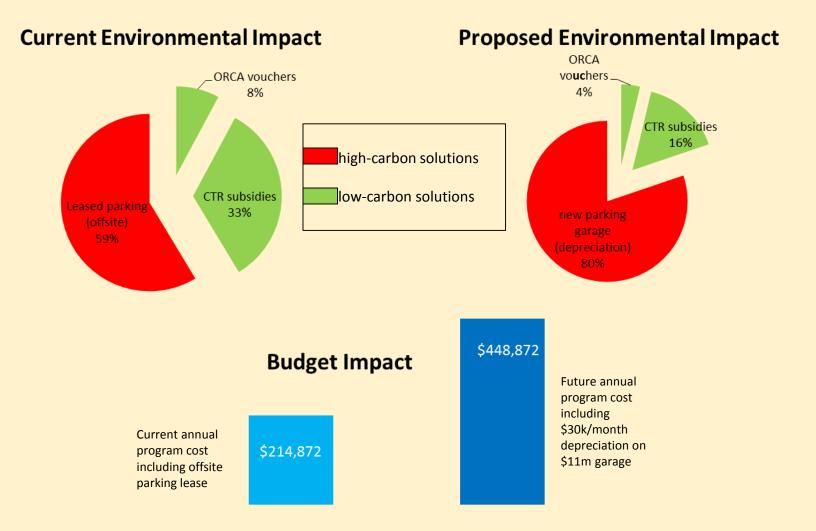
# Single Occupant Vehicle Reduction Proposal

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#### Issue

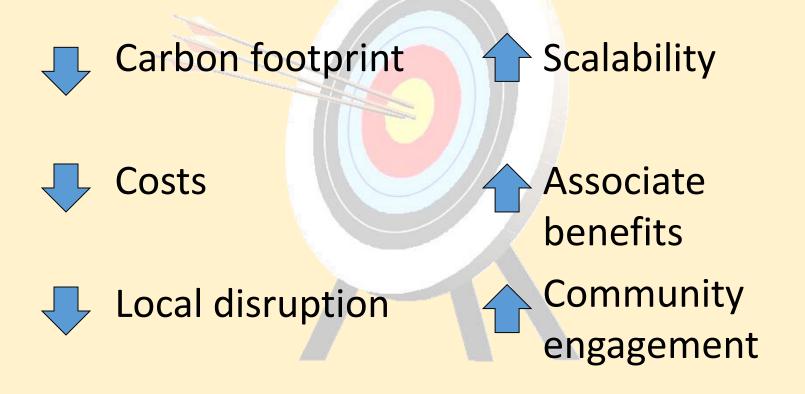
- Current practice of 84% Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) commutes is expensive and unsustainable; best practice for suburban campus is 60% SOV
- Shortage of up to 531 parking spaces daily impacts Client's productivity, associate morale, environment and community relations
- 2013-15 growth "bubble" will make matters worse
- Current solutions:
  - Expensive short-term fixes (leased parking) don't solve problem
  - Expensive long-term fixes (\$11 million parking garage) don't support best practices
- We need a radical alternative!

## Build a parking garage?



A more sustainable alternative?

Revamped Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program with specific targets to:



## Proposed CTR Program: "Carrots" and "Sticks"

#### "Carrots"

- ORCA pass for all associates (\$1k-plus value)
- Improved transit options\*
- Improved carpool options\*
- Guaranteed Ride Home emergency service
- Electric "errand cars" for campus checkout
- Free and preferential parking for carpool vehicles
- Optional one-time parking pass buyback (\$300?)
- Dedicated Employee Transit Coordinator (new hire)\*
- User-friendly transit tools\*

#### "Sticks"

- \$150 annual fee (\$6.25 per pay period) for associate oncampus parking permit (includes ORCA pass)
- \$25 quarterly fee for contractor parking permit (North and B5 lots only; no ORCA pass)
- Strict enforcement of permits and space usage (towing!)
- Towing and lot monitoring contracted to external company (no onsite "appeals" path)

<sup>\*</sup> Shared between Client and participating neighboring employers

## Partnerships and Benefits

- <u>Partnerships</u> with Neighbor 1 (hospital), Neighbor 2 (College), Local Transit Agency
  - Joint subsidization of transit improvements
  - Combined RideShare pool
  - Shared information resources
  - Quarterly meetings for steering group

