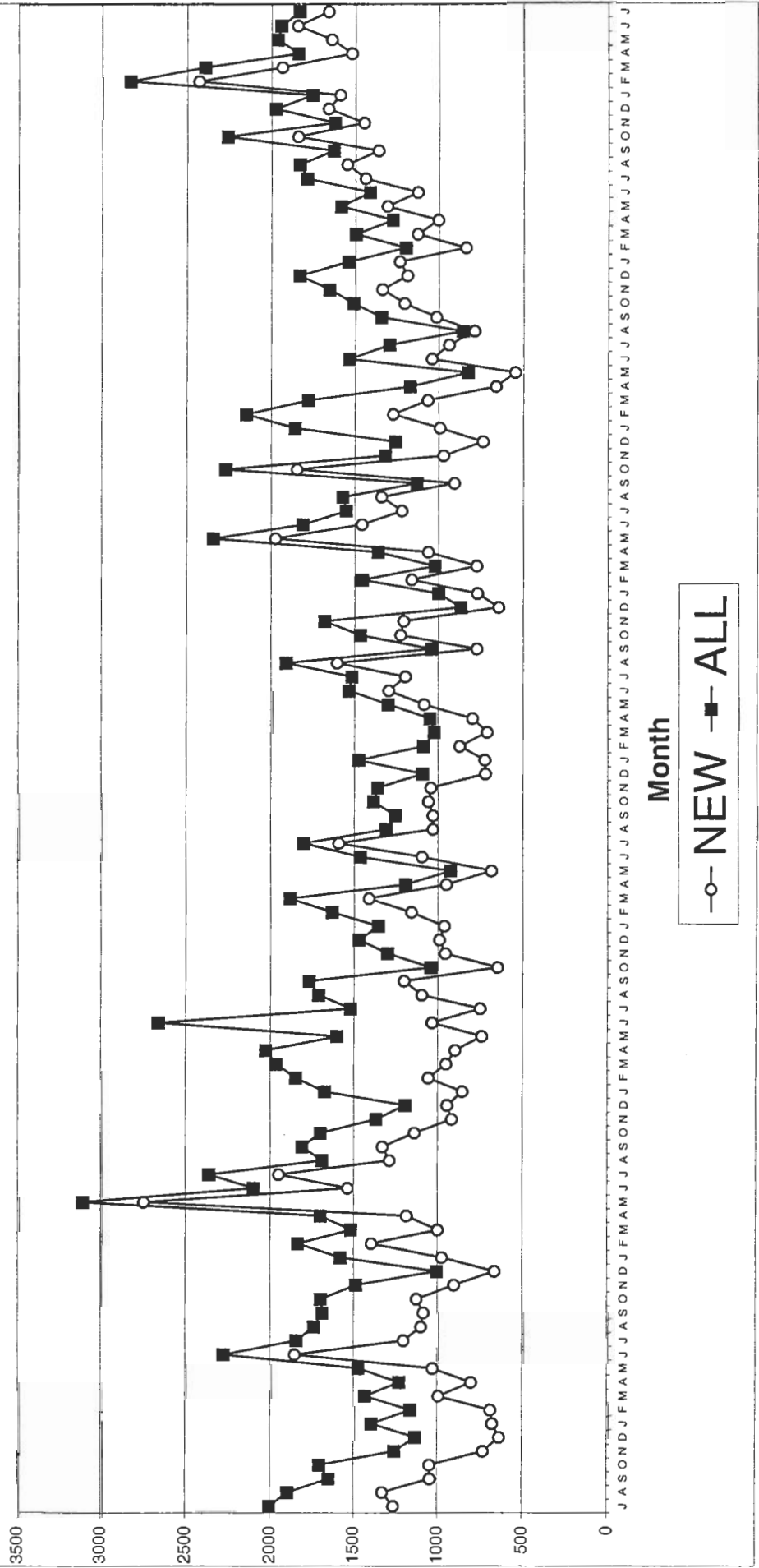


TABLE 2B

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE COMMUTER  
CONNECTIONS WEBSITE SORTED BY HOME JURISDICTION  
JULY 2004

	HOME
ALEXANDRIA	7
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	35
ARLINGTON COUNTY	14
BALTIMORE CITY	5
BALTIMORE COUNTY	12
CALVERT COUNTY	16
CARROLL COUNTY	3
CECIL COUNTY	3
CHARLES COUNTY	48
CLARKE COUNTY	0
CULPEPER COUNTY	1
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	5
FAIRFAX COUNTY *	153
FAUQUIER COUNTY	7
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD	45
FREDERICK COUNTY, VA	1
FREDERICKSBURG	8
HARFORD COUNTY	1
HOWARD COUNTY	9
KING GEORGE COUNTY	4
LANCASTER COUNTY	0
LOUDOUN COUNTY	60
MADISON COUNTY	1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	60
ORANGE COUNTY	5
PAGE COUNTY	0
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	53
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY **	169
RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY	0
RICHMOND COUNTY	0
SHENANDOAH COUNTY	0
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY	49
STAFFORD COUNTY	104
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	5
WARREN COUNTY	9
WESTMORELAND COUNTY	1
WINCHESTER	4
OTHERS	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>913</b>

\* Fairfax County includes City of Fairfax and Falls Church.

\*\* Prince William County includes Manassas and Manassas Park.

