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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Rising gas prices are leaving commuters fuming at the pumps. The Canadian Automobile Association reports that the average yearly cost to operate a car can be as much as \$8,000, or nearly \$22 per day! For Sport Utility Vehicle drivers, this number is significantly higher! The majority of Calgarians commute to work alone. By sharing the ride with a neighbour or co-worker, commuters can significantly reduce their commuting costs.

Commuter Connections offers a free service to those wishing to explore carpooling options through [www.carpool.ca](http://www.carpool.ca). All you have to do to find a potential carpool is to visit the website and register yourself on the database. The secure database will provide you with a list of potential candidates for carpooling, based on destination, location, work hours, music preference, and a variety of other factors. Should you wish to explore carpooling options, you can then contact any of the potential matches provided. Carpooling can be flexible - you can carpool every day or once a week. It's easy, and you make no commitment by signing up.

Carpooling only one day per week can reduce commuting costs by 10%. And this includes parking and vehicle maintenance costs.

**Note: The average vehicle burns about 12 litres of gasoline in one hour (~\$12.00).**

Carpooling is a commuting alternative that Canadians are embracing to relieve congestion, save money, and save the environment.

Calgary's carpool program is one of Canada's most successful carpool programs. And with over 8500 people in the database, it's easier than ever to find a neighbour to share your commute. Simply visit [www.carpool.ca](http://www.carpool.ca) and register. Request a "match list" and the system will do all the work based on your registration information. Contact people on the list, make some arrangements and start saving money. After all, 8500 smart commuters can't be wrong!

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