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Executive Summary

Overview

This document summarizes Commuter Connections marketing activity occurring between January and June 2015. Through the regional TDM Mass Marketing effort, Commuter Connections delivers a brand promise as the umbrella solution for commuters seeking alternative transportation options within the Washington region. The use of media and other forms of communication at high reach and frequency levels are used to influence commuters most likely to shift to non-single occupant vehicle (SOV) travel. The regional marketing campaign also aims to encourage continued use of non-SOV modes of commuting.

The Commuter Connections marketing initiative was built on TDM research (demographic, behavioral, and attitudinal aspects of commuters in the Washington region), past campaign experience, and network member feedback. The overall objective of the regional TDM Mass Marketing project is to meet Transportation Emission Reduction Measure (TERM) impact goals.

The regional TDM Mass Marketing initiative extensively promotes Commuter Connections' Ridematching services and also promotes the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program. Through effective outreach for these programs, the marketing campaign aims to persuade SOV commuters to switch to alternative modes of travel, and current alternative mode users to maintain and increase usage.

The campaign also includes the promotion of 'Pool Rewards, Bike to Work Day, and the Eighteenth Annual Employer Recognition Awards. The Bike to Work Day event is a springboard to sway SOV drivers to bicycling to work. The purpose of 'Pool Rewards marketing is to convert SOV commuters into carpools or vanpools through monetary incentives. The Employer Recognition Awards Program recognizes employers who have voluntarily initiated programs that facilitate the use of alternative commuting methods such as transit, teleworking, carpooling/vanpooling, and bicycling.

Mass Marketing Campaign

The FY2015 second half media campaign promoting Ridesharing and GRH uses new advertising developed for spring FY2015, in both audio and visual forms. Campaign creative selected by the marketing workgroup was developed and themes for Rideshare "Ride Happy" and GRH "Just in Case" were approved. Four radio ads, two Rideshare and two GRH, were produced in January 2015. The Rideshare campaign kicked-off late February; GRH campaign began the first week in March. The total campaign will run for fifteen weeks, alternating weeks between Rideshare and GRH. The total cost of the Rideshare media buy is \$285,726.40, and the total cost of the GRH media buy is \$190,302.25.

Value Add Promotions

Based on paid media, \$81,600 in value add was negotiated in the form of additional media value. Value add varies from no-charge radio ads, short messages, and promotions to banner ads on station web sites.

Messaging Strategy

The focus of Ridesharing is lifestyle - "Ride Happy." Whatever makes you happy during your commute, most likely there is someone that shares the same "like." Let's face it, being in traffic is not always enjoyable, but with someone else to pass the time, hopefully you'll find some pleasure in it: whether it's swapping weekend stories, recipes, sports trivia, etc.

The messaging for GRH is "Just in Case." It's your ace in the pocket, a thing that's in reserve for when you need it. All that's necessary is registration, and then you can have your ride waiting in case of an emergency. Our concept reminds the audience of all of life's emergencies, and how having GRH in your emergency kit can help resolve them.

Bike to Work Day

Radio, print (Spanish also), posters (Spanish also), rack cards, vinyl banners and earned media were used to promote Bike to Work Day 2015. A sponsor drive provided total cash sponsorships of \$47,100, and in-kind sponsorships of \$10,945 to help pay for the 14,000 T-shirts and pit stop Banners. Based on paid media, an additional \$80,500 was negotiated in the form of value added media and promotions. Registration for Bike to Work Day 2015 broke a regional record as 17,500 cyclists participated in the event, a 4 percent increase over 2014. The total cost of the Bike to Work Day media buy was \$44,424.

'Pool Rewards

For the month of January, 'Pool Rewards continued the momentum from the fall campaign with a focus on federal workers, Hispanic audiences and the military. Facebook and TV ads were used to promote 'Pool Rewards in the spring. Facebook ads ran late March through mid-June, TV ads ran May through June alternating on Rideshare weeks only. The campaign promoted the benefits and cost savings of the 'Pool Rewards program for carpools and vanpools.

Employer Recognition Awards

Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony on June 30, 2015 at the Grand Hyatt Washington. The invitations, podium signage, and program booklet were developed and the giveaway item was selected. A print ad will appear in the Wall St. Journal to announce the winners. Each winner will also receive a marketing tool kit consisting of a customized winner seal, sample press releases, social media posts, and links to the Employer Recognition Awards website with winner information and recommendations on use of all marketing materials.

Clean Air Partners

Commuter Connections will provide a \$10,000 sponsorship toward the Clean Air Partners marketing campaign for FY2015. The campaign will include radio ad sponsorships.

Introduction

The Commuter Connections' marketing initiative for FY2015 was built on the organization's research and campaign experience. The FY2015 Marketing Communications Plan and Schedule, distributed to network members in September 2014, served as a tool to outline marketing plans for FY2015. The strategy behind the FY2015 campaign reflected the state of events for the regions' commuters and built upon research and findings from the following reports:

- FY 2012 Commuter Connections Applicant Database Annual Placement Survey Report.
- 2011 Commuter Connections TERM Analysis Report.
- 2013 State of the Commute Survey Report.
- 2013 Commuter Connections GRH program Survey Report.
- 2013 Bike to Work Survey TERM Analysis Report.

Research, campaign experience, current economic factors, and transportation challenges all contributed to the planned strategy for FY2015; to convert SOV commuters to alternate transportation by raising awareness of Ridesharing coupled with GRH as a commuter safety net.