TABLE 3

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS  
 APPLICANT DATABASE SORTED BY RESPONSIBLE AGENCY  
 JULY 2004

ALEXANDRIA	171
ARLINGTON (COG)	39
ARTMA	439
BALTIMORE CITY	26
BMC	187
COG	5,547
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	56
DOD	0
DOE	1
FAIRFAX COUNTY	1,584
FREDERICK	253
HARFORD COUNTY	80
HOWARD COUNTY	256
LINK/RESTON	28
LOUDOUN COUNTY	683
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	7,787
Bethesda Transportation Solutions	1,911
Countywide	1,322
Friendship Heights/Rockville	742
North Bethesda Transportation Ctr	2,485
Silver Spring	1,327
MTA	14
NIH	127
NORTHERN NECK	49
NORTHERN SHENANDOAH VALLEY	20
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	615
PRTC	1,179
RADCO	2,512
RAPPAHANNOCK-RAPIDAN	161
TRI - COUNTY	653
OTHER	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,467</b>

# COMMUTER CONNECTIONS CCRS DATABASE FY1996 - FY2004

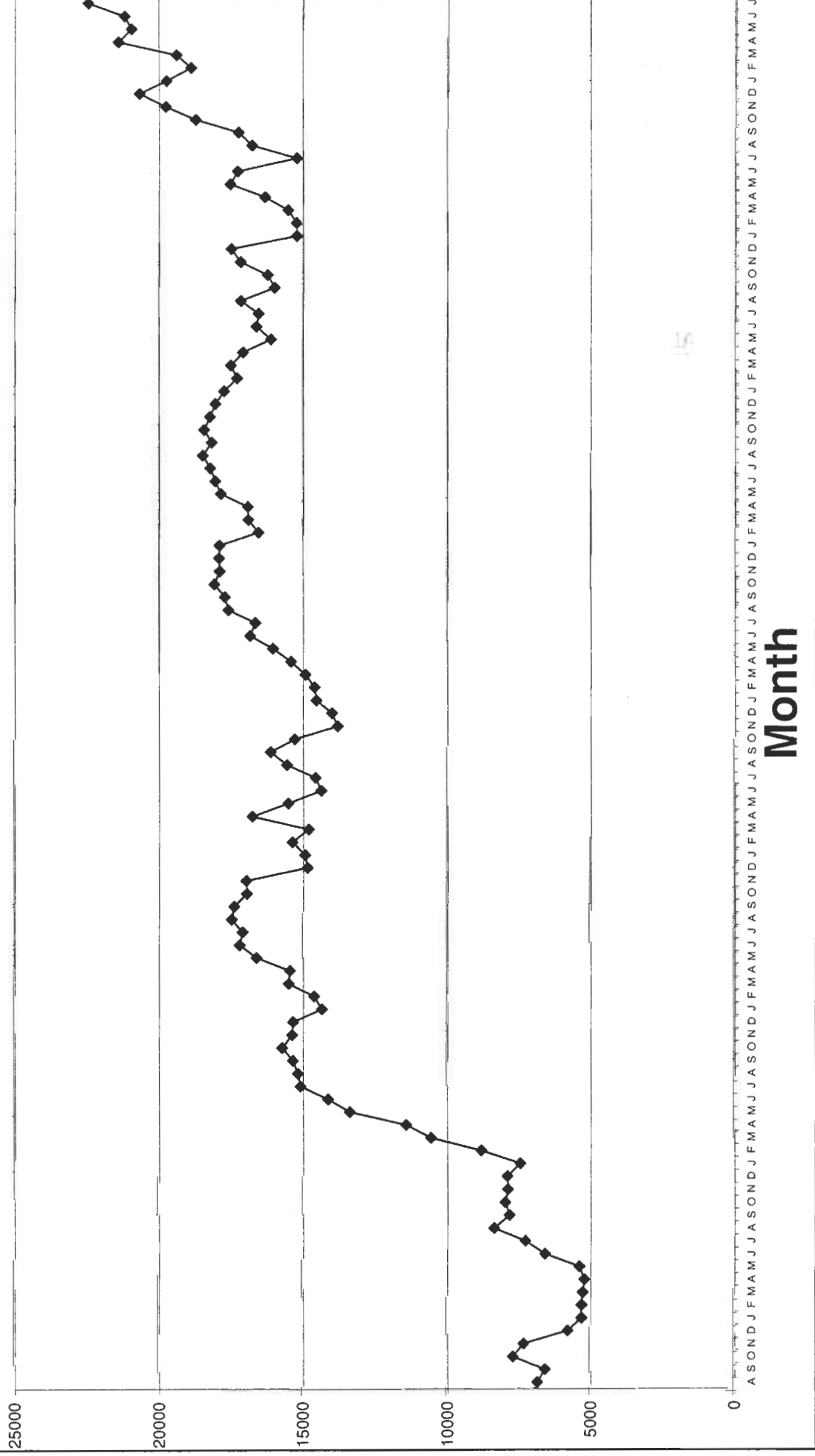


TABLE 4A

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS RIDESHARE DATABASE  
 SORTED BY HOME AND WORK JURISDICTIONS  
 JULY 2004

