

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

# RIDESHARE



**Rideshare:** A common term used to describe various modes including vanpool, carpool, slugging, and services like uberPOOL or Lyft Line; but do you really know the difference? Use the definitions and the chart below to determine which transportation option is best for your commute or for a trip to the grocery store.

**Carpool:** A group of commuters, colleagues, or friends traveling in a privately-owned vehicle to a similar destination. This mode is typically used for commuting, but commonly used for other non-commute related trips.

**On-Demand (uberPOOL/Lyft Line):** A service provided by a Transportation Network Company (e.g., Uber, Lyft) that matches drivers and passengers in real-time based on destination, administered through an app before a trip begins.

**Slugging:** Another unique rideshare option where commuters are picked up at Park & Ride lots by drivers in a privately-owned vehicle, typically outside the Beltway. Neither rider nor driver know each other, but are able to access HOV/HOT lanes for free by meeting HOV requirements and using an E-ZPass Flex.

**Vanpool:** A group of commuters (recommended: at least 5 passengers) traveling in a rented or leased van to a similar destination. This mode is solely used for commuting. Workers can use commuter benefits to help pay for a vanpool.

	Carpool	On-Demand (uberPOOL/Lyft Line)	Slugging	Vanpool
<b>TYPES OF TRIPS</b>				
Best used for commutes, with set schedules	X		X	X
Best used for single one-off trips	X	X		
Best used for personal trips	X	X		
Best used for midday work meetings	X	X		
<b>REWARDS &amp; BENEFITS</b>				
Eligible for the IRS \$260/month transit benefit		X*		X
Eligible for Commuter Connections' Pool Rewards	X			X
<b>OTHER INFORMATION</b>				
Other riders are predetermined	X	X		X
Access to HOV/HOT** lanes	X	X	X	X
Financial savings for riders	X	X	X	X
Financial savings for drivers	X		X	X

\*Only available through select commuter benefits prepaid cards and in certain cities. More info here: [uberPOOL](#) | [Lyft Line](#)

\*\*Access available based on HOV/HOT lane restrictions, with an E-ZPass Flex transponder.

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