The second half of the FY2015 Regional Marketing Campaign includes the following:

- The money-savings of commuting by Ridesharing and the added free benefit of GRH in a case if an unexpected emergency.
- The continuation of the 'Pool Rewards incentive promotion was prompted through earned media, rack cards, a complimentary online banner ad for the 95 Express Lanes, value add messages and a paid media campaign.
- Bike to Work Day 2015 to consider bicycling as a viable alternative way to commute.
- Employer Recognition Awards to recognize employers in the region who promote and encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation.
- The continuation of increased awareness of the new mobile friendly website and online Ridematching.
- Newsletters that provide a number of articles on transportation updates and changes that benefit commuters, including infographics for quick glances at commuter statistics.

About Commuter Connections

Commuter Connections is a regional network of transportation organizations coordinated through the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG). Commuter Connections offers free services to those who work in the Washington metropolitan area. Major services include ridematching for carpools and vanpools, and administration of the GRH program in both Washington and Baltimore. Through its Employer Outreach Representatives, Commuter Connections also helps employers establish commuter benefit programs for their employees, including teleworking.

Organizations represented in the Commuter Connections' Regional TDM Marketing Group include:

Arlington County Commuter Services
Annapolis Regional Transportation

Management Association

Bethesda Transportation Solutions City of Alexandria Local Motion

District Department of Transportation
Dulles Area Transportation Association

Fairfax City

Fairfax Connector

Fairfax County Office of Transportation General Services Administration (GSA)

GW Ride Connect

LINK

Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Maryland State Highway

Administration

Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)

Montgomery County Commuter

Services

Montgomery County Ride On National Institutes of Health (NIH) North Bethesda Transportation Center

Northern Neck Rideshare/PDC

Northern Virginia Transportation

Commission

Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission

Prince George's County Department of

Transportation

Rappahannock Area Development

Commission

Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional

Commission

TransIT Services of Frederick County Tri-County Council for Southern

Maryland

Tysons Partnership Transportation

Council

Virginia Department of Rail and Public

Transportation

Virginia Department of Transportation

(VDOT)

Virginia Railway Express

vRide

Washington Area Bicyclist Association

(WABA)

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit

Authority

Cornerstones of the Marketing Campaign

The primary products and services featured in the marketing campaign include the GRH and Ridematching programs. Both of these programs are integral to growing the regional database and making it easier for commuters to find and maintain shared ride arrangements. Other areas included in marketing outreach include transit, bicycling and teleworking.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Create a platform that promotes all network products and services individually while reinforcing the support provided by the umbrella program of Commuter Connections.
- Raise awareness of the Commuter Connections network and position it as the region's first resource for alternatives to driving alone.
- Promote Ridematching by maintaining and increasing awareness of shared ride modes, and retain current ridership on these modes; gain new riders; gain new applicants to the regional database.
- Increase the number of applicants in the GRH database by promoting GRH among commuters as a rideshare benefit, eliminating a barrier to using transit, carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling, and walking to work.
- Use special events such as Car Free Day and Bike to Work Day to encourage commuters to become involved, increase commuter participation, and use the occasion to try an alternative form of transportation.
- Expand participation and offerings in existing employer programs; recognize existing employers in the region who have implemented successful employee commute benefit programs; promote and encourage the adoption of SOV commute alternatives.

Brand Character

Commuter Connections wants to be perceived as a network of organizations working to improve commutes. Through Commuter Connections' online ridematching system, commuters registering for the service will be given direct access to other commuters who are looking to carpool along with an access to commute routes and options. As more people share the ride to work, they collectively affect the commute in a positive manner for the region through less traffic congestion and cleaner air.

Spring 2015 Campaign

The Spring Media campaign promoting Ridesharing and GRH started at the end of February and the beginning of March respectively and will run through June. Radio is the primary media for this campaign with spots running for a total of fifteen weeks. Television, cable, and online (web and mobile banner ads) will run for eight weeks, and online banner ads for fifteen weeks.

Ridematching Campaign

Messaging Strategy

The second half of the FY2015 Rideshare campaign messaging puts the audience at ease, in a good mood, bringing their happy place right to their commute mode. The ads demonstrate your commute can be an improved, reliable and preferred way to work.





Media Objectives: Rideshare

The Spring Media campaign promotes the Ridematching program using a mix of traditional approaches to maintain awareness among commuters and increase applications. Geographic emphasis was placed on middle and outer ring commuters. With fewer public transit options, ridesharing is the preferred commute alternative for commuters with longer distance commutes.

Target market (from <u>FY2012 Commuter Connections Applicant Database Annual Placement</u> Survey Report):

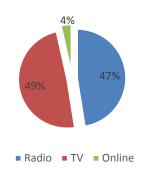
- 25-64 years old (82%)
- Caucasian (69%) and African-American (17%)
- \$80,000+ annual household income (71%)
- Commute of more than 20 miles/30 minutes
- Live in Virginia (60%) or Maryland (36%); work in D.C. (57%) or Virginia (27%)
- Work for employers with 100+ employees (81%), with 1,000+ employees (46%)
- Work for federal agencies (67%) and private sector (20%)

Geographic

Washington D.C.

DMA

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Rideshare Spring Budget	MWCOG	Gross Dollars
Radio	\$135,646.40	\$159,584.00
Television	\$140,080.00	\$164,800.00
Online	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,765.00
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Total Budget	\$285 <i>,</i> 726.40	\$336,149.00



Radio

Radio is the anchor medium for the Rideshare campaign, with a focus on exurb stations and D.C. news stations. The campaign also reached out to Spanish-speaking commuters.

