



Transit tax benefit

Recent congressional action increased the federal transit tax benefit. The result was that a transit rider can now claim up to \$255 per month free of Federal tax towards the purchase of transit service. This benefit obtained through an employer provides up to a 40% savings on the cost of commuting on transit for an employee. The increase from \$130 to \$255 means that all Metra monthly ticket zone fares are either fully or substantially covered (only the 5 stations in zones K and M are not fully covered). Pace and CTA fares are fully covered. New products from the RTA make it easier for the commuter to participate and provide even more savings for the employer. *Information on how to sign up is described below:*

Transit Benefits: It's the RIDE Thing to Do

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If you're looking for a way to save on your commuting costs, consider signing up for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Transit Benefit Fare program. It's a great benefit that saves employees up to 40% annually on commuting costs while also reducing the company's payroll taxes. It's simple to enroll and the cost savings and environmental benefits are priceless.

The RTA Transit Benefit Fare program is easy and affordable. It serves more than 1,400 companies throughout the Chicago region. Over 22,000 employees enjoy the benefit of saving money while commuting on the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, Pace, South Shore, Amtrak, Chicago Water Taxi, and other public transportation providers. The low-cost program is easy for organizations to administer and manage, and provides a one-stop shop for all your employees' transit needs.

Here's how it works:

1. Check with your employer to see if they offer the RTA Transit Benefit Fare program.
2. If they offer the program, sign up!
3. If your employer doesn't offer the program, encourage them to enroll in the program by visiting www.mytransitbenefit.com or contacting the RTA at 312.913.3230.
4. Once your employer has enrolled into the RTA Transit Benefit Fare program, just sign up!

It's that simple!

Did you know that public transportation can save time and money, and produce environmental and health benefits as well? According to the [American Public Transportation Association](http://www.apta.com), employees who commute using transit rather than driving and parking can save up to \$916 monthly and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, employees who commute using transit get up to three times more physical activity per day than employees who commute by car. How's that for stress reduction?

Learn more about the RTA Transit Benefit Fare program by visiting www.mytransitbenefit.com.