



MCEDD has worked with the eastern Oregon-based nonprofit Commute Options since 2010 to offer Wasco and Sherman county employers an effective employee benefit tool that helps large and small employers address employee commute issues and enhance job satisfaction. This year the Commute Options Partner program has expanded to include employers based in Hood River County.

As a bonus for new employers signing up in early 2021, we are including kick-off challenges with gift cards from local businesses as prizes. This is your chance to launch into 2021 with a great new program for your employees! Call Kathy Fitzpatrick, MCEDD Mobility Manager, to find out more (541-400-0124).

What is the Commute Options Partner program?

The Commute Options Partner (COP) program changes personal travel behavior, improving health, saving money, and reducing parking needs. Joining the Commute Options Partner (COP) program gets you a wide variety of benefits.

Commute Options will provide you a customized transportation options plan, process and pay for incentives to employees, host Challenges and events, and provide presentations, brochures, posters, training materials, and a website promoting non-drive alone commuting choices. We can talk to you about bicycle commuter and business energy tax benefits, bike parking installation, transit options, carpool coordination, bicycle commuter safety, and [The Oregon Friendly Driver training](#).

Employees at your business track their trips walking, biking, carpooling, vanpooling, riding the bus, and teleworking using the [Get There Oregon website](#) to earn a \$20 gift certificate of their choice for every 45 points they log.