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PARC Launches Sept. 4

Tallahassee's Park and Ride Community hopes to see less cars doing driving and more people standing at bus stops. Starting September 4, the group, which goes by "PARC" for short, will kick off its three month long pilot program to encourage people to ride the bus at least twice a week.

"People will be able to cut the amount of carbon dioxide they put into the air. That's just good for everybody. They'll also cut the amount of cars on the road, and that's also good for transportation and traffic," said LaRae Donnellan, co-leader of PARC.

PARC says it wants to try and limit traffic congestion and lower the amount of carbon dioxide emission into the air. The organization wants to make Tallahassee the "Green" capital of the nation, and some local lawmakers are planning to ride the wave, too.

"The funding going forward for us to build and expand on roads in a traditional sense is not going to match the population increase over the next 10, 15, 20 years, and so we as a community got to take a long, hard look and say how do we move around the community," said Bryan Desloge of the Leon County Commission.

The initiative will start on the northeast side of Tallahassee. Route 16 will stop at the Premier Health & Fitness Center and the Smith, Thompson, Shaw & Manausa law firm on Village Square once an hour between 7:10 a.m. and 7:10 p.m. Starting October 23, Route 80X, which serves Southwood, will run down Thomasville Road to Wal-Mart and Target twice an hour.