



Philadelphia Unemployment Project

Commuter Options

Getting Philly to Work

Commuter Options continues to provide safe, reliable transportation and job opportunities to Philadelphians by providing access to higher paying suburban jobs using van pools.

\$21.00

MEDIAN WAGE

We have an average wage of \$19.70 for all current participants. Wages have increased since the pandemic.

69 %

RIDERSHIP INCREASE

From February 2021 to February 2023, our ridership has increased from 43 riders to 75 riders as we have increased our outreach and employers.

95 %

PHILADELPHIANS OF COLOR

Over 95% of our riders are Black or Latino. 83% of our riders are immigrants from Haiti, the Dominican Republic or Mexico.



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TO MAKE A GREATER IMPACT



No. 01- Maintain and Expand our Funding

Our program relies on a **\$55,080 matching grant** from the City of Philadelphia to match funding from PennDOT. We need this match to continue. The new post-pandemic economy makes it possible to grow our program and get Philadelphians to better paying jobs. We believe it is a great time to **grow our city funding to \$300,000.**



No. 02- Connect Hundreds of Philadelphians to higher paid jobs

As we reach out to more companies, we will partner with employers to provide jobs and transportation to over 200 Philadelphians, particularly young people of color in the poorest parts of our city. **This program fights poverty, violence, and the lack of transportation access through quality jobs and transit assistance.**



No. 03- The funds come back to our city & communities.

Our program already pays for the City's investment through wage taxes of commuters in higher paid suburban jobs. **Any expansion of the program would continue to pay for itself through increased wage taxes of the riders.** The money earned by Commuter Options riders mostly gets spent in Philadelphia, multiplying the original investment.



Questions or comments?

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