How to Start a Vanpool

1) **Register at vRide.com**
   vRide is a nationwide ride sharing platform that allows you an economical way to work. By vRiding you will save up to $5,000 on your way to work. Register at vRide.com to start a vanpool or join an existing one.

2) **Advertise your route**
   Prospective riders can be friends, acquaintances, neighbors, co-workers or anyone who travels the same route you do at the same time you do. Once you have identified prospective riders, ask them to help you recruit additional participants. The more passengers you can recruit, the lower your monthly cost will be!
   
   You can also use vRide.com to advertise your route and recruit more riders. Or, ask your vRide representative to provide customized posters, Riders Wanted flyers and New Vanpools Forming flyers to help you get the word out.

3) **Hold a group formation meeting**
   Meet with potential riders to work out vanpool details and estimate monthly expenses. Do introductions, determine route and schedule, select your vanpool vehicle, estimate a start-up date and discuss van rules and procedures. A vRide representative will be happy to meet with your group or hold a conference call. Simply call 1-800-VAN-RIDE to set up an appointment.

4) **Identify your drivers**
   Each vRide vanpool needs one Volunteer Primary Driver and Alternate Drivers to fill in when necessary. Submit Driver applications to vRide and transit benefit requests to your FOC/ETC, if applicable.

5) **Determine start date and collect first month’s payment**
   Your local vRide representative will assist in estimating your monthly expenses, based on the distance of your group’s commute and the size and type of van you choose.

6) **vRide will deliver the van to you**
   vRide delivers the van and provides a Rules of the Road guideline.

7) **Get in the van... and GO!**