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# Agenda

Commute for Less with SmartBenefits®

How Does It Work? (includes a demo)

News You Can Use

**Customer Service** 

Q&A





## What is SmartBenefits®?

- SmartBenefits is a simple, fee-free way for employers to allow employees to commute tax-free\*.
- Employers may offer SmartBenefits as a direct employee benefit, a pre-tax payroll deduction, or a combination of both.
- 2020 IRS Monthly Commuter Benefit Maximums
  - Transit: \$270 per month
  - Parking: \$270 per month





<sup>\*</sup> IRS Qualified Transportation Fringe Benefits: 26 USC Section 132(f). Speak with your tax advisor.

# Sample Employee Tax Savings

EMPLOYEE SMARTBENEFITS® SAVINGS		TRANSIT ONLY \$270 / MONTH		PARKING ONLY \$104 / MONTH		TRANSIT & PARK \$374 / MONTH		
Annual Benefit or Payroll Deduction			\$	3,240		1,248		4,488
Federal Inc	ome Tax	22.00%		(713)		(275)		(988)
FICA: Social	Security	6.20%		(201)		(78)		(279)
FICA: Medic	care	1.45%		(47)		(19)		(66)
State Incom	ne Tax	7.00%		(227)		(88)		(315)
EMPLOYEE TAX SAVINGS			\$ (	1,188)	\$	(460)	\$ (	1,648)
Net Cost to Employee		\$	2,052	\$	788	\$	2,840	

An employee who travels from an end-ofline station and parks at a Metrorail station and commutes downtown could save nearly \$1,700 a year in taxes.

- Commuter Benefits & Taxes\*
  - Employees: Not taxed
  - Non-Profit Employers: Not taxed
  - For-Profit Employers: Not deductible against income, but employers avoid ~11 cents in payroll taxes for each commuter benefit dollar.
- SmartBenefits complies with the DC Commuter Benefits Law



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## How does it work?

Your monthly SmartBenefits® order is automatically sent to:

- Each employee's registered SmarTrip card, and/or...
- Each employees SmarTrip account to purchase passes for any system that accepts SmarTrip cards, and/or...
- Third-party transit providers selected by each employee to ride on MARC, VRE, vanpools and more (See Slide 7 on Self-Service)

Employees must tap their SmarTrip® card to a SmarTrip target to claim the portion of the benefit sent to their card



# Anatomy of a SmarTrip® Card

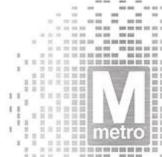


### Pre-Tax SmartBenefits® Funds

- Transit Benefit Restrictions
  - Metrorail & Metrobus
  - Regional Bus Partners
- Parking Benefit Restrictions
  - Metrorail Parking Lots Only

### After-Tax Funds

- Personal Stored Value Purse
  - No Use Restrictions



# Getting Started with SmartBenefits®

### ✓ Prepare

- Identify your employees' transit and Metrorail parking needs
- Consider how you'll treat unused benefits: Rollover vs. Non-Rollover
- Consider your order payment method: ACH or Credit Card
- Open a SmartBenefits® Account at <u>wmata.com/smartbenefits</u>
- Collect registered SmarTrip® card numbers, name & benefit amount
- Configure your SmartBenefits® account and assign monthly benefit (1st thru 15th)

### ✓ Timing

- Order placed automatically on the 15th at 11:59 pm ET
- Payment due the first business day after the 15th
- Benefits are available on the 1st of the upcoming month





# Take Advantage of SmartBenefits® Self-Service

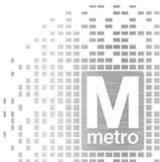
### Let Your Employees Do the Work

- Employees can manage their SmartBenefits experience using the SmartBenefits Dashboard linked to their SmarTrip account
- Using SmartBenefits Self-Service employees can:
  - Enroll in SmartBenefits if you provide your SmartBenefits Organization Code (approve each request with two clicks on the SmartBenefits Enrollment tab)
  - Request changes to their benefit status and monthly benefit if you opt in for Self Service (approve each request with two clicks on the SmartBenefits Change Requests tab)
  - Allocate their transit benefit to MARC, VRE, MTA Commuter Bus, MetroAccess, and over 100 vanpools (no employer approval required)
  - Reassign benefits from a lost or damaged SmarTrip card to a replacement card (no employer approval, but reassign required if there's a Transit Pass Benefit refund)