#### Community benefits:

- Improved local transit
- Reduced greenhouse gases

#### Associate benefits:

- ORCA pass valued at +\$1,000 (actual cost to Client <\$65)</li>
- Reduced expenses: 5mi round-trip commute costs \$1,387/year in vehicle wear-and-tear

#### Client benefits:

- Lower cost than current program; much lower cost than other proposed solutions
- Scalable: costs directly proportional to workforce size
- No capital investment

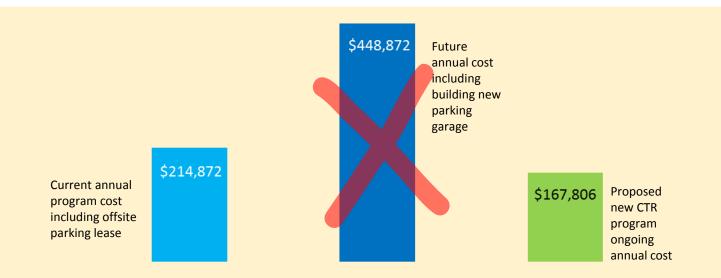
## Estimated Program Cost (year 1)

Item 🔽	Annual cost	•
Year One ORCA pass (\$109.73 x 2475)	\$271,5	82
ORCA tax credit (WA B&O credit)	-\$135,7	90
parking pass buy-back (500 passes @ \$300 each)	\$150,0	000
Purchase 5 x Mitsubishi EV @ \$28k/ea	\$140,0	000
IRS EV tax credit 5 x \$7,500 (IRC sec 30D tax)	-\$37,5	00
Transit upgrades contribution (estimate)	\$65,0	)00
RideShare subsidy (200 x \$25/mth)	\$60,0	000
RideShare tax credit (200 x \$60/yr; WA B&O credit)	-\$12,0	00
Associate SOV permit fee: \$150/yr (includes ORCA pass) x 1500	-\$225,0	00
Contractor SOV fee: \$100/yr (no ORCA) x 300	-\$30,0	00
Hire Employee Transportation Coordinator	\$40,0	000
Total	\$ 286,29	92

## Estimated Program Cost (ongoing)

Item	Annual cos 🔽
annual ORCA pass (\$142.75 x 2475)	\$353,306
ORCA tax credit (WA B&O credit)	-\$148,500
Transit upgrades contribution (estimate)	\$65,000
parking pass buy-back (200 passes @ \$300 each)	\$60,000
RideShare subsidy (200 x \$25/mth)	\$60,000
RideShare tax credit (200 x \$60/yr; WA B&O credit)	-\$12,000
Associate SOV permit fee: \$150/yr (includes ORCA	
pass) x 1500	-\$225,000
Contractor SOV permit fee: \$100/yr (no ORCA) x 350	-\$35,000
EV Fleet Maintenance/insurance etc (\$2,000 per	
vehicle)	\$10,000
Employee Transportation Coordinator	\$40,000
ONGOING TOTAL	\$167,806

# Sustainable, targeted and lower cost program



- 100% of program budget spent on low-carbon solutions
- Offers associates a high-value, low-cost benefit (ORCA card)
- Scalable: accommodates future growth or contraction
- Rewards behavior change aligns with corporate goals

## Appendix

## **Current Parking Capacity**

General parking spaces	1625
Reserved – carpool / vanpool	135
Reserved – other	17
Disabled	58
Visitor	42
Loading Zones	7
Motorcycle	3
Unusable	13
TOTAL	1900
+ 150 leased spaces	2050

#### Usage:

- 2074\* associates per day seeking general parking (1625 nonreserved spaces)
- Up to 363\*\* contractors per day vying for 131 street spaces

#### Shortage:

- Up to 299 associates daily unable to find parking
- Up to 232 contractors daily unable to find parking
  - \* Excludes telecommuters, absentees

\*\* excludes offsite contractors

### Current obstacles to associate transit use

- Cost: associate-purchased ORCA pass costs \$72-189/mth (\$864 - 2268/yr); 13% of Client associates live in Everett – ORCA pass cost \$144/mth (\$1728/yr)
- Poor schedules for connecting services between major hubs and Client
- Convenience of private vehicle for daytime errands

