## AECOM - Delaware Commute Solutions

## DELAWARE COMMUTE SOLUTIONS PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE COMMUTES

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Delaware Commute Solutions (DECS) is at the forefront of promoting sustainable transportation across Delaware, playing a pivotal role in reducing the environmental footprint of commuting while enhancing mobility and quality of life. By collaborating with **nearly 400 businesses** and 100 community organizations, DECS fosters a culture of eco-conscious travel that benefits individuals, businesses, and the environment alike.

A cornerstone of DECS's efforts is the management of the Get a Job/Get a Ride (GaJ/GaR) program, an innovative initiative launched in partnership with DART First State in September 2021. GaJ/GaR provides free 30-day bus passes to new employees, ensuring they have access to reliable transportation during the critical first month of employment. This program not only facilitates workforce readiness but also encourages the use of public transit as a sustainable commuting option.

The impact of the GaJ/GaR program has been significant. To date, it has reached **226 work sites** across Delaware, enabling thousands of individuals to overcome transportation barriers as they embark on new employment opportunities. Approximately 7,000 DART passes have been distributed to individuals commuting to new jobs or attending job readiness training programs. During the calendar year of 2024, there were 1,700, 30-Day DART Passes distributed to individuals entering Delaware's workforce along with 30 new employer sites became program partners.

These initiatives underscore DECS's commitment to building a sustainable transportation network that supports economic growth and environmental preservation. By reducing the reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, DECS helps decrease greenhouse gas emissions and promotes cleaner air. The program also fosters a sense of community and collaboration by partnering with diverse stakeholders to address Delaware's transportation challenges.

Through innovative programs like GaJ/GaR and a strong network of partnerships, Delaware Commute Solutions efforts ensure a greener, more connected Delaware for the lives of residents and generations to come.



