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## Commute Costs

San Francisco is the city with the second longest commute time in the U.S. with an average round-trip of [59.20 minutes](#).<sup>1</sup> Commuting by car consumes time and a great deal of money and causes greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. Find out more about the total costs related to driving to work and how to avoid them.

### How much does it cost to drive to work per day?

The information included in this factsheet is based on the most recent information available.<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> Deviations based on different locations may occur.

#### Fuel

Maintenance, Repair, Tires  
Insurance  
License, Registration, Taxes  
Depreciation  
Finance Charge

#### Monthly parking in Downtown San Francisco

(otherwise daily parking fee of \$30-50 needs to be considered)

#### SF – Oakland Bay Bridge Toll

Average Total Cost per Mile: \$0.56<sup>2</sup>

Average costs Monthly Parking: \$350<sup>3</sup>

Costs: \$4.00 - \$6.00 <sup>4</sup>



Average commute costs based on Brookings 2015 report of 8 miles per way<sup>5</sup>

**\$26/day**

Within San Francisco

**\$32/day**

Across Bay Bridge

Note: If no monthly parking permit is available, add parking fee (\$30-50/day)

Sources:

- <sup>1</sup> [R.Half\(2017\)](#)
- <sup>2</sup> [AAA\(2017\)](#)
- <sup>3</sup> [Parking \(2017\)](#)
- <sup>4</sup> [BayBridge \(2018\)](#)
- <sup>5</sup> [Brookings \(2015\)](#)



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## Looking Ahead: Total Commute Costs for driving alone to work

The total commute costs include more than just the direct cost of driving alone to work. Lost time and wages need to be considered as well as the environmental impact by generating greenhouse gas emissions. The cost of an average commute by car per year and over a 30-year career is presented in the following table:

	<b>Costs per year</b>	<b>Costs over a 30-Year Career</b>
Out-of-pocket Costs	\$8,090	\$243,000
Lost Wages	\$8,550	\$257,000
<b>Total estimated Cost</b>	<b>= \$16,640</b>	<b>= \$500,000</b>
<a href="#">Click here to calculate your costs</a>		
<b>Lost Hours</b>	<b>257 hours</b>	<b>7,710 hours</b>
Lost 8-hour work days	32 days	963 days
<a href="#">Click here to calculate your time</a>		
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</b>	<b>3,600 lbs</b>	<b>108,000 lbs</b>
<a href="#">Click here to calculate your emissions</a>		

### Assumptions for Calculations:

- Days of work per year: 260
- Daily commute (round trip): 59.20 minutes<sup>1</sup>
- Average round trip: 16 miles<sup>2</sup>
- Average wage SF: \$33.34/hour<sup>3</sup>
- Fuel economy: 22 mpg national average<sup>4</sup>

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> [R.Half\(2017\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> [MercuryNews\(2015\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Brookings \(2015\)](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Bureau of Transportation Statistics\(2015\)](#)



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## Commute Costs to San Francisco by County (Representative Cities)

**Within San Francisco**  
(16 miles round trip)

**Oakland to San Francisco**  
(16 miles round trip)

**San Jose to San Francisco**  
(100 miles round trip)

**Vallejo to San Francisco**  
(90 miles round trip)

**Driving alone (Costs per round trip)** (\$0.56/mile) + monthly parking (+ bridge tolls)

Car: \$26

Car: \$32

Car: \$73

Car: \$77

**Public Transit (Costs per round trip)** ([click here for more information](#))<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Muni: \$5

BART: \$7

BART: \$22.60

BART/  
SolTrans: \$27.10

BART: \$4

Ferry: \$13.60

CalTrain: \$19.90

Ferry: \$28.40

**Public Transit (Monthly Pass)** ([click here for more information](#))<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Muni: \$75

Caltrain: \$278.60

Ferry: \$345

BART+Muni: \$94

\*assuming use of Clipper Card, where possible

**Carpooling** ([click here for more information](#))

Formal or Casual Carpooling arrangements can be a great alternative for commuters. Different low-cost models depending on mileage and specific routes are available. Costs are often equally shared between riders. Typical rates within San Francisco range from \$2-\$10<sup>4</sup> and usually do not exceed \$0.54/mile<sup>5</sup>.