- WTOP (103.5 News/Talk)
- WAFY/WWEG (103/106.9 FM, AC/Classic Hits)
- WFRE (99.9 Country)
- WFLS (93.3 Country)
- WLZL El Zol (107.9 Spanish)
- WBQB (101.5 Hot AC)
- WRQX (107.3 Hot AC)

The Rideshare radio campaign started in late February and runs through the end of June 2015. The ads will run every other week for a total of eight on air weeks, alternating weeks with GRH ads. The following spots are promoting the Ridematching program in both English and Spanish languages:

Ridesharing: 30 "Ideal Commute 1" English

SFX: [cheering sports fans, buzzer]

Man: Last night's scores, dark roast and a donut

Woman: [sips from cup] A chai latte and my morning talk show

Together: Good company on a money-saving commute

Announcer: Whatever your ideal commute is, Commuter Connections gives you the options to Ride Happy. Save money and improve your commute. Go to Commuter Connections dot org to see all your free ridesharing options. That's Commuter Connections dot org, or 800-745-RIDE. Ride Happy.

Ridesharing: 30 "Ideal Commute 1" Spanish

SFX: [sonido de fanaticos deportivos , buzzer]

Hombre: Puntuaciones de la noche anterior, café oscuro y un donut. Mujer: [sips from cup] un chai latte y mi show favorito de la mañana.

Juntos: Buena compañía en un viaje en el que ahorro dinero.

Anunciante: Cual sea su viaje ideal, Commuter Connections le da las opciones de viajar feliz. Ahorrar dinero y mejorar su viaje. Vaya a Commuter Connections punto org para mirar todas sus opciones de compartir viajes gratis. Eso es Commuter Connections punto org, or 800-745-RIDE. Viaje Feliz.

Ridesharing: 30 "Ideal Commute 2" English

SFX: [train]

Woman: Some me-time with a good book on the train

SFX: [light snoring]

Man: A snooze while others take the wheel

Together: Commuting the way that works for me

Announcer: Whatever your ideal commute is, Commuter Connections gives you the option to Ride Happy. Save money and find the commute that fits. Go to Commuter Connections dot org to see all your free ridesharing options. That's Commuter Connections dot org, or 800-745-RIDE. Ride Happy.

Ridesharing :30 "Ideal Commute 2" Spanish

SFX: [un tren]

Mujer: Tiempo para mí con un buen libro en el tren.

SFX: [light snoring]

Hombre: Una siesta mientras otros toman el volante. Juntos: Viajando de manera que funciona para mi.

Anunciante: Cual sea su viaje ideal, Commuter Connections le da las opciones de viajar feliz. Ahorrar dinero y encontrar un viaje que cumpla sus necesidades. Vaya a Commuter Connections punto org para mirar todas sus opciones de compartir viajes gratis. Eso es Commuter Connections punto org, o 800-745-RIDE. Viaje feliz.

Value Add

Rideshare

In addition to paid media spots, over \$66,700 (an additional 23.34%) was negotiated in no charge promotional media. Select radio stations are providing bonus spots at no charge, streaming ads, banner ads and live short messages promoting the benefits of ridematching. Comcast SportsNet provided matching spots on Comcast SportsNet's Baltimore feed, banner ads on their station website and included Commuter Connections mentions in four Enewsletters.

Rideshare Promotions

Several radio stations plus Comcast SportsNet participated in promoting the Ridematching programs during the spring campaign. To help raise awareness and encourage participation by providing great prizes with co-promotion opportunities, the following promotions took place:

Win a Limo Ride (for your carpool) with Pro Hockey Player Karl Alzner Contest

Comcast SportsNet (CSN) viewers were encouraged to enter their carpool/vanpool for a chance to win a limo ride to work with pro hockey player Karl Alzner contest, defensemen with The Washington Capitals. The promotion was open to carpoolers and ran for three non-consecutive weeks, both on-air and online May 12 through June 21, 2015. The entry form for the contest was located on the Commuter Connections Facebook page. Carpool members were asked to enter their name and up to three friends.

Promotional announcements for the contest include:

- 50-100:15 second mentions airing Monday through Sunday, 6am-12midnight.
- Promotional announcements on Comcast's Baltimore commercial feed.
- :15 second pre-roll and video overlays on CSNWashington.com homepage
- Promotional display advertising campaign on CSNWashington.com including 3x days of a homepage takeover, page skin, 980x50 and 300x250 (x2) and 108x75 rotational banner ads, and a 4-pack of fixed placement on their homepage with the Commuter Connections logo, brief description and click through to Facebook page for the duration of the contest.
- Three e-newsletter ad placements to 13,000+ subscribers (728x90)
- Social Media promotion including Facebook posts and Tweets during the contest and updates throughout the contest (minimum 6x posts) over 115,000 Facebook likes and 47,000 Twitter followers. To drive likes, a Facebook media buy will be placed.



Enter for a chance to win tickets to see Imagine Dragons on July 6 at Verizon Center! Courtesy of Commuter Connections and Guaranteed Ride Home – just in case

Community Affairs Interviews with Commuter Connections – WPGC-FM and WLZL-FM (El Zol) On May 10th, WPGC and El Zol broadcast interviews with Commuter Connections' Nicholas Ramfos, Director; and Jose Diaz, Alternative Commute Programs respectively. Community Affair topics consisted of a description of the Commuter Connections organization, its overall mission and programs, and health and environmental advantages of alternative commute methods.

Ride Happy for your chance to Win Concert Tickets to Idina Menzel – WRQX-FM

Listeners were encouraged to visit Commuter Connections on Facebook, take a selfie showing how they "ride happy" while ridesharing, using transit, and biking to work...Post their photo to the Commuter Connections Facebook page with #ridehappydmv April 6 through 20th . Lucky winner, Iris Mejia from Alexandria, VA will be enjoying 2 tickets to see this summer's Idina Menzel concert at Jiffy Lube Live! Commuter Connections received a dedicated contest page on DC's 1073.com, e-newsletter the week of March 23rd to 50,000+ database, social media inclusion; 30 total shared recorded promotional announcements (:10 exclusive); 10 total :15 second commercials Monday through Friday, 5am-8pm; and 10 total :30 second commercials Monday through Friday, 5am-8pm. Promotional announcements asked listeners to post/call/email their favorite things to do while commuting.





