

OP 18: Support for Sustainable Transportation

2 points available

A. Credit Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that support active transportation and commuting alternatives for its students and employees. Encouraging more sustainable modes of transportation and offering programs to reduce commuting helps decrease local air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

B. Criteria

Institution has implemented one or more of the following strategies to encourage more sustainable modes of transportation and reduce the impact of student and employee commuting. The institution:

- Provides secure bicycle storage (not including office space), shower facilities, and lockers for bicycle commuters. The storage, shower facilities and lockers are co-located in at least one building/location that is accessible to all commuters.
- Provides short-term bicycle parking (e.g., racks) for all occupied buildings and makes long-term bicycle storage available for students who live on-site (if applicable). Long-term bicycle storage may include bicycle depots/hubs/stations, indoor bicycle rooms, and/or bicycle cages/secure bicycle parking areas. Standard public bicycle racks are not sufficient for long-term storage.
- Has a bicycle and pedestrian plan or policy (or adheres to a local community plan/policy) that sets standards and practices for campus streets to enable safe access for all users (e.g., a “complete streets” or bicycle accommodation policy)
- Has a bicycle-sharing program or participates in a local bicycle-sharing program.
- Offers free or reduced price transit passes and/or operates a free campus shuttle for commuters. The transit passes may be offered by the institution itself, through the larger university system of which the institution is a part, or through a regional program provided by a government agency.
- Offers a guaranteed return trip (GRT) program to regular users of alternative modes of transportation
- Participates in a car/vanpool or ride sharing program and/or offers reduced parking fees or preferential parking for car/vanpoolers
- Participates in a car sharing program, such as a commercial car-sharing program, one administered by the institution, or one administered by a regional organization
- Has one or more Level 2 or Level 3 electric vehicle recharging stations that are accessible to student and employee commuters
- Offers a telecommuting program for employees, either as a matter of policy or as standard practice
- Offers a condensed work week option that reduces employee commuting (as a matter of policy or as standard practice)
- Has incentives or programs to encourage employees to live close to campus
- Other strategies to reduce the impact of commuting (e.g., preferred parking for fuel-efficient vehicles, cash-out of parking programs)

C. Applicability

This credit applies to all institutions.

D. Scoring

Institutions earn 0.2 points for each initiative described above. Institutions with ten or more of the initiatives listed earn the maximum of 2 points available for this credit.

E. Reporting Fields

Required

- ☐ Has the institution implemented the following strategies to encourage more sustainable modes of transportation and reduce the impact of student and employee commuting?
 - Provides secure bicycle storage (not including office space), shower facilities, and lockers for bicycle commuters (the storage, shower facilities and lockers are co-located in at least one building/location that is accessible to all commuters)
 - Provides short-term bicycle parking for all occupied buildings and makes long-term bicycle storage available for students who live on-site (if applicable)
 - Has a bicycle and pedestrian plan or policy (or adheres to a local community plan/policy) that sets standards and practices for campus streets to enable safe access for all users (e.g., a [“complete streets” or bicycle accommodation policy](#))
 - Has a bicycle-sharing program or participates in a local bicycle-sharing program
 - Offers free or reduced price transit passes and/or operates a free campus shuttle for commuters
 - Offers a [guaranteed return trip program](#) to regular users of alternative modes of transportation
 - Participates in a car/vanpool or ride sharing program and/or offers reduced parking fees or preferential parking for car/vanpoolers
 - Participates in a car sharing program, such as a commercial car-sharing program, one administered by the institution, or one administered by a regional organization
 - Has one or more Level 2 or Level 3 [electric vehicle recharging stations](#) that are accessible to student and employee commuters
 - Offers a telecommuting program for employees as a matter of policy or standard practice
 - Offers a condensed work week option that reduces employee commuting (as a matter of policy or standard practice)
 - Has incentives or programs to encourage employees to live close to campus
 - Other strategies to reduce the impact of commuting (e.g., preferred parking for fuel-efficient vehicles, cash-out of parking programs)

For each strategy the institution has implemented, provide:

- A brief description of the program or initiative

Optional

- ☐ The website URL where information about the programs or initiatives is available
- ☐ Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- ☐ Data source(s) and notes about the submission

- Contact information for a responsible party (a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)

F. Measurement

Timeframe

Report on current programs, practices and plans at the time of submission.

Sampling and Data Standards

Not applicable

G. Standards and Terms

Complete streets or bicycle accommodation policy

A complete streets policy sets standards and practices for campus streets to enable safe access for all users, i.e. such that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a complete street. A bicycle accommodation policy is similar, but addresses safe street access for bicyclists only.

Electric vehicle recharging stations

Level 2 electric vehicle recharging stations are 208 – 240 volt AC chargers. Level 3 chargers include very high voltages (e.g. 300 - 600 volts DC) and currents, and may also include AC “fast charging” stations (“Level 3 AC”).

Guaranteed return trip program

Guaranteed return trip (GRT) programs support users of alternative modes of transportation by providing transportation in cases of emergencies, for example illnesses, family emergencies or the absence of a carpool and vanpool vehicle.