

SAVE 25%
on transit
passes!

*Easy*Ride

== COMMUTER PROGRAM ==

See why **you** should
get on board!



FORT WORTH TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
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Employer Benefits

- Receive a federal tax deduction for transit expenses (see insert)
- Reduce parking costs and capacity needs
- Lower stress levels for employees
- Use as a tool to recruit and retain staff
- Show commitment to sustainability and going green

Employee Benefits

- Your company may offer a pre-tax transit spending account
- Gain a new benefit when company pays part or all of the cost
- Access dependable transportation
- Eliminate parking expenses and hassles
- Improve health by walking or riding your bike to your stop
- Reduce stress, vehicle wear-and-tear, and traffic congestion

"I'm a big supporter of public transit because it just makes sense. Buses and trains can get you where you need to go and save you money along the way. With more options on the horizon, we'll have even more choices on where and when to go."

– Ann Zadeh, City Councilwoman District 9

The FWTA offers several pass options.

Local Pass

Valid on FWTA buses & TRE between Fort Worth and CentrePort

PASS	Regular Price	EasyRide Price
Monthly	\$80	\$60
Annual*	\$800	\$600

Regional Pass

Valid on all buses and trains of FWTA, TRE, DART, and DCTA

PASS	Regular Price	EasyRide Price
Monthly	\$160	\$120
Annual*	\$1600	\$1200

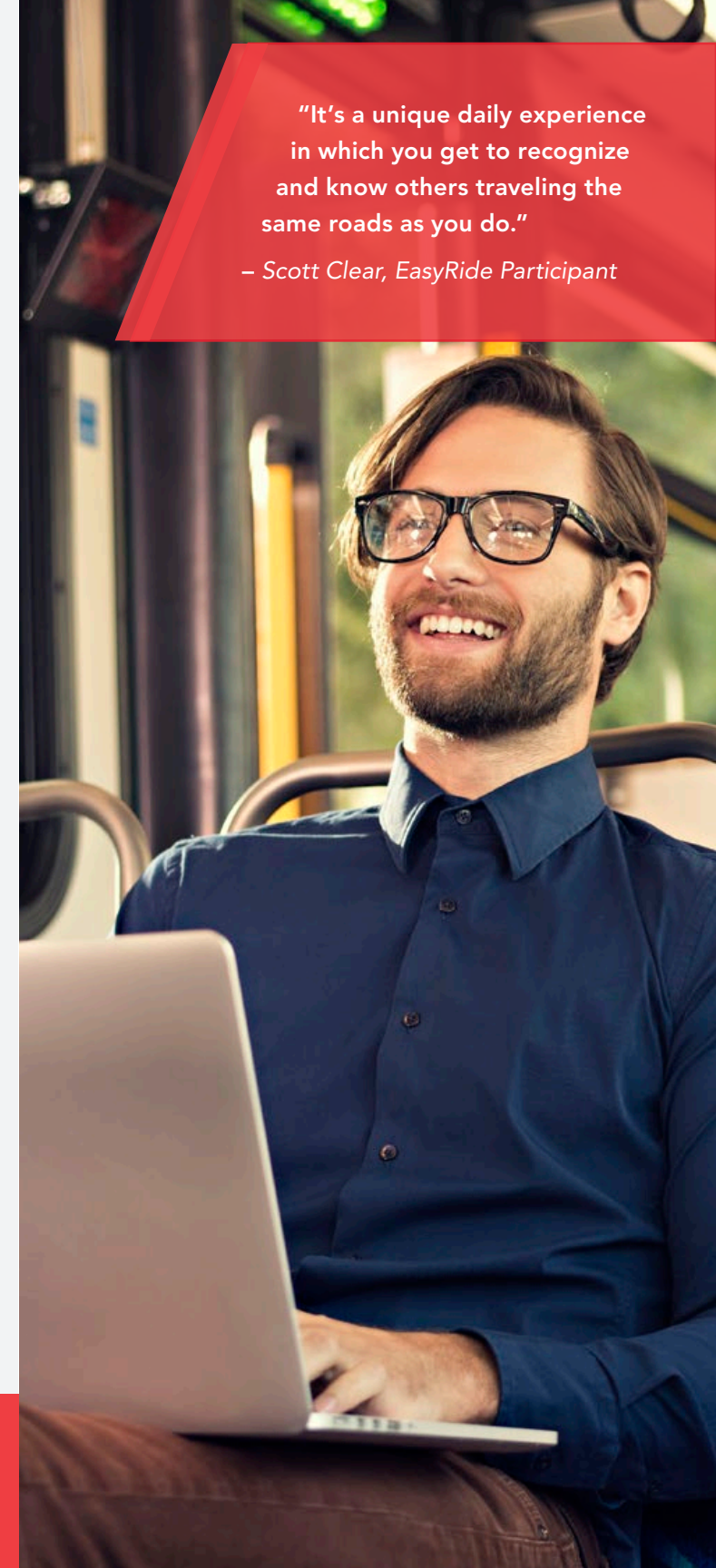
*Prorate available through July

DFW commuters save more than \$9000 annually when they convert to public transit.*

*Based on transit savings reported by AAA, 6/2/2017

"It's a unique daily experience in which you get to recognize and know others traveling the same roads as you do."

– Scott Clear, EasyRide Participant



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Getting started is easy!

1. The employer and FWTA complete an EasyRide agreement.
2. The employer provides their employees an application form with a dedicated company code.
3. The employees use the code to gain online access to purchase discounted passes.

Transit options include:

- Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA)
- Trinity Railway Express (TRE)
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
- Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)



The Fort Worth Transportation Authority is proud to be a Blue Zones Project Approved worksite.

TEXRail

Coming Soon

TEXRail is a 27-mile commuter rail line that will run from downtown Fort Worth, across northeast Tarrant County, through North Richland Hills and Grapevine, to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport's Terminal B. The service will begin in late 2018.

LEARN MORE AT TEXRail.com

For more information or to determine eligibility, call **817-215-8700** or email us at **easyride@FWTA.org**

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City of Fort Worth
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GFF Architects