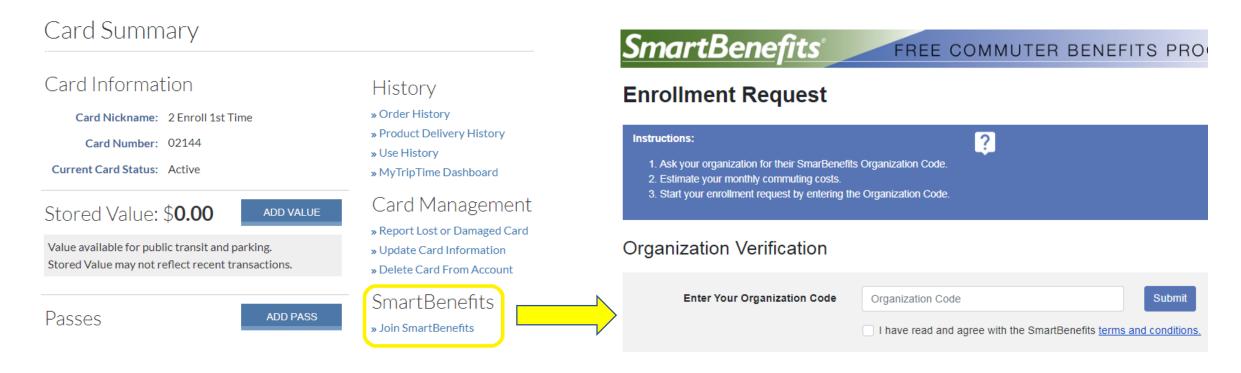
SmarTrip Card

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Each link above takes you to a training video. Click <u>here</u> for our entire training playlist.



#### How Does It Work? SmartBenefits Self-Service >>> Online Enrollment



- To avoid keying in 20 digit SmarTrip card numbers, let your employees enroll online.
- Just provide your employee with your Organization Code (see Account Admin/Self-Service). The employee clicks Join SmartBenefits from their SmarTrip account and then follows the prompts (instructions are under ? , at <a href="https://www.wmata.com/sbselfserve">wmata.com/sbselfserve</a> and on this <a href="maining video">training video</a>)
- You'll receive an email notification up to 3x a month if there's a pending self-service request
- Each employee receives an email notification once a request is approved or rejected. The email includes the SmartBenefits kick-off date. Also, "Join SmartBenefits" becomes "Manage SmartBenefits".



#### How Does It Work? SmartBenefits Self-Service >>> Change Request

Period Value

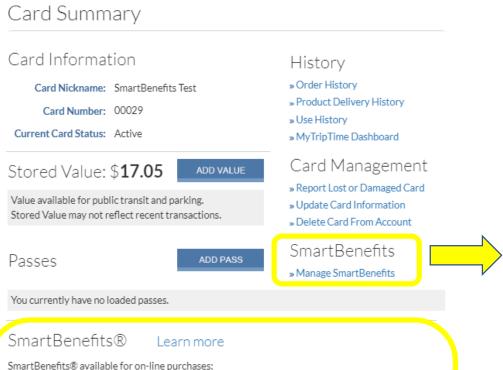
Remaining

\$9.50

Period Value

Remaining

\$4.00



Period End Date & Period Initial Value

Period End

Date & Time

02/01/2020

12:00 AM

\$20.00

Period Initial

Value

\$4.00

02/01/2020 12:00

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Period

Calendar

Monthly



#### FREE COMMUTER BENEFITS PROGRAM

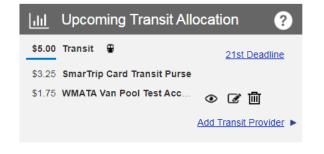












- The change button and link are only available if you opt-in for Self-Service under Account Admin/Self-Service
- Employee instructions under , at <u>wmata.com/sbhowto</u> and on this <u>training video</u>.