Sources:

<sup>1</sup> [SFMTA](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Caltrain](#)

<sup>3</sup> [San Francisco Bay Ferry](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Scoop\(2018\)](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Waze\(2018\)](#)



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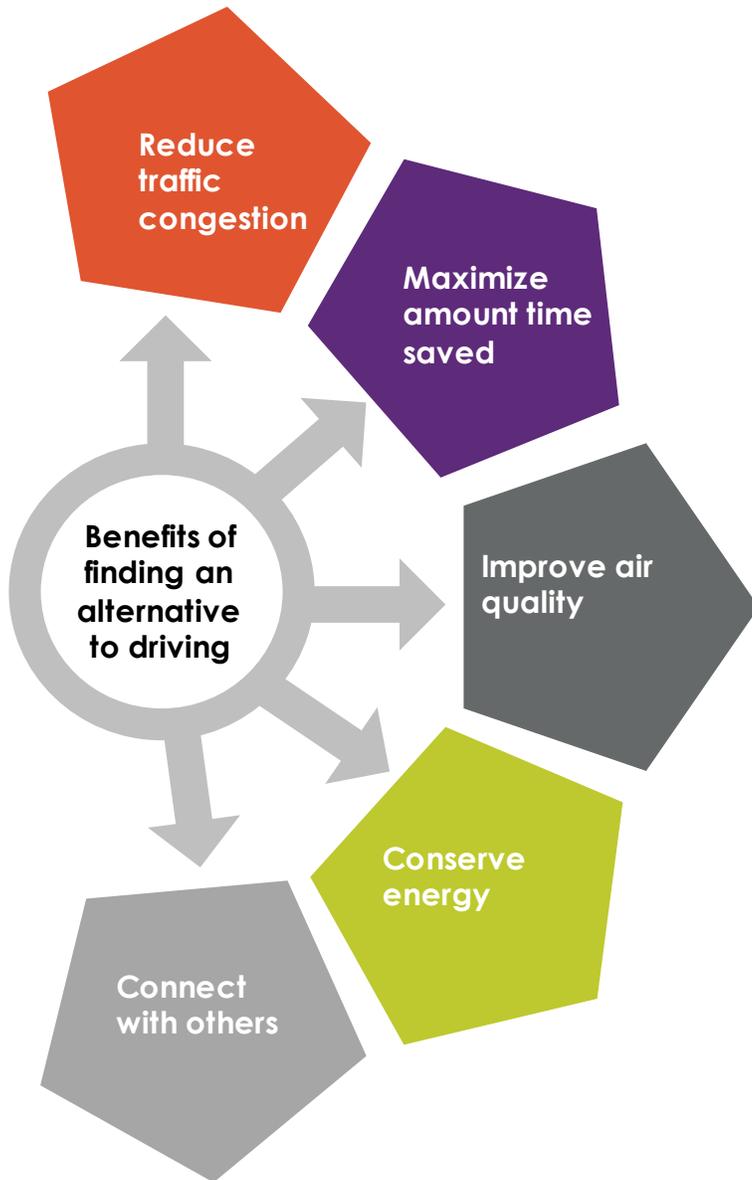


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## Benefits of Alternatives to Driving Alone

## Additional Commuter Resources



### Find the best alternatives for your daily commute:

We encourage you to visit [tmasfconnects.org](http://tmasfconnects.org) to learn about your commute options and how to make your trip to work more manageable and sustainable.

While you're at our website, check out our calendar of [Announcements](#) for all of our recently distributed information and the [ConnectsLink map](#) for real-time traffic, trip-planning, commute options, and amenities from the vantage point of your member building!

As a thank you to tenants in our member buildings for choosing good commute options, we raffle off Warriors tickets, Giants tickets, theater tickets, and more. [Register & enter to win](#) today!

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