

# Rising Gas Prices Make Taking Transit a Bargain



According to a Chicago Tribune article dated February 13, 2013, the price of regular unleaded gas in the Chicago area is up 50¢ from a month ago to \$4.08 in the city to \$3.93 across the metro area. The American Public Transportation Association recently analyzed the costs of commuting by car, and found that those who use transit in the Chicago area saved an average of \$942 monthly with an annual savings of \$11,298. Chicago offers the fourth-highest average savings for transit users, behind only New York, Boston, and San Francisco. More information, as well as a transit savings calculator, is available at [www.publictransportation.org](http://www.publictransportation.org).

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Pace Suburban Bus provides route, schedule and fare information on suburban bus service. Information is also available for all of the Shuttle Bug routes that provide connecting service between Metra stations and area employers.

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If taking a bus or shuttle is not an option perhaps, ridesharing is for you! Pace has a variety of options to choose including vanpooling and carpooling, and a matching program to connect passengers and drivers. Pace Rideshare is a free, easy, and convenient service that connects commuters throughout the Chicagoland area who are interested in sharing their drive to work. The program gives residents and employees in Northeastern Illinois the ability to identify potential carpool partners quickly and securely. Contact possible carpoolers by e-mail to discuss what your needs and expectations are and you're on your way! Calculate commute costs for transit savings.

[www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)

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Metra is one of the nation's premier commuter rail systems. Their web site provides information on fares, schedules, stations, connecting services & tickets. Take Metra commuter trains to access Shuttle Bug service and avoid paying high gas prices. With about a 97% on-time performance rating, Metra provides a reliable, safe, comfortable, and economical alternative to driving.

[www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

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The Chicago Transit Authority provides bus and El service in Chicago and nearby suburbs. Their web site provides routes, schedules, fares and connections as well as information on Chicago Card/Plus.

[www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com)

**Customer Service 312-913-3110**

The Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) provides a commuter trip planner to provide commuters with information on which buses or trains to take.