	HOME	WORK
ALEXANDRIA	292	550
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	778	100
ARLINGTON COUNTY	289	2,796
BALTIMORE CITY	185	136
BALTIMORE COUNTY	335	96
CALVERT COUNTY	65	2
CARROLL COUNTY	65	5
CECIL COUNTY	23	3
CHARLES COUNTY	612	54
CLARKE COUNTY	11	1
CULPEPER COUNTY	69	0
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	820	7,791
FAIRFAX COUNTY *	2,324	1,795
FAUQUIER COUNTY	199	4
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD	934	62
FREDERICK COUNTY, VA	0	0
FREDERICKSBURG	207	11
HARFORD COUNTY	114	61
HOWARD COUNTY	781	75
KING GEORGE COUNTY	63	18
LANCASTER COUNTY	0	0
LOUDOUN COUNTY	810	190
MADISON COUNTY	7	0
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	4,746	8,084
ORANGE COUNTY	73	0
PAGE COUNTY	8	1
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	2,278	432
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY **	2,400	105
RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY	9	0
RICHMOND COUNTY	14	27
SHENANDOAH COUNTY	22	0
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY	1,122	5
STAFFORD COUNTY	1,597	22
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	107	33
WARREN COUNTY	72	0
WESTMORELAND COUNTY	32	1
WINCHESTER	41	0
OTHERS	963	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,467</b>	<b>22,467</b>

\* Fairfax County includes City of Fairfax and Falls Church.

\*\* Prince William County includes Manassas and Manassas Park.



**TABLE 5  
TERM/COMMUTE INFORMATION  
JULY 2004**

APPLICATIONS	TELEWORK	GRH	EMPLOYER OUTREACH	TRANSIT	BIKE	CARPOOL VANPOOL	OTHER
Mail	N/A	573	N/A	N/A	N/A	227	N/A
Internet	N/A	742	N/A	N/A	N/A	878	N/A
Kiosks	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A
Purge Letters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Fax/Phone From Client	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Employer Survey	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	N/A	1316	N/A	N/A	33*	1107	N/A
<b>PHONE CALLS</b>							<b>TOTAL</b>
Brochure/Promo Materials		7		4		11	22
Bus/Train Schedule		3		5		1	9
Bus/Train Sign				2		1	3
Direct Mail						1	1
Employer						2	2
Employer Survey							0
Fair/On Site Event							0
Government Office						1	1
Highway Sign				10		13	11
Information (411)						1	1
Internet		9		5		22	1
Library							0
Mobile Billboard							0
Newsletter							0
Newspaper				1			1
Newspaper (Local)							0
Other Ridesharing Org							0
Park-and-Ride Lot Sign						1	1
Post Card (COG)		15		2		17	1
Presentation							0
Radio		1		1		13	15
Real Estate/WelcomeWagon						1	1
Referral from Transit Org		1		1		2	4
Theatre Slide							0
TV						1	1
Van Sign							0
Was/Is Applicant		254				38	1
White Pages		1					1
Word of Mouth		10		13		38	1
Yellow Pages - Verizon				1		4	5
Yellow Pages - Yellow Book							0
Yellow Pages - Local				2			2
Voice Mail Messages		54		5		28	9
Other	1	2		3		6	2
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	1	357	0	55	0	202	26

\*Requests for Bicycling information from applications received from all sources

**TABLE 6  
CALLS RECEIVED AT CLIENT PROGRAMS  
JULY 2004**

	T O C T O N A	O A R L X	A R M A	A B T H	B B M C D O E	F F X E D	F R E E A R	H O W H A R	L I N K	L F F X	L D N C	M T A	N I H	N E C K	N P G C	P R T C	R A D C O	R A S P S	T A P S	T R I S	T O T A L
Calls Transfird by COG	N/A		3	**		9	3	1	1	6	8		1	1	11	12	15	**	**	7	96
<b>How they heard...</b>																					
Brochure/Promo Matrix	22		2					6		3	26				1					1	38
Bus/Train Schedule	9		5							123	7				150		25				310
Bus/Train Sign	3									13							19			1	13
Direct Mail	1																				19
Employer	2									3											3
Employer Survey	0		2																		2
Fair/On Site Event	0									7											7
Government Office	1				4		1														5
GRH Program	0										3						4	2			9
Highway Sign	34		14					8								4				7	26
Information (411)	1							3		71											74
Internet	37	1	6				2			42							12	3		1	67
Library	0																				0
Mobile Billboard	0																				0
Newsletter	0		4																		4
Newspaper	1									3										1	3
Newspaper (Local)	0																				0
Other Ridesharing Org	0					2		2		96							1				101
Park-and-Ride Sign	1																				0
Post Card (COG)	35														2						2
Presentation	0		3																		3
Radio	15		2																		2
Real Estate/Welcomew	1																				0
Referral from Transit Org	4									16											16
Theatre Slide	0																				0
TV	1																				0
Van Sign	0																				0
Was/Is Applicant	293	2				27		3			3				231		14	5			285
White Pages	1																				3
Word of Mouth	62		2			4		8		56	12						2	21		4	105
Yellow Pgs-Verizon	5		9																		9
Yellow Pgs-Yellow Book	0																				3
Yellow Pages-Local	2									2					1					1	3
Voice Mail Messages	96					48	7			8							1	38		2	102
Other	14					40		3		16	18				640	476	38	113	0	0	1193
<b>Total</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,2407</b>

NOTE: Table 6 client data is provided by clients and includes calls received at COG and transferred to clients.  
\*\* Calls from commuters living in Bethesda and Silver Spring are recorded under Montgomery County (MC).