Name

SmartBenefits® available for use:

Rollover

Status

Active

Transit Pass

Name

SB Transit Full

Fare: Non-

Rollover

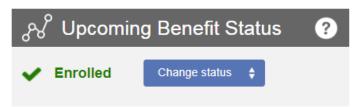
#### How Does It Work? SmartBenefits Self-Service >>> Transit Allocation

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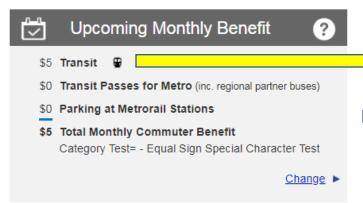
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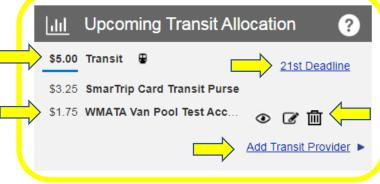












- Transit Allocation allows employees to allocate their Transit benefit to transit providers that do accept SmarTrip cards like MARC, VRE and vanpool operators
- In the example \$1.75 has been allocated to the WMATA Van Pool Test Account which means only \$3.25 will be sent to the employee's SmarTrip card
- Employees can edit or delete an existing allocation or add a new transit provider through the 21st of each month
- Employee instructions are under and at <u>wmata.com/sbhowto</u> and on this <u>training video</u>



### Card Summary

#### Card Information

Card Nickname: SmartBenefits Test

Card Number: 000294070

Current Card Status: Active

Stored Value: **\$17.05** 

ADD VALUE

Value available for public transit and parking. Stored Value may not reflect recent transactions.

Passes

ADD PASS

#### History

- » Order History
- » Product Delivery History
- » Use History
- » MyTripTime Dashboard

### Card Management

- » Report Lost or Damaged Card
- » Update Card Information
- » Delete Card From Account

#### **SmartBenefits**

» Manage SmartBenefits

# Report a Lost or Damaged SmarTrip Card

- While it's not a requirement, the process is faster if you already have a replacement card ... one that has not previously been used with SmartBenefits
- 2. Login to your SmarTrip account
- 3. Click on the card #
- 4. On the Card Summary page, click Report Lost or Damaged Card and follow the prompts to deactivate the old card and identify the replacement card.
- 5. By the next day, the personal stored value and SmartBenefits on the old card will be transferred to the replacement card with one exception: The pro-rata refund of a lost Metro pass purchased with SmartBenefits must be manually reassigned by a SmartBenefits Administrator.



# The SmartBenefits® Employer Web App Demo



## Everything's in the User Guide

- Click on Help to View It
- Examples Illustrate Each Key Step

## Process Walkthrough

- Set-up Benefit Categories (pg.4)
- Add and Update Employees "Manually" (pg.8)
- Reassign Benefits for Lost/Damaged Card (pg.12)
- Self-Service Configuration (pg. 19)
- Processing Self-Service Change Requests (pg. 5)
- Review Order and Reporting Features (pg.21)

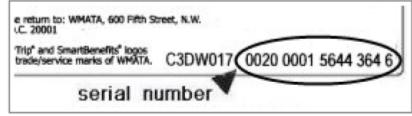


# Anatomy of a SmarTrip® Card (part 2)

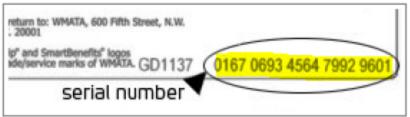
#### SmarTrip® Card Serial Number Format

The serial numbers are on the bottom right hand corner on the back of each card. There are four types of SmarTrip® cards. The most common starts with 0167 (highlighted below). You enter card serial numbers without spaces during the Add Employee process.

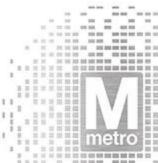








Tip: You do not need to worry about card #s if you opt in for SmartBenefits Self-Service



# Anatomy of a SmarTrip® Card (part 3)





### **Smartrip Payment Priority**

- 1. Pass
- 2. SmartBenefits
  - a. Monthly Credits (15-Min Grace Period & Rush Hour Promise)
  - b. Non-Rollover Monthly Benefit
  - c. Rollover Monthly Benefit
  - d. Reassigned Benefits (e.g., from lost to replacement card)
- 3. Personal Stored Value

### SmartBenefits Balance Display

- Faregates/boxes & parking gates show the balance of the purse charged
- SmarTrip Online shows all balances
- Fare vending machines show the balance of the stored value purse

