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Give Park and Ride a Try



Tallahassee commuter Jeremy Spinks

The program is called park and ride and that's pretty much the idea. Park your car in a designated area, and ride the bus to work.

For three months this fall Greenovation will team up with Star Metro to try and change the way you get to work.

Their target: first time bus riders they want you to give public transportation a shot something most drivers we spoke to say they think is a long shot.



When you talk to people about public transportation, two things are mentioned: "I think it's a fantastic idea", quickly followed by "but it's pretty much impossible."

That's the kind of thinking that park and ride wants to change and to do that they're trying to make it possible.

The pilot program will start in north Tallahassee with two parking lots. Premier Health and Fitness Center, Route 16, and the Smith Thompson, Shaw, and Manauasa Law Firm, route 80X.

Both routes head to downtown Tallahassee where riders can pick up a free transfer if needed.

"I would love to have some sort of public transportation option. Right now the nearest station is about a mile and half, which when it's 100 degrees outside I don't want to make that walk." Jeremy Spinks grew up in England where everybody takes the bus.

He loves the idea of a Park and Ride Program he's just leery of how Americans will take to it. "I think we're pretty entrenched here it could take a while."

For adults already so dependent on their car that may be the case, but for those that are a generation or two away from the wheel the thinking may be different.

To take part in the park and ride pilot program, they're asking for a twice a week commitment meaning two days a week you're on the bus.

The cost is minimal: \$2.50 for a round trip.

If you're worried about an emergency situation where you'd need to leave work immediately, a free taxi voucher is provided.

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