Encourage a friend to sign up to 'Ride Happy' - WTOP

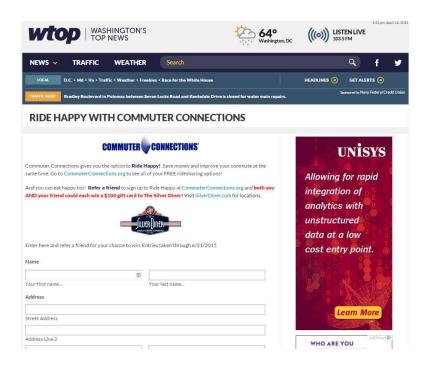
WTOP aired 10x:30 promo announcements per week, during Rideshare weeks only starting 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 5/18, 6/1 and 6/15 promoting the following: "Encourage a friend to sign up to 'Ride Happy' and Rideshare and enter to win a \$100 Silver Diner gift card".

Total Promotional Announcements: 60x

Includes a Custom enter to win page on WTOP.com (this will stay live and posted from 3/23 - 6/15 to take entries)

Includes Prizing by a partner retailer, Silver Diner

Total Value: \$25,700



Television

The use of snipes and squeezebacks in selected television programming provide DVR-proof advertising. Snipes appear at the bottom of television screens during on air programming to promote rideshare. Squeeze-backs surround the TV programming. Images and messages that complement the radio spots will promote the cost-savings benefits of ridesharing and free ridematching services of Commuter Connections. Squeezebacks are running in early morning, evening news, and late news on WJLA (ABC News 7) and snipes on Comcast during Capitals, Wizards, and Redskins programming.

In addition to snipes, Comcast SportsNet posted in-game billboards (on-screen Commuter Connections logo) and :05 second ticker messaging during the Caps and Wizards games during the 2/23, 3/9, 3/23, and 4/6 flight weeks.

Squeeze-back on WJLA (images animated)



Snipe on Comcast SportsNet (images animated)



In-Game Billboards and ticker messages on Comcast SportsNet: Caps & Wizards Games



Digital Advertising

Mobile/web advertising utilizing a number of local media sites promoted the Ridematching program. The geo-targeting capabilities allowed the cost-saving benefits of Ridematching messages to reach audiences in Washington DC regions. Various Run-of-Site banner ad sizes were posted for thirteen weeks, from March 1st through the end of May with performance monitored and optimized throughout the campaign.

The following sites were selected for the spring campaign:

- WashingtonTimes.com
- DailyPress.com
- BaltimoreSun.com
- Division-D Network

The ads displayed Rideshare visuals with a call to action to visit commuterconnections.org.



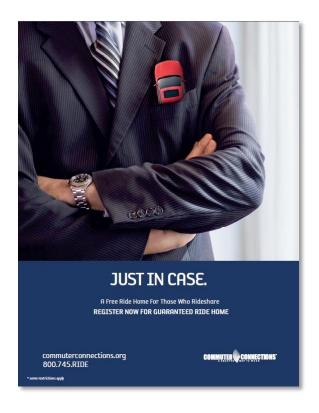


Guaranteed Ride Home Campaign

Messaging Strategy

For GRH, the second half of the FY2015 campaign is promoting GRH as something you should have "just in case" after you sign up to rideshare or use transit.

Recorded :30 second spots reinforce the message that in case of an unexpected emergency or a need to stay late at work arises, GRH provides a free guaranteed way to get home.





Media Objectives: Guaranteed Ride Home

The GRH program campaign focuses on raising GRH awareness among commuters and increasing applications for this program. GRH leverages alternative transportation by removing one of the perceived problems: how to get home in case of an unexpected emergency. Geographic emphasis was placed on inner core commuters.

Target market

2010 Commuter Connections Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program Survey Report:

- 35-54 years old (88%)
- Caucasian (73%) and African-American (20%)
- \$80,000+ annual household income (80%), \$120,000+ annual household income (50%)
- Commute of more than 30 miles/45 minutes (45% of current GRH registrants)
- Live in Virginia (65%) or Maryland (32%) or District of Columbia (1%), with a special emphasis on Prince William (17%) and Fairfax Counties (13%); work in D.C (63%), Maryland (11%) and Virginia (26%)

Geographic Targeting

Washington D.C. DMA

GRH Spring Budget	MWCOG Cost	Gross Dollars
Radio	\$190,302.25	\$223,885
Total Budget	\$190,302.25	\$223,885

Radio

Radio is used exclusively for the GRH campaign. Station types included a mix of sports, news, and music:

- ESPN (980 AM Sports)
- WTOP (103.5 News Talk)
- WBIG (100.3 Oldies/Classic Hits)
- WWDC (DC101.1 Rock)
- WIHT-FM (99.5 Top 40)
- WMZQ (98.7 Country)
- WASH (97.1 AC)

The GRH radio campaign started in early March and will run through the end of June 2015. The ads will run every other week for a total of seven on air weeks, alternating weeks with Rideshare ads. The following spots promote GRH for the second half of FY2015:

Guaranteed Ride Home :30 "Just in Case 1"

Person 1: Hair spray. Just in Case.

Person 2: Mints. Just in Case.

Person 1: Flat shoes. Just in Case.

Person 2: Friend check-in. Just in Case.