**TABLE 6B**  
**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AT CLIENT PROGRAMS**  
**JULY 2004**

	C O G	A L X	A R T M A	B A L T	B E T H	B M C	D O D	D O E	F F X	F R E D	H A R	H O W	L I N K	L D N	M C	M T A	N I H	N E C K	N S H E N	P G C	P R T C	R A D C O	R A P	S S	T A P	T R I	T O T A L
How they heard...																											
Brochure/Promo Matrix	116										2																118
Bus/Train Schedule	24																			6							30
Bus/Train Sign	14																										14
Direct Mail	59													2													59
Employer	61																										63
Employer Survey	2														34												36
Fair/On Site Event	2														22												24
Government Office	18							3	17	33																	38
GRH Program	0		30											36							16	60					245
Highway Sign	10											1									2	4					17
Information (411)	2																										2
Internet	71	7							2	1				31							31	97					242
Library	1																										1
Mobile Billboard	2																										2
Newsletter	5																										5
Newspaper	4																										6
Newspaper (Local)	3																					2					4
Other Ridesharing Org	10								2			2										1					22
Park-and-Ride Sign	0																				8						0
Post Card (COG)	22																										22
Presentation	3																										3
Radio	88																										88
Real Estate/Welcomew	1																										1
Referral from Transit Org	0								111																		111
Theatre Slide	0																										0
TV	14																										14
Van Sign	3																										3
Was/Is Applicant	21								1		8										175			3			208
White Pages	0																										0
Word of Mouth	104								4					2							13	23		2			148
Yellow Pgs-Verizon	3																										3
Yellow Pgs-Yellow Bk	0																										0
Yellow Pages-Local	0																					1					1
Voice Mail Messages	0																										0
Other	46											7		15								5					106
<b>Total</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1636</b>

## MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

**PROJECT ELEMENT:** Metropolitan Washington Telework Resource Center 6142  
**Month:** July 2004 FY05  
**Staff Contact:** Danette Campbell  
**Edited By:** Nicholas Ramfos  
**Today's Date:** August 31, 2004

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### Background Activities

Major activities in July included:

- Participating in MATAC conference call
- Meeting with WorkLife Performance Inc. to discuss logistics and curriculum for Telework Virginia training
- Telecommuting Ad-Hoc Group meeting at COG
- Attending Telework hearing at the Rayburn Building
- Coordinating and attending the WACOT planning meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center
- Clean Air Partners meeting via conference call
- Participating in ACT Telework Council conference call
- Meeting with PatriotNet and PhoenixTx to discuss WACOT website and mailing list for October event
- Meeting with TAG to determine the most effective means of securing employers for WACOT event
- Attending Commuter Connections Subcommittee meeting
- Arranging and attending MATAC meeting at COG
- Coordinating and attending WACOT planning meeting at COG
- Preparing for and presenting at Telework Virginia training session at COG
  
- **Telework Resource Center:**
  - July 1 Conference call with MATAC Board of Directors
  - July 7 Telecommuting Ad-Hoc Group Meeting
  - July 8 Telework Hearing at Rayburn Office Building
  - July 9 WACOT Planning Meeting at Fairfax Government Center
  - July 12 Clean Air Partners Meeting
  - July 13 Meeting at NewTech
  - July 14 ACT Telework Council Conference Call
  - July 15 WACOT Website Meeting with PatriotNet and PhoenixTx
  - July 16 Conference Call with TAG
  - July 20 Commuter Connections Subcommittee Meeting

- July 22           MATAAC Meeting at COG
- July 23           WACOT Meeting at COG
- July 29           Telework Virginia Training at COG

**Products**

- Placed or responded to 65 calls regarding the Telework Resource Center
- Mailed three Telework Resource Center Kits
- Telework Center utilization at 57%

**Problems Encountered**

None at this time.

**Future Activities**

- Conducting August 2 Conference Call with TAG and Nicholas Ramfos
- Securing Speakers for WACOT Event in October
- Preparing *Save the Date* Postcard Mailer for WACOT Event. The next WACOT Steering Committee conference call will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss October Telework event at Tower Club in Tysons Corner.
- Incorporating Telecommuting Ad Hoc and Commuter Connections Subcommittee edits into 2004 Employer Workshops Final Report
- ITAC Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland
- Finalize and distribute 2004 Telecenter Utilization and Teleworker Travel Behavior Survey Report

**Expanded Telework TERM activities:**

**Background Activities**

Follow-up calls for the promotional CD-Rom began in July. Approximately 290, or about 50% of the recipients received phone calls by the end of the month.

A sub-list from the Expanded-TERM database was generated, with all contact information, for the October WACOT event. TAG will follow-up with these organizations in order to secure attendance from c-level executives.

The next Foundation II workshops will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Organizations participating include HUD, National Labor Relations, MITRE, KPMG, Booz-Allen, Verizon Wireless, Marriott, and DOJ.

**Employers Contacted**

Ongoing discussions with Logistics Management, Sanitons Services, Gannett Broadcasting Co., Digital Net Holdings, Luis Salgado Associates, the National Labor Relations, the Department of Energy, MITRE, HUD, the DOJ, the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Dimensions Health,

the DEA, the Department of Transportation, Exxon/Mobil, INOVA hospitals, the USDA, the EEOC, Washington Gas, Arnold Porter, the Department of Labor, KPMG, MITRE, Verizon Wireless, Booz-Allen, and Marriott International.

