

King County Metro Commuter Vans Transit Only vs. Bus Only lanes/exits

What it means for your Commuter Van in King County

King County Metro Commuter Vans enjoy certain privileges on the road, but please pay close attention to signage.

There is a distinction between **Transit Only** and **Bus Only** lanes, ramps and exits, and if not used properly may cause inconvenience and safety concerns for commuter groups and buses and may result in a costly fine at your expense.

Commuter Vans:

- ✓ **MAY** Pick up and drop off in **Transit Only** lanes *outside of the Seattle Central Business District* (downtown) **with the exception of all Park & Ride lots**. You **MAY NOT** use **Transit Only** lanes in any Park & Ride lots. When **using Transit Only** lanes in authorized areas to pick up or drop off passengers, move to the front of the lane and then leave immediately.
- ✓ **MAY** Use **Transit Only** lanes to access the freeways.
- ✓ **MAY** Use HOV lanes **only when carrying the required number of riders** in the van. Simply being a Metro vehicle does not allow for automatic use of these lanes.

Commuter Vans:

- ✓ **MAY NOT** use 'Bus Only' areas.
- ✓ **MAY NOT** use the **Montlake, Evergreen Point, Overlake Transit Center, Newport Hills Transit Center** or **Brickyard freeway flyer stops** due to safety issues.
- ✓ **MAY NOT** use the **direct access lane** used by Sound Transit to access the freeway at the **Ash Way Park & Ride**.
- ✓ **MAY NOT** pick up or drop off in any of the Park & Ride or Transit Center bus loading zones.

Contact the Group Rideshare Service Representative at 206-625-4500 if you have any questions. Please understand that additional restrictions to the **Transit Only** usage could materialize as safety factors are continually addressed and updated.

Thank you for being a King County Metro commuter vanpooler! Need help or have questions about your KC Metro Rideshare Commuter Van or your commute? Call us at 206-625-4500.



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