Tax Credit for Employers

What is the Maryland Commuter Tax Credit?

Whether you choose to let the commuter pay through payroll deduction, cover the full cost of a clean commute, or share the cost – you are helping your employees and your bottom line. Commuter Choice voucher programs are easy to implement, and save money for both you and your employees, no matter how you choose to contribute.

Employer-paid or shared-pay:

Maryland offers an income tax credit program for employers who provide commuting benefits to their employees. These benefits might include transit passes, vanpools, and "Cash Out" parking reimbursement.

An employer may claim a tax credit for 50% of their costs for providing qualified commuter benefits, up to a maximum of \$30 per participating employee per month (based on a \$60 monthly expense).

Employee-paid option:

If you'd like to provide a transit benefit, but cannot contribute toward the cost of your employees' commute, Commuter Choice offers an easy to administer voucher program, which allows your workers to purchase transit and vanpool rides with pre-tax earnings. As an employer, you then benefits from reduced payroll taxes.

No matter which option you choose, you're helping your employees, your community and your environment.

To find out more about the program, contact **rideshare@baltometro.org**, or visit <u>Commuter Choice Maryland</u>.