Announcer: Guaranteed Ride Home. Just in case.

For the emergencies life throws your way, Commuter Connections is there for you – just in case. Make getting home in case of an unexpected emergency one less problem by registering for Commuter Connections' Guaranteed Ride Home service today. It's free if you rideshare, and there just in case you need it. Register today at Commuter Connections dot org or call 1-800-745-RIDE. Some restrictions apply.

Guaranteed Ride Home: :30 "Just in Case 2"

Person 1: Phone charger. Just in Case.

Person 2: Deodorant. Just in Case. Person 1: Bank card. Just in Case.

Person 2: Special ring tone. Just in Case.

Announcer: Guaranteed Ride Home. Just in case.

For the emergencies life throws your way, Commuter Connections is there for you – just in case. Make getting home in case of an unexpected emergency one less problem by registering for Commuter Connections' Guaranteed Ride Home service today. It's free if you rideshare, and there just in case you need it. Register today at Commuter Connections dot org or call 1-800-745-RIDE. Some restrictions apply.

Value Add

In addition to paid media spots, an estimated \$14,900 (an additional 7.8%) was negotiated in no charge promotional media. Select radio stations are providing bonus spots at no charge, streaming ads, and a Mobile app promotion promoting the benefits of the GRH program and ridematching.

Guaranteed Ride Home Radio Promotion

Chance to Win Concert Tickets - iHeart Radio DC stations— DC101, WBIG, Hot 99.5, WASH-FM, and WMZQ

Value add (no charge) promotions were provided by iHeart Radio during the FY2015 second half campaign promoting GRH. Five radio stations ran an online registration contest for a pair of tickets to some of this summer's best concerts. Each station aired 10x:15 second on-air promotion announcements and 24x streaming promos per week, during GRH weeks only, to encourage listeners to enter online through the appropriate iHeart Radio station websites April 3 through midnight June 29th. Each stations registration page included Guaranteed Ride Home messaging - What would you do "Just In Case"? - and call to action prior to entering the contest.

Prizes by radio station:

WASH - Idina Menzel - 7/18 - Jiffy Lube Live

WBIG – Def Leppard & Styx – 7/2 – Jiffy Lube Live

WIHT – Nicki Minaj – 7/22 – Jiffy Lube Live

WMZQ – Toby Keith – 8/8 – Jiffy Lube Live

WWDC - Imagine Dragons - 7/6 - Verizon Center













Member Donated Placements

Commuter Connections greatly values the contributions of its network members in helping to promote the GRH program through generous contributions of donated space on buses and bus shelters throughout the region. Ad space is being provided by the following network members: Arlington, Fairfax, MTA, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Prince William Counties. Additionally DATA, and VRE provided print ad space in their customer publications.





Print Publications

VRE's RIDE Newsletter Ad



GRH DATA Lifestyle tabloid Ad



Commuter Connections Website Home Page Flash

To provide a fully integrated user experience, the Commuter Connections web site's home page was updated with a new flash file to match the visuals used in the new Rideshare and GRH campaigns.



RIDESHARE. FIND WHAT FITS!

FREE RIDESHARING SERVICES.
SIGN UP NOW!



A Free Ride Home For Commuters Who Rideshare Take Transit Bicycle Walk

FREE GUARANTEED RIDE HOME.

Register Now

Some restrictions apply



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* Some restrictions apply

Bike to Work Day



Bike to Work Day 2015 broke its regional record with 17,500 registered cyclists, a four percent increase over 2014. The May 15th event was held at 79 local pit stops, including a total of four afternoon pit stops. Six bicycles were raffled off and the first 14,000 registrants received an official BTWD 2015 T-shirt, in new wicking fabric.

Sponsorship Drive

In preparation for the event, a sponsorship drive raised funds to purchase t-shirts for participants, and to fund pit stop banners. This year, Commuter Connections secured a total of 17 sponsors for Bike to Work Day, reaching \$47,100 in cash. Additional in-kind sponsorships of \$18,275 were also secured as bicycle giveaways and merchandise, related swag and snacks.

Marketing Strategies

Posters and rack cards were provided to employers and employees through various distribution channels in order to create awareness and encourage registration. In order to continue to reach diverse audiences, a Spanish version of the poster was created. T-shirt graphics, pit stop banners, and various media were developed to support - leading up to and through the event.

Social media was an important medium to help spread the Bike to Work Day messaging and encourage registration and participation.

Radio and print advertising targeted adults ages 25-49, slightly skewed toward men, with a household income above \$30,000. ESPN, WPGC, and DC101 ran :60 second radio ads. WPGC and DC101 also provided social media promotions to engage listeners and encourage Bike to Work Day registration and participation. Washington City Paper and El Tiempo Latino ran two insertions each, the two weeks leading up to the Bike to Work Day event.

Print Ads – English & Spanish





Value Add

In addition to paid media spots, an estimated \$80,500 (an additional 181.2%) was negotiated in no charge promotional media. Select radio stations provided bonus spots at no charge, streaming ads, and a Mobile app promotion.

Commuter Connections and iHeart Media Promotion – DC101 and Hot 99.5

On Friday May 15, 2015 Commuter Connections, iHeart Media, and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invited listeners to join over 15,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work. iHeart Media and Commuter Connections partnered with Brilliant Bicycle Company (http://www.brilliant.co/) for this campaign.