TAG is re-visiting many of the federal agencies that had been contacted in May and June. Any agencies that had indicated a minimum level of interest, (Bronze Level), are being reconsidered due to the high level of visibility around telework in the federal government.

Of the 290 employers contacted from the CD-Rom list, 180 at the message stage, 38 are not interested, 44 asked for additional information and/or set up another conversation, 16 are interested and researching the appropriate person within the organization and 12 have set up in-person meetings or conference calls with the people that they have identified as necessary to move the effort forward.

### **On Site Meetings**

On-site meetings were held at Arnold & Porter, Logistics Management, Luis Salgado Associates, HUD, KPMG and Marriott International.

### **Products**

TAG will be moving the promotional CD on-line to increase it's visibility and allow interested people who did not receive the CD to view it.

### **Future Activities**

Continued focus on the existing Expanded-TERM program and the Foundation II workshops, getting attendance at the October WACOT event, and following up the CD-Rom promotion contact list.

## MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

**PROJECT ELEMENT**      **Integrated Ridesharing 6143**  
**Month:**                      **July 2004**                      **FY05**  
**Staff Contact:**              Owais Rafique  
**Edited By:**                      Nicholas Ramfos  
**Today's Date:**                  August 31, 2004

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### Background Activities

Routine physical maintenance continued with each of the kiosk sites and the kiosk software design and content. Power problems were reported at La Promenade and Tysons Corner Center. InfoExpress kiosk hardware systems were replaced at La Promenade and Pentagon City Mall.

The InfoExpress kiosk located at the Reeves Center remained off line due to building renovation. Staff continued to work with the host site facility to identify a back up location while renovations are completed.

Staff worked on the InfoExpress kiosk remote management system. Additional configuration modules were deployed through out the InfoExpress kiosk network. Staff designed and tested a new logging system to report problems at various kiosks. Various automated tasks were also designed to recover the kiosk in case of system failure and/or service problems. Staff is currently testing some of the features apart of this update.

InfoExpress kiosk prize winners randomly drawn from users who filled out GRH or rideshare applications through the kiosk. Letters and gift certificates were sent to Pentagon City and Tysons Corner prize winners.

Staff continued to work on the Commuter Connections Application Migration Project. Systems requirements document was completed for the Commuter Connections Guaranteed Ride Home program application. Staff is currently working with a consultant to identify further system and user requirements as part of an effort to integrate multiple services provided by Commuter Connections onto one internet and intranet based software system. Staff is currently working on the Commuter Connections Ridesharing Software System requirements.

Modifications were made to the web map to make it look like the printed paper map. Regional Bicycle Path data was refined and enhancements were made to the browsing functionality.

Staff continued to work on the E-Communicator software system. Software maintenance was performed on the system and further changes were made to streamline the process. E-Communicator Software system updates were tested for functionality and quality assurance. Staff is currently working on final debugging of the system prior to implementation of the updates.

## **Products**

- < June monthly usage statistics for InfoExpress kiosks.

## **Problems Encountered**

- < InfoExpress kiosk system was replaced at La Promenade.
- < Communication problems were reported at Pentagon City Mall and Dulles Town Center.

## **Future Activities**

- < Update the integrated CCRS & GRH web-based system.
- < Develop and implement a new permanent InfoExpress kiosk at United States Department of State.
- < Evaluate effectiveness of Integrated Rideshare measure.
- < Continue negotiations with potential Commuter Connections InfoExpress mobile kiosk sites by sending a direct mail piece to employers located in Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia.



**INFOEXPRESS KIOSK USAGE RATES**

Month: July 2004

<b>Kiosk Location</b>	<b>Number of Users</b>	<b>Number of Total Hits</b>	<b>Top Five Buttons</b>
Union Station	832	10726	Commuter News Maps & Guides Weather Commuter Connec Transit
Reston Town Center	730	9560	Weather Maps & Guides Reston Town Cent Commuter Connec Commuter News
Springfield Mall #1	540	10548	Maps & Guides Springfield Mall Commuter Connec Traffic Weather
Manassas Mall	375	4601	Manassas Mall Weather Maps & Guides Commuter Connec Transit
Pentagon City Mall	345	8288	Maps & Guides Commuter Connec Weather Traffic Transit
La Promenade	283	6345	Maps & Guides La Promenade Commuter Connec Metro Transit

			Tysons Mall Weather Commuter Connec Traffic
Tysons Mall #1	246	2514	Maps & Guides Tysons Mall Traffic Weather Commuter Connec
Springfield Mall #2	157	3107	Springfield Mall Maps & Guides Weather Commuter Connec Metro
Dulles Town Center	137	1942	Dulles Town Cente Maps & Guides Commuter Connec Loudoun Transit Weather
Ballston Common Mall	130	1748	Maps & Guides Ballston Common Commuter Connec Metro Transit
Fair Oaks Mall	57	1781	Maps & Guides Traffic Fair Oaks Mall Commuter Connec Weather
USDA	19	241	Metro Commuter Connec Maps & Guides Transit Traffic
Pentagon	5	79	Metro Traffic Transit Maps & Guides

Reeves Center

N/A

N/A

N/A

**Fairfax County Kiosks**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Users</b>	<b>Hits</b>
Sherwood Library	1	3
George Mason Library	2	8
Chantilly	0	0
Kings Town	0	0
Mason Govt Center	7	19
Kings Park	2	8
Reston Library	3	18
Tysons Transit	5	17
Centreville	4	27
DolleyMadison	1	3
Inova	2	17
Pohick	3	19
John Marshall	4	17
Tysons Pimmit	2	11
Pennino	0	0
Govt. Center	2	17
Fairfax Library	1	3
Warranton	0	0

