



Making Your Commute Work

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

# METRO RAPID SERVICE LAUNCHES FEB. 3

This year, you're getting a raise. That's because every trip you take on the new CATS MetroRAPID service from North Mecklenburg saves you money.

Starting in February, the MetroRAPID will offer access to the new I-77 toll lanes at no added cost and can save you up to \$10 a day and more than \$3,000 a year. So you'll have the speed and savings you need to get from point A to point anywhere.



MetroRAPID Express Service			
48X Northcross Express	53X Northlake Express	63X Huntersville Express	77X North Mecklenburg Express
12 minute service during morning and evening rush hour from Northcross park and ride (exit 25) to Uptown.	20 minute service during morning and event rush hour from Northlake Mall Park and Ride and the Ridge Road Park and Ride to Uptown.	13 minute service during morning and evening rush hour from the Huntersville Gateway Park and Ride (exit 23) to Uptown.	Less than 20 minute service during morning and evening rush hour to Uptown Charlotte, the 77X serves the areas of Davidson and Cornelius.
Need more information? Visit <a href="#">here</a> for schedules and maps.			





We're already almost through January. How are your New Years Resolutions holding up?

When are you going to make a change with your commute? Tired of being stuck in traffic, stressed? Despite the toll lanes, doesn't I-77 still seem like a mess?

When you choose an alternative mode, such as carpooling, riding public transit or biking, you can gain many benefits, including cost savings, air quality improvements, improved well-being and even better quality of life. When you can check emails, read, surf the web or even just simply relax, you can start your day in a better mood and studies have shown that employees that have a more relaxed commute have improved productivity. **So, are you ready to kill it at work and on your commute? Take these tips to heart:**

- **Find a carpool buddy that's customized for you** – even if it's just a one-time trip or you're trying it out for the first time. Log onto [Share The Ride NC](#) and find carpool matches that are specific to your commute. You can even find a carpool partner just for one time trips.
- **Look for Park and Rides near you.** You may be thinking – I'd like to ride transit, but there isn't a bus stop near me. CATS has over 50 park and ride locations for you to park your vehicle safely and for free. These lots are located all over the region and can be a convenient location to pick up a CATS service. Find [yours](#) today.
- **Map your options.** Most commutes are multimodal, which means it's possible (and most likely) you'll use different modes to get to your destination. So, that means looking at all the options available to you. Can you bike to the CATS Park and Ride? It's all about looking for opportunities to not drive alone to work. It could look like taking the bus once a week, telecommuting or even just riding your bike to your business meeting instead of driving.
- **Get rewarded for doing the right thing.** OK, so we know you get many benefits on your own accord for using an alternative mode of transportation. However, CATS wants to take it a step further! Join [Share The Ride NC](#), log your alternative commutes and get **REWARDS** for logging. This month's drawing will include an Echo Dot, Fitness Tracker and monthly transit passes, among other items.

## Become an ETC Partner

Interested in becoming an ETC partner and learning how your company can earn discounts on CATS passes? Contact [ETCinterest@charlottenc.gov](mailto:ETCinterest@charlottenc.gov).

Stay informed and up to date about what's going on at CATS. Let us know your feedback!

 [@CATSRideTransit](#)

 [/CharlotteAreaTransitSystem](#)

Register to receive updates!