Commuter Connections received the following promotional and media consideration April 22 through May 15, 2015:

- BTWD, Commuter Connections Name inclusion and event date in 100x promotional announcements per station on DC101 & Hot 99.5
- BTWD/Commuter Connections Logo and hyperlink on the register To Win Contest pages on dc101.com and hot995.com
- Radio Personality Social Media Engagement:
 - Tweets: Inclusion in 3x from Elizabethany on Hot 99.5 and 4x from Roche on DC101
 - o Facebook posts: Inclusion in 2x from Elizabethany Hot and 3x from Roche
 - o Instagram posts: Inclusion in 2x from Elizabethany Hot and 3x from Roche











lizabethany [eb] @livetizabethany - May 7
VERY pumped about my new ridebrilliant bike! Put it together in time for #biketoworkday next friday!...
instagram.com/p/2Y3EIXnDfZ/

Web Site



Bike to Work Day

On Friday May 15, 2015 Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invite you to join over 10,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun, and healthy way to get to work. Attend one of 79 pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland, and Virginia to receive refreshments, and be entered into a raffle for bicycles being given away.



Free Registration Click Here

Pit Stops

Seventy nine pit stops will host Bike to Work Day events throughout D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Take a break at a pit stop on your way to work for lots of food, fun and prizes. Register now, it's free! There are also a few pit stops open for your afternoon commute

Read More.

A PDF of the new Bike to Work Day 2015 event poster is now available! Click here to see this year's event poster

Commuter Convoys

Bicycle commuter convoys are forming now for Bike to Work Day on May 15th. All bicyclists are welcome to join the free convoys and there's no need to sign up. Convoys are led by experienced bicycle commuters.

Read More.

Find a Ride Buddy

Use the Washington Area Bike Forum to find a ride buddy for Bike to Work Day, or join an online discussion about bicycling in the Washington, D.C. area. Read More.

Sponsors



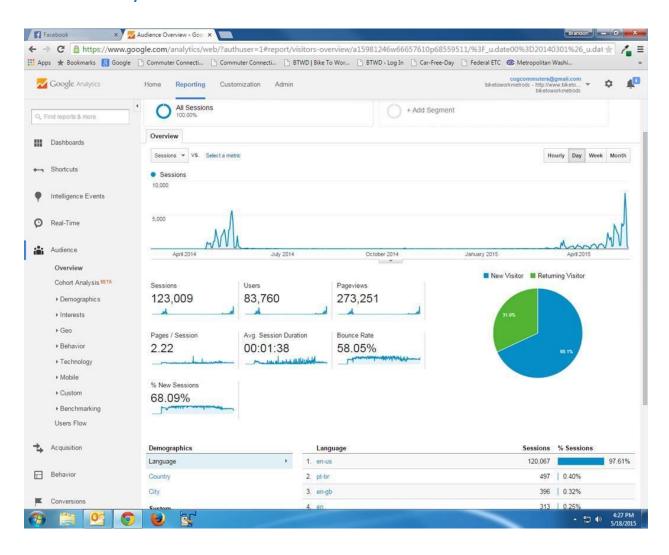
Increase Bicycling Skills

WABA's adult bicyclist education opportunities are available throughout the Washington region for a wide range of skill sets, from beginners to advanced. There are also seminars for commuting to work Read More



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Bike to Work Day Website Traffic



Sponsors





Poster English/Spanish





Rack Card (front and back)





T-Shirt (front & back)



Pit Stop Banner



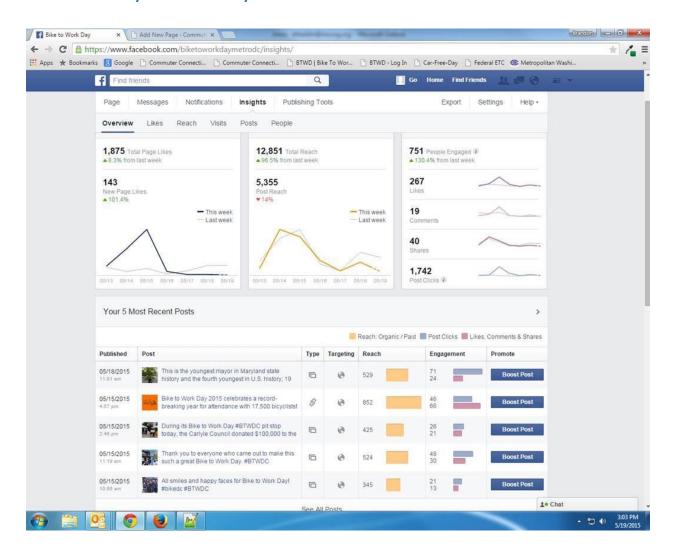
Social Media

Facebook and Twitter was used to engage with commuters and drive registration to the website.