**July 2004**

**NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECIEVED  
FROM KIOSKS**

Site	Total
Tysons Corner Center	0
Fair Oaks Mall	0
Springfield Mall	0
Pentagon City Mall	0
Union Station	2
L'Enfant Plaza	0
Pentagon	0
Reston Town Center	1
Reeves Center	0
Ballston	0
USDA	0
Manassas Mall	0
Dulles Town Center	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

## MONTHLY REPORT

**PROJECT ELEMENT:** Employer Outreach 6144  
**Month:** July 2004 **FY05**  
**Staff Contact:** M. Hersey  
**Edited By:** N. Ramfos  
**Today's Date:** August 31, 2004

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### Background Activities

Monthly synchronizations from four of the employer outreach jurisdictions were without any problems. The District of Columbia, Frederick County, Prince George's County, Prince William County, and Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland have not submitted their monthly reports and synchronizations as of the deadline for this report.

Staff liased for the Frederick County Rideshare coordinator with the Employer Outreach Representative for yearly database update.

Staff attended the Commuter Connections Subcommittee on July 20<sup>th</sup> and presented information on recent Employer Outreach activities and a draft Conformity statement for FY04.

Staff coordinated, presented, and moderated the July 20<sup>th</sup> Employer Outreach Ad-Hoc Group meeting. Items discussed were Conformity for FY04, ACT! 6.0 software upgrade, final invoices for FY04, Scopes of work and contracts for FY05, an update on the Wilson Bridge Project, and a presentation from NuRide.

Staff began the ACT! 6.0 software upgrade installations for the Employer Outreach Program.

Staff completed the final draft quarterly conformity report for 4th Quarter FY04.

Staff coordinated with the DC Marketing Center for software update for Customer Referral Action Email system and maintained client contacts list.

Staff assisted the Telework Virginia project by processing survey request forms and supporting the Virginia-based outreach representatives.

### Products

July monthly sales activities  
Final Conformity Statement 4th Quarter FY2004

### Problems Encountered

Six jurisdictions are still outstanding in submitting their monthly reports for July.

## **Future Activities**

- Customer Satisfaction Survey FY04 tabulation
- Continue maintenance of regional employer database.
- ACT! 6.0 deployment
- Distribution of the FY04 Conformity verification statement.

Month:  
July 2004

	City of Alexandria	Arlington County	District of Columbia	Fairfax County	Frederick County	Loudoun County	Montgomery County	Prince George's *	Prince William	Tri – County Council	Metro	Telework
Employers Contacted (new)	4	11	0	2	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Employers Contacted (follow-up)	12	119	1	23	0	7	314	0	0	0	0	0
Total Broadcast Contacts	20	531	0	0	0	0	2467	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sales Meetings	2	0	1	1	0	7	26	0	0	0	0	0
Total Employers Contacted	38	661	2	26	0	14	2818	0	0	0	0	0
New Level 1 TDM Programs	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
New Level 2 TDM Programs	0	3	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
New Level 3 TDM Programs	0	3	0	2	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
New Level 4 TDM Programs	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: TDM levels are explained on the attachment. Each level represents TDM strategies implemented by an employer that will have some effect in converting single occupant vehicle commuters to ridesharing, transit, bicycling or walking as their main commute mode. Level 1 represents strategies that produce only a small amount of SOV conversion. The strategies for each subsequent level have greater SOV conversion impact.

\* Did not submit a monthly report by deadline.

**Year to Date FY05**

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**\* Did not submit monthly report by deadline**



## EXPLANATION OF JURISDICTIONAL ACTIVITIES DATA

Did not supply monthly report. \*\*New Metrochek for 100+ employers, may include accounts sold by regional employer outreach sales force. Each level represents TDM strategies implemented by an employer that will have some effect in converting single occupant vehicle commuters to ridesharing, transit, bicycling or walking as their main commute mode. Level 1 represents strategies that produce only a small amount of SOV conversion. The strategies for each subsequent level have greater SOV conversion impact.

- A. Employers Contacted (new): Number of contacts with new 100+ employers. This number refers to first time contact with employers; these employers have never been approached (includes phone calls, letters, email, faxes and voicemails)
- B. Employers Contacted (follow- up): Number of contacts with existing 100+ companies. These are contacts with employers after the first attempt (includes forms of contact listed above).
- C. Total Broadcast Contacts: Mass outreach (includes direct mail, faxes, emails)\*\*NEW
- D. Total Sales Meetings: Number of in person contacts with new and existing employers for the purpose of discussing the Commuter Connections program (includes one on one meetings and employers attending seminars and presentations; excludes transportation fairs)
- E. Total Employers Contacted: A + B + C+ D
- F. New Level 1 TDM Programs: Number of Level 1 programs implemented in previous month; more detailed information on these programs must be entered into the ACT database.
- G. New Level 2 TDM Programs: same as above
- H. New Level 3 TDM Programs: same as above
- I. New Level 4 TDM Programs: same as above

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## EMPLOYER SERVICES PARTICIPATION LEVELS