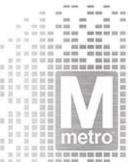


# Important Dates

- Most Changes Limited to 1<sup>st</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> (11:59pm ET)
- Only Actions Allowed After the 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Retrieve / Restore Benefits
  - Reassign Benefits
  - Distribute SmartBenefits Anytime Funds
- Order Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup>
   (Deadline the same for weekends/holidays. System up 24/7.)
- Payment Due 1<sup>st</sup> Business Day After Your Order Deadline (WMATA-Originated ACH Offers Automatic Payment Processing)
- Any prior month credits due applied by the 5th business day

Take Advantage of the Monthly Checklist on the SmartBenefits Web App Home Page





# Tip: Rail Credits and Lower Parking Fees

### Rush Hour Promise & Grace Period Credit for SmartBenefits®

- All credits for the past month are applied on the 1<sup>st</sup> to properly track tax-advantaged dollars
- Credit balance displayed on rail faregates and bus fareboxes <u>before</u> normal SmartBenefits balance
- Learn more at <u>wmata.com/promise</u> and <u>wmata.com/graceperiod</u>

## Lower Metrorail Rider Parking Fee

- Popular Metrorail parking garages charge a higher fee to parkers that do not ride Metrorail
- To avoid the higher parking fee, use your SmarTrip card to travel on Metrorail and pay for parking
- Remember to set up a Parking Benefit Type for employees that park at Metrorail garages
- Learn more at <u>wmata.com/parking</u>



# Tip: Save with Unlimited Ride Passes

### Monthly Unlimited Pass Features (formerly SelectPass)

- Monthly Unlimited Metrorail and Unlimited Regular Metrobus\*
- Available via your SmarTrip account (not at fare vending machines)
- Monthly savings if you commute 22 days a month using Metrorail and Metrobus
  - \$2.00 one-way fare price point: Save \$84
  - \$6.00 one-way fare price point: **Save \$116**
- SmartBenefits Transit Purse or Stored Value automatically charged for fares above the price point

## Requires the 'Transit Pass' Benefit Type

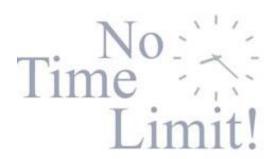
See this <u>flyer</u> for a list of Metro passes and transit pass benefit instructions



<sup>\*</sup> A 7-Day Regional Bus Pass, a transit pass benefit, or stored value is still required to ride non-Metro buses that accept SmarTrip.

# Tip: SmartBenefits® Anytime

- AnyTime allows you to send benefits after the normal SmartBenefits deadline to:
  - New or existing employees
  - Interns or other short-term employees
- SmartBenefits AnyTime funds remain available until used (like a bank account)
- Simple to Set-Up
  - Order anywhere from \$1 to \$10M in Anytime funds by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month
  - The funds are available for use on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the next month
  - Assign to employee SmarTrip<sup>®</sup> cards as either rollover or non-rollover for both transit and parking benefit types
  - Typically takes one day to load to your employee's SmarTrip card





# We are here to help

### Online

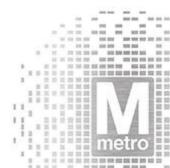
- Customer Support & FAQ
- SmartBenefits Web App Training Videos

## SmarTrip Customer Support

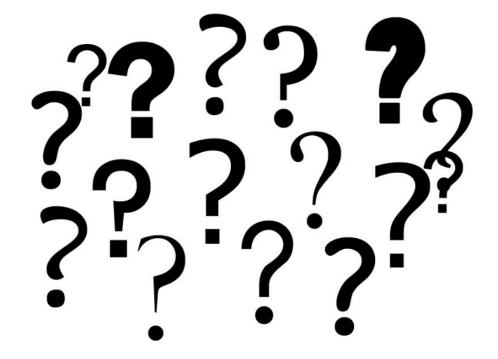
- Employers: 202-962-1326 (have your SB account # ready)
- Employees: 1-888-SMARTRIP (have your ST card # ready)
- email: <u>smartrip@wmata.com</u>
- Hours: 7 AM 8 PM ET Monday Friday

### **SmartBenefits Account Executives**





# Questions





# Thank you for your time

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