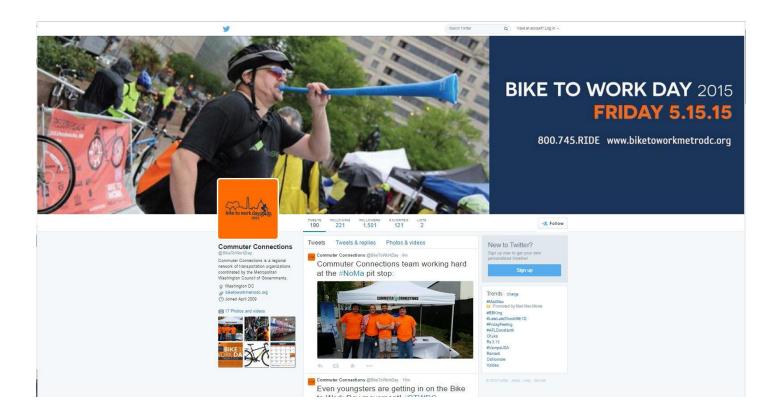




Bike to Work Day Facebook Analytics

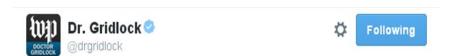






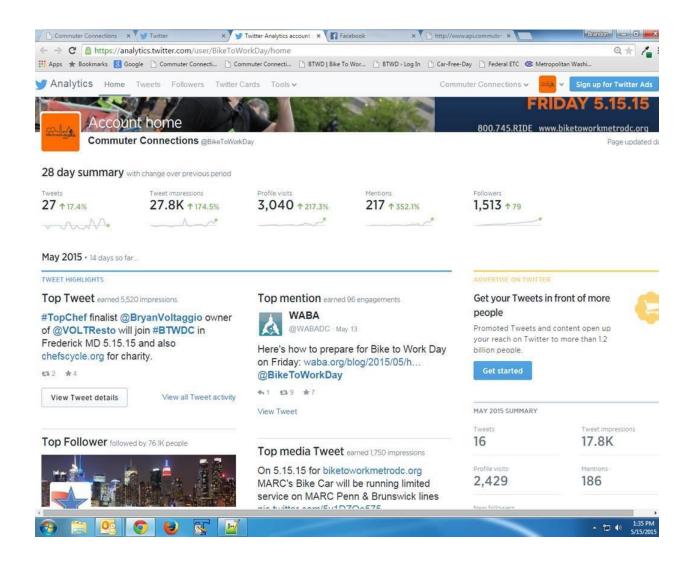


RT @bikearlington: The Ballston #BtWDC pit stop will have @DJNeekola providing music all morning! Get registered: bit.ly/1GRvDhx



Bike to Work Day
Twitter Analytics

Dr. Gridlock: Bike to Work Day is Friday and the weather forecast is... wapo.st/1cBxJdk



Earned Media

Television – WJLA ABC 7





Event Photos





Congressman Don Beyer, photo courtesy BikeArlington

photo courtesy DC Bike Blogger





Blogs

Local bloggers received event information and an offer

to get their own BTWD t-shirt to encourage buzz about the Bike to Work Day event.

- 1) Popville, Dan Silverman
- 2) Greater Greater Washington, Jonathan Krall
- 3) Wash Cycle
- 4) DCist, Matt Cohen
- 5) Beyond DC, Dan Malouff

DATA @livemore Ad - May/June 2015 Issue



Clarke County and Winchester, Va., are a short drive west past Leesburg. Once you're west of the ridge, life really slows down. Berryville, the county seat of west past Letsing.

If really slows down. Berryville, the county seat or government, features the lovely Rose Hill Park, where musicians play on Friday nights throughout summer. The town has eateries and shops to satisfy hungry and the same of th

ristoric downtown Winchester—15 miles west of Berryville—has a walking mall chock full of Southern hip, a terrific variety of food, from comfort to fusion elegance.

venue for informal education—and is especially great for the way the activities create connections between kids and their parents or grandparents who bring them.

What really works at the Discovery Museum is the way exhibits engage people of all ages and backgrounds—grabbing each kid at their own level, each adult with some curiosity-inducing puzzle.

There are educational programs throughout the year, as well as activities meant to bring together artists and

other creatives.

Check out the website before you go to get a lay of the land and what to expect when visiting with small children: www.discoverymuseum.net.



BUNWELL MORGAN Mill
Located in the tiny hamlet of Millwood, the mill was built for Nathaniel Burwell by Gen. Daniel Morgan and others in the mid-1780s. Sometime after the mill closed its doors in 1953, a local businessman bought it for a restaurant site—when he decided against the project he sold it to the Clarke County Historical Association for \$1.

Now, on weekends May through November, visitors om far and near come to see the grist mill at work rinding corn meal of colorful varieties and wheat

mill comes from local farms. Volunteer millers offer up one-conouc history lessons to all comers on the inner workings of the gears and grinding stones, the building, and the village that sprang up and flourished around the

The mill is also the home of the Clarke County The mill is also the home of the Clarke County Historical Association's popular Art at the Mill. Open this year on weekends through May 10, the program exhibits the works of many of the Valley's finest artists. Proceeds from the sales benefit the CCHA. Learn more at www.clarkehistory.org.





75+ pit stops located in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia Pre-Register by May 8 for Free T-Shirt* and Bike Raffles Free Food, Beverages and Giveaways at All Locations

biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800.745.7433

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Employer Recognition Awards

The Employer Recognition Awards program recognizes employers who voluntarily initiate worksite commute programs to assist their employees. The nomination period ended January 31, 2015 and the Selection Committee met on March 19th. Winners and nominees will be honored at the eighteenth annual awards ceremony June 30, 2015 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. A video, invitations, podium sign, print ad, and program booklet were developed for the 2015 awards ceremony. Giveaways and trophies were ordered.

Invitation





'Pool Rewards



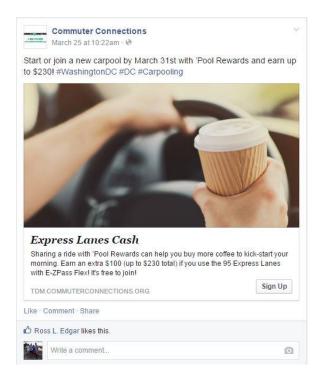
Spring Campaign

A combination of Facebook and TV paid media ran in the spring to promote the benefits and incentives of the 'Pool Rewards program. The spring 2015 newsletter also included an article to employers touting the benefits and cost-savings of Ridesharing and encourage registration for the 'Pool Rewards incentive program.

Message Strategy

Paid spots began March 24th with Facebook promoting both 'Pool Rewards and the 95 Express Lanes extra incentive through March 31st. April 1 through June 15th, the Facebook buy promoted the benefits of 'Pool Rewards ridesharing. Starting May 4th, NBC4 began airing on alternate Rideshare weeks and will end June 21st. Ads on both Facebook and NBC4 encourage commuters to find a partner to start a new carpool/vanpool and save.

