

Workforce Issuance

100 DCS 05.166	☐ Policy	☑ Information
200 200 00:200	,	

To: Chief Elected Officials

MassHire Workforce Board Chairs MassHire Workforce Board Directors

Title I Administrators

MassHire Career Center Directors

Title I Fiscal Officers

MDCS Operations Managers

cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director

MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: March 5, 2020

Subject: Ride Match

Purpose:

To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators, and workforce partners of Ride Match, a one-stop searchable directory of public,

private and accessible transportation options in Massachusetts.

Background: Ride Match – <u>www.massridematch.org</u> – is a tool that MassHire career center

staff and/or career center customers can use to identify transportation options for commuting and other travel needs. Ride Match is a searchable database that includes public and private transportation services across Massachusetts to individuals with a variety of transportation needs. Staff and career center customers can pull down a list of transportation providers by city/town or use

the trip planner to find services that go from origin to destination.

MassHire Career Centers can help by:

- Encouraging staff to share Ride Match with customers
- Linking Ride Match on MassHire Career Center websites
- Providing Ride Match brochures to career center customers Attachment A.

Customers already familiar with public transit can benefit from using Ride Match because it lists demand-response and private services in addition to public transit. Public and subsidized services appear first, with taxi and livery services coming at the end, so that less expensive options generally appear at the beginning of the list of results.

Ride Match was originally developed for Southeastern Massachusetts by the Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA). It spread statewide with support from MassDOT and partnership from all transit authorities.

Action

Requested: Please share with managers, staff, partners and customers as appropriate.

Inquiries: For more information about Ride Match, please contact Mary Basilone at

<u>mbasilone@gatra.org</u>. For other questions related to community transportation, visit <u>www.mass.gov/orgs/massmobility</u> or contact Rachel Fichtenbaum, EOHHS

Mobility Manger, at rachel.fichtenbaum@state.ma.us.

Attachment: A. Ride Match Brochure