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Holiday Inn Express Fort Worth
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Litex Industries, Limited
Macy's
Masonic Temple
NBC Universal, Channel 5
Omni Fort Worth
Oncor Electric Delivery
RadioShack
Sheraton Fort Worth
Tarrant County College
Tarrant County Government
The Fort Worth Club
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TPG Equity Firm
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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
UNT Health Science Center
UNO's Pizzeria
Workforce Solutions
XTO Energy, Inc.

== The Guaranteed == Ride Home Program

Unplanned overtime? Family or medical emergency? No need to worry about getting a ride home. With Fort Worth Transportation Authority's Guaranteed Ride Home Program (GRHP), participants can get transportation back home or to a Park & Ride lot (wherever you left your car). If you have an EasyRide Pass, you're all set!

How it works for you

1. Get a Calling Card

You need a GRHP Calling Card that identifies you as a participant. If you don't have one, call 817-336-RIDE (7433) to be issued a card. You will also need to show the driver your transit pass.

2. Call for a Ride

When an emergency arises, call the number on your GRHP Card and provide the dispatcher with details. Request a wheelchair accessible vehicle if needed.

3. Show Your Card

When your taxi arrives to pick you up, show the driver your GRHP Calling Card and transit pass.

4. Co-Pay

You pay the driver a \$5 co-pay and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority pays the balance.

The Guaranteed Ride Home Program may be used up to two times in a three-month period, which begins with your first use.

Tax Savings for Employers and Employees

The Federal tax code for 2016 allows employers to offer up to \$255 per month (\$3,060 per year) in transit, tax free. According to the IRS Code Sec. 132(f), qualified transportation fringe benefits, such as transit passes, can be excluded from income for tax purposes.

- Employers receive a tax deduction by covering transit pass costs. The current maximum dollar amount more than covers the Fort Worth Transportation Authority's current monthly maximum charge of \$120.
- Employees save pre-tax income by using a flexible commuter spending account, which is set up through the employer's payroll system.

For more information, contact us at
easyride@FWTA.org or 817.215.8700

Travel Tools to get Around Town

Download the NextBus and GoPass apps to help you travel around Tarrant County and more!

- **NextBus** allows you to view real-time schedules from your mobile device. Open the app, select "Fort Worth the T," then pick your route, destination and stop.
- With **GoPass**, type in your starting point address along with your destination. It will calculate your transit options indicating the travel time and distance of your trip.

It's that simple!

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