### LEVEL 1 (BRONZE)

- < Expresses interest in telework, transit benefits, Metrochek, Ozone Action Days, or other TDM strategy,
- < Conducts Commuter Survey
- < Distributes alternative commute info. to employees, including Ozone Action Days info.
- < Posts alternative commute info., including Ozone Action Days info., on employee bulletin board(s), newsletter or e-mail

### LEVEL 2 (SILVER)

- < Installs a permanent display case or brochure holders and stock with alternative commute info. or Ozone Action Days info.
- < Provides preferential parking for carpools and vanpools
- < Implements an informal telework program
- < Facilitates car/vanpool formation meetings
- < Hosts/sponsors an alternative commute day or transportation fair
- < Implements alternative work schedule program (flex-time, staggered work schedule, compressed work week)
- < Installs bicycle racks or lockers
- < Establishes an ETC who regularly provides alternative commute information to employees

### LEVEL 3 (GOLD)

- < Implements a formal telework program
- < Implements a transit/vanpool benefit, Metrochek, or parking "cash out" program
- < Implements a carpool/bicycle/walk benefit
- < Provides free or significantly reduced fee parking for carpools and vanpools (valid only for companies where employees pay for parking)
- < Implements a parking fee (valid only for companies that previously did not charge employees for parking)
- < Becomes a Commuter Connections member and provides on-site ridematching
- < Provides employee shuttle service to transit stations
- < Provides company vanpools for employees' commute to work
- < Installs shower facilities for bicyclists and walkers
- < Implements a comprehensive Ozone Action Days program
- < Supplements GRH program with payment for additional trips or own program

### LEVEL 4 (PLATINUM)

- < Implements two or more of the Level 3 TDM programs and actively promotes these programs and alternative commuting

## MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

<b>PROJECT ELEMENT</b>	<b>Guaranteed Ride Home 6145</b>
<b>Month:</b>	<b>July 2004</b> <b>FY05</b>
<b>Staff Contact:</b>	C. Arabia
<b>Edited By:</b>	N. Ramfos
<b>Today's Date:</b>	August 31, 2004

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### Background Activities

During July, COG received 1,316 applications for the GRH program. A total of 711 new applicants were registered (700 new applicants and 11 previous “one-time exception” users) and 710 commuters were re-registered. The GRH program provided 187 GRH trips. Nineteen (19) of these trips were “One-Time Exceptions” accounting for ten percent (10%) of the total number of GRH trips provided. Personal illness accounted for the largest portion of GRH trip reasons followed by child care/illness. A total of 31,268 commuters are currently registered for GRH.

COG staff reviewed the draft report of the results from the 1,000 surveys completed for the GRH participant survey. The evaluation contractor is now making edits to the report based on staff’s review.

The mailing of the GRH direct mailers, postcards and postcard with application, continued through the first week of July to approximately 228,000 households in the region based on PRIZM list. Three separate creative messages targeted specific demographic and geographic criteria such as commuters residing within close proximity to HOV corridors, and commuters with children. Staff began to collect response data from GRH postcard and self-mailer tracking, and to provide tally’s and analysis of test urls, phone calls and returned applications.

COG staff tested the latest version of the GRH software that includes the ability to export e-mail addresses, expanded “Special Instructions” field, enhanced printer controls and a duplicate records checking feature. There were some problems with the software and COG’s software vendor is working to fix them.

### Products

- Provided 187 GRH trips.
- Received 1,316 applications.
- Registered 711 new applicants, including 11 “one-time exceptions.”
- Re-registered 710 commuters.
- Received 357 calls for GRH information.
- Contacted “expiring” registrants by telephone.
- Database management and maintenance.
- GRH server maintenance.
- Processed invoices from transportation providers and reservations/dispatching contractor, and processed Transit Reimbursement Vouchers.

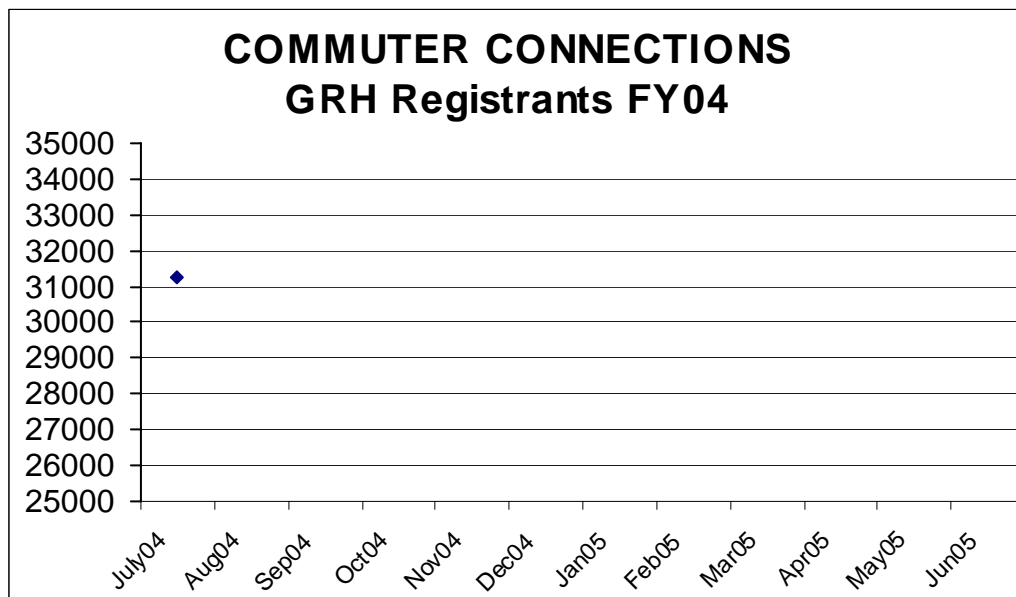
June monthly performance report.  
GRH direct mail promotional postcards and postcard/application.

