

BEST WORKPLACES FOR COMMUTERS

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL



BWC: Houston-Galveston Area

- 2003 H-GAC launched BWC program in partnership with EPA
- To date 103 BWC Employers have been recognized
- EPA Program overwhelmingly viewed as a positive partnership between government and the corporate community



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Companies in our region most often offer commuter-friendly options such as:

- Mass transit passes
- Vanpooling and Carpooling Incentives
- Teleworking
- Alternative Work Schedules
- Amenities to Bikers
- NuRiding



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Commute Solutions partnership with EPA

- Focus on Fortune 500 companies
- Partners are qualified by EPA
- Partnership has reduced over 300 tons of NOx
- Saved 12 million gallons of fuel
- Saved \$28 million in fuel costs
- Reduced drive alone commuting by 266 million miles



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- Houston Region does not meet federal air quality standards for ozone.
- Major SIP commitment for emission reductions from mobile source sector - Voluntary Mobile Emissions Program (VMEPS)
- BWC has directly influenced the participation in all commuter benefit programs resulting in significant increased VMEP emissions reductions.



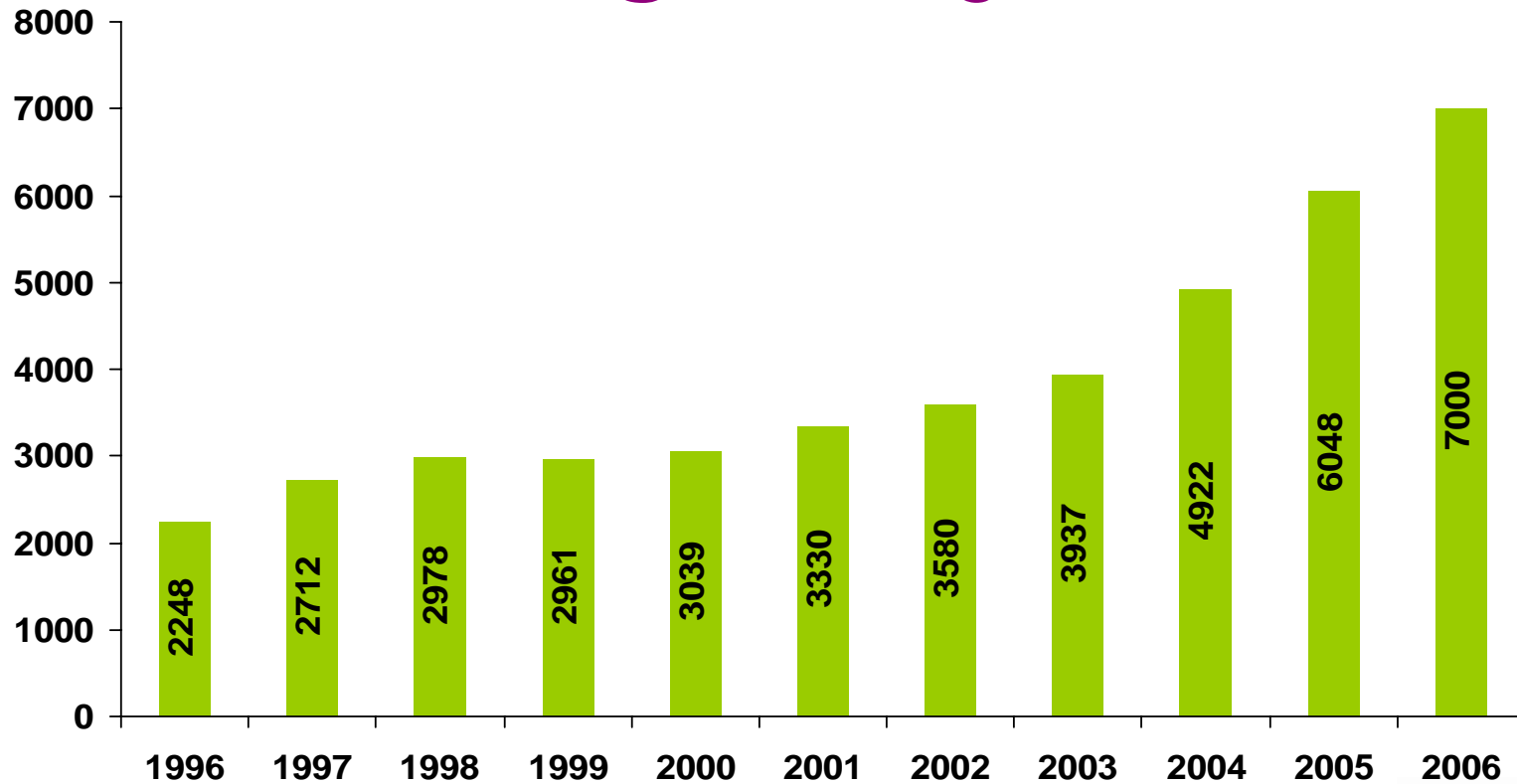
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With 103 BWC Employers:

- Over 7,000 vanpoolers—156 million (est.) VMT reductions from 2003
- Over 5,000 NuRiders (carpooling/ridesharing) with over 5 million VMT reductions from July 2005
- Over 850 teleworkers with 9.9 million VMT reductions in a one year period



Vanpool Ridership History Through July 2006



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- Commute Solutions program, especially BWC continues to grow
- Program has become a great spotlight for area Employers



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