## Proposed CTR Program Management

- Associates select plan (Option A or B) at annual benefits selection time; no switching during year
- Requires comprehensive, strategic and carefullyplanned internal communications program....<u>correct messaging is critical to success</u>
- Requires hire or contracting of Employee Transportation Coordinator position
- Requires executive buy-in and support

## Annual Selection Options

#### Option A (automatic default)

- Free ORCA pass
- \$300 parking pass buyback (first participation year only)
- Free HOV parking permit if running carpool
- Emergency ride home program

#### Option C (contractors only)

- Purchase <u>offsite</u> parking permit (\$100/year billed quarterly; North and B5 lots only)
- No ORCA pass

#### Option B (solo drivers)

- Purchase <u>on-site</u> parking permit (\$150/year billed at \$6.25 per pay period)
- Includes ORCA pass

#### All Users

- Improved transit
- Free EV daytime access (associates only)
- Transit kiosk, coordinator and tools shared between client and other participating organizations.

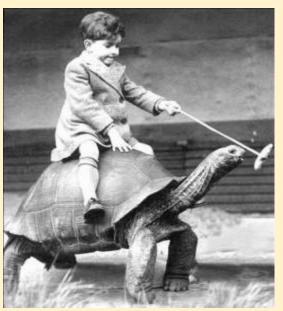
### Case Studies:

## You're not alone!

# Microsoft, Redmond WA

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- 30k employees at main campus
- 2005: set 2015 commute strategy goal of reducing SOV commutes by 15% to 60% total; hit target in 2009

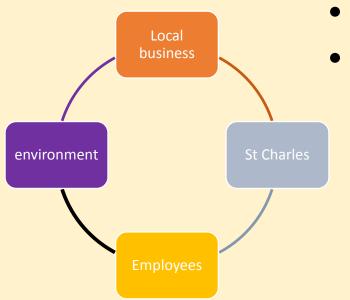


- Multi-faceted strategy:
  - 15% transit (includes MS Connector, public transit; ORCA pass for all staff
  - 2% vanpool (\$100/mth subsidy)
  - 11% carpool (2,850 priority HOV spaces)
- Employees "brag" online about transit program – recruiting tool
- Increased productivity; bus wi-fi, trip planning tools

# St Charles Medical Center, Bend OR



- 1,800 at main campus; 400 on satellite campus
- Program integrated with local retailers; community benefits
- Funded by Business Energy Tax Credit Pass-through Option (OR state program)



- 18% participation rate
- Virtuous cycle:
  - St Charles buys gift certificates from local retail partners
  - 30 actions (e.g carpool, transit use etc) = 1
    x \$30 gift certificate
  - Employees choose rewards
  - Program managed by local non-profit

# Boeing, Everett WA



Major parking problems – excoriated in local newspaper
 Employees report parking takes 15-30 mins, causes stress



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# Boeing parking overflowing into wetland park's lot

Boeing workers are spilling into Narbeck lot, frustrating regulars

By Michelle Dunlop, Herald Writer

EVERETT -- The sky begins to brighten at Narbeck Wetland Sanctuary near Paine Field.

Chickadees whistle from trees. A family of ducks waddles in and out of the pond near the parking lot. The lot, across the road from Fluke Corp. in the 6900 block of Seaway Boulevard, is chock full of cars.

Joan Douglas eases her vehicle into a spot near

The Herald, Everett WA, 12 Nov 2012



- \$30/month transit subsidy
- Preferential parking for vanpools, carpools
- Multiple direct routes Everett Transit, Community Transit
- Why such low participation?
  - Little carrot
  - No stick

# Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver BC

- 10,000 staff across 3 locations plus patients
- Part of local Transportation Management Association (TMA); close integration with city and province
- Funding: city/provincial grants, TMA partners
- Pay-garage for SOV parking



- Overcoming reluctance:
  - Transit kiosks: schedules, route info, tickets
  - Payroll deduction 15% discount on transit pass
  - Guaranteed emergency ride home
  - Shuttle bus shared with other TMA partners
  - Marketing: tschotchkes, posters, campaigns