

Cut Your Commute Costs

ENROLL IN PRE-TAX COMMUTER BENEFITS!



As a DCPS staff member you can deduct public transit costs directly from your paycheck, which reduces your taxes and increases your take-home pay.

How do I start saving?

1 Figure out how much you currently spend (or plan to spend) on transit every month.

Use WMATA's Trip Planner to determine how much your route will cost.

wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner/

2 Make sure you have a **SmarTrip®** card. You will need to register your card online to be able to receive transit benefits.

Buy a SmarTrip® Card at any Metrorail Station or go to wmata.com/fares/stores.cfm for other locations.

3 Visit **benefitresource.com** to sign up for your pre-tax commuter benefits account.

Any questions you have during the enrollment process can be directed to DCPS HR at dcps.benefits@dc.gov.

ALL SET!

The allotted funds will be loaded bi-weekly on your Beniversal Prepaid MasterCard™ for you to add on your SmarTrip card®.

HERE'S THE MATH!

Shannon earns \$64,288 annually and spends \$1,800 per year on transit. By using pre-tax commuter benefits she saves \$651 a year on transportation costs.

Example representative of average tax rates for single filing without dependents. Source for annual tax calculator: smartasset.com/taxes/district-of-columbia-tax-calculator

Buying transit fare **WITH** pre-tax benefits



\$64,288	Earnings
- \$1,800	Pre-tax transit deduction
- \$14,571	Estimated taxes
= \$47,917	Take-home pay
- \$0	Transit costs
= \$47,917	Money in your pocket!

Buying transit fare **WITHOUT** pre-tax benefits



\$64,288	Earnings
- \$0	Pre-tax transit deduction
- \$15,222	Estimated taxes
= \$49,066	Take-home pay
- \$1,800	Transit costs
= \$47,266	Money in your pocket!