### Problems Encountered

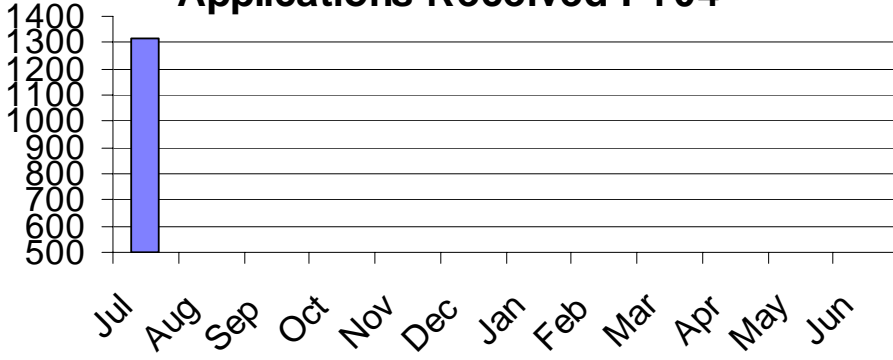
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### Future Activities

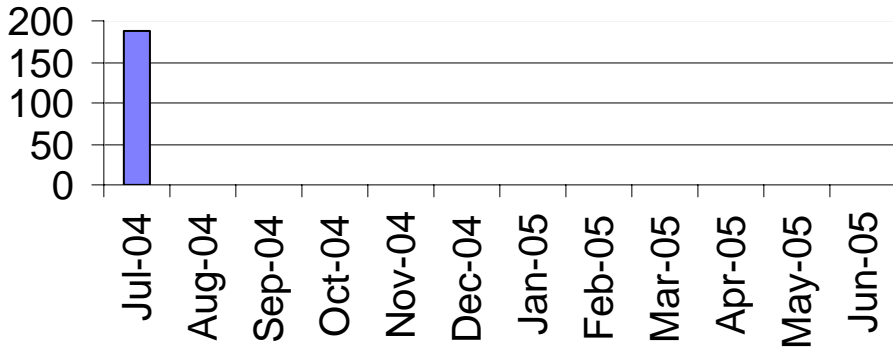
- COG staff will continue to work with their software contractor to update GRH software as needed.
- Continue surveying of GRH users.
- Continue to re-register GRH commuters that reached their one-year expiration date.
- Produce progress reports.
- Continue overall operations of GRH program.
- Distribute GRH information at alternative transportation events and via COG staff and Employer Services representatives.
- Perform overall database maintenance.
- Integrate GRH database management software system with regional CCRS software system.
- Finalize and distribute GRH participant survey report.
- Evaluate GRH regional marketing campaign. Continue response data collection and final numbers reporting from GRH mailout of postcard and self-mailers. This includes tracking of test urls, phone calls and returned applications.



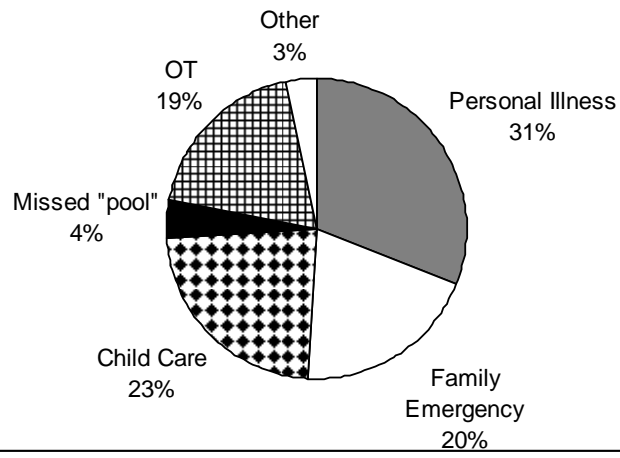
### COMMUTER CONNECTIONS GRH Applications Received FY04



### COMMUTER CONNECTIONS Trips Provided FY04



# COMMUTER CONNECTIONS GRH Trip Reasons for July 2004



## MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

**PROJECT ELEMENT:** Employer Outreach for Bicycling 6146  
**Month:** July 2004 FY05  
**Staff Contacts:** Michael J. Farrell/Mark Hersey  
**Edited By:** N. Ramfos  
**Today's Date:** August 31, 2004

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### Background Activities

Distributed two boxes of Bike to Work Guides to WABA and the Downtown DC BID, which in turn distributed them to their members.

Distributed Bike to Work Day framed *Certificates of Recognition* and letters to various employers with outstanding participation in the following categories:

500 to 1,000 employees - Orbital Sciences  
100 to 499 employees - Charles E. Smith  
50 to 99 employees - Vanderweil Engineers

### Products

No new products.

### Problems Encountered

Low level of interest in the employer-based bicycle commuter seminars.

### Future Activities

- Distribute bike to work guides to WABA, DDOT, and other users upon request.
- Prepare for Bike to Work Day 2005 Steering Committee Meeting (Early October)