Facebook Ads





NBC4 Television Ad (:30 seconds)

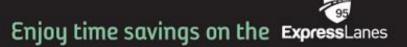






GWRideConnect

Online banner - 95 Express Lanes bonus incentive



Carpools of 3 travel TOLL-FREE with *E-ZPass'Flex*"

Plus, 'POOL REWARD\$ provides \$2.00 cash / day

for members of newly-formed carpools*

* additional rules & restrictions apply

COMMUTER CONNECTIONS can help you find carpool partners!



Geographic Targeting

Washington D.C. DMA

'Pool Rewards Spring Budget TV Facebook	MWCOG	Gross Dollars
Spring Budget	Cost	
TV	\$20,910	\$24,600.00
Facebook	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,529.50
Total Budget	\$23,910	\$28,129.50

Commuter Connections Newsletter and Federal ETC Insert

Winter and Spring editions of the Commuter Connections Newsletter were produced during the second half of FY2015. The six page 4-color newsletters are produced and distributed quarterly to approximately 8,000 employers and stakeholders. It is also placed in .pdf format on the Commuter Connections web site. Newsletters with a Black & White federal ETC insert were distributed in PDF form to federal Employee Transportation Coordinators via GSA and also placed online at www.federaletc.org.

Winter 2015 Newsletter and Federal ETC Insert









Clean Air Partners

Commuter Connections provided a \$10,000 sponsorship toward the Clean Air Partners marketing campaign for FY2015. Radio advertising will include mention of Commuter Connections' sponsorship, and other non-broadcast ads will contain the Commuter Connections logo.





Appendix A

Performance Measures

Web Visits

Month	FY 2014 Web Visits	FY 2015 Web Visits	+/-	+/- %
Jan	6,754	12,308	5,554	82.2%
Feb	6,397	10,960	4,563	71.3%
March	8,336	14,919	6,583	79.0%
April	9,183	14,185	5,002	54.5%
May	11,881	15,306	3,425	28.8%
	42,551	67,678	25,127	59.1%

Phone Calls

Month	FY 2014 Phone Calls	FY 2015 Phone Calls	+/- %	
Jan	1,932	1,517	(415)	-21.5%
Feb	1,548	1,273	(275)	-17.8%
March	1,803	1,331	(472)	-26.2%
April	2,169	1,479	(690)	-31.8%
May	2,139	1,392	(747)	-34.9%
	9.591	6.992	(2.599)	-27.1%

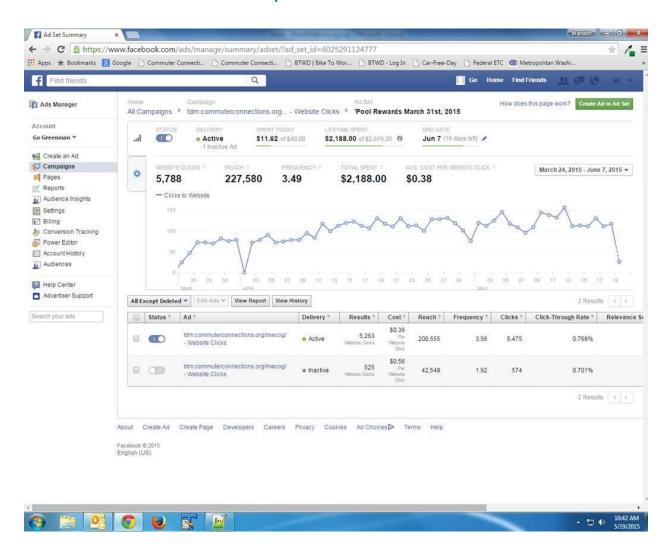
GRH Applications

Month	GRH FY 2014 Applications	GRH FY 2015 Applications	Change	%
Jan	884	1,001	117	13.2%
Feb	922	994	72	7.8%
March	668	929	261	39.1%
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Rideshare Applications

Month	Rideshare FY 2014 Applications	Rideshare FY 2015 Applications	Change	%
Jan	868	724	-144	-16.6%
Feb	707	1,216	509	72.0%
March	1,075	1,035	-40	-3.7%
	2,650	2,975	325	12.3%

Commuter Conections Facebook Analytics

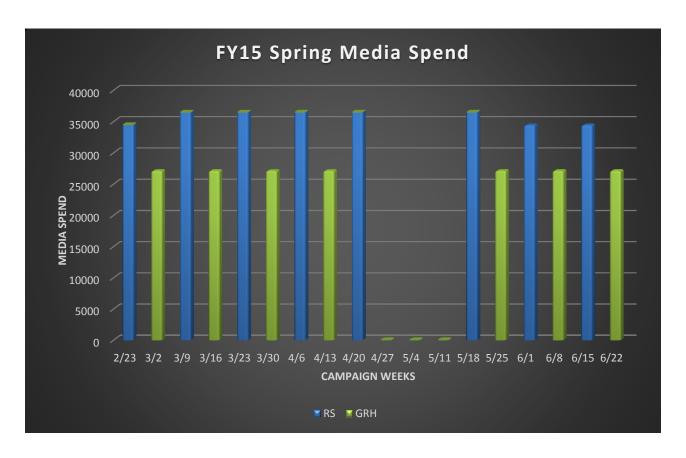


Appendix B FY2015 Spring Media Schedules

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		WLZL	Spanish	107.9	2/23-6/15/2015																		
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Appendix C
FY2015 2nd Half Paid Media Spend



Note: BTWD weeks are 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11.