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REGIONAL: RIDESHARE SERVICE OFFERS CARPOOL OPTIONS FOR COMMUTERS

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For Bay Area residents concerned with the financial or environmental impacts of rising gasoline prices, a rideshare program that encourages drivers to carpool is underway.

Free bridge tolls and fewer gas payments are just two benefits from 511 Rideshare, a free service that matches drivers with carpool partners who live and work nearby, according to the program.

According to Rideshare's Commute Calculator, a commuter who drives 30 miles alone one-way to work spends an average of \$1,270 per year on gas, maintenance and repairs, with gas costing \$3 per gallon.

To join 511 Rideshare or learn more about the program, visit www.rideshare.511.org.
