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iRide is Santee Cooper's commuter benefits program. It is a substantial employee benefit, and an example of how Santee Cooper lives green.

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How is iRide a Santee Cooper Green initiative?

By helping employees use their cars less for commuting to and from work, iRide is enabling them to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from their vehicles.

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How does iRide help Santee Cooper employees?

iRide offers employees the option to share their commutes, cutting the cost of commuting for each participating employee while reducing the environmental impact of those commutes. iRide helps employees join car pools or ride an express bus.

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Why is Santee Cooper offering iRide?

Employees nationwide are calling on their employers to help offset the increasing cost of gasoline, which can total \$400 or more a month for Santee Cooper employees commuting 30 miles or more one way – and there are many employees making that long of a commute or longer.

Commuting via express bus, including the Santee Cooper subsidy, can cost approximately \$50 a month.

Car pooling with just one other person cuts the cost of a commute approximately in half. Adding a second or third carpooler will reduce your commuting expenses even more.

In addition to helping employees save money, Santee Cooper is always looking for creative ways to minimize its impact on the environment. Cutting personal vehicle emissions is one straightforward way.

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What is Santee Cooper doing to encourage employees to participate in iRide?

Santee Cooper will offer incentives to encourage participation in the iRide programs. For car poolers, Santee Cooper has purchased a software program that will help employees find car pool matches by creating a computer-based profile and identifying employees at their work location with similar work schedules and home addresses. Santee Cooper will also offer preferred parking spaces and additional incentives, such as drawings for prizes, to encourage car pooling.

A magnetic iRide decal is required for this reserved parking and can be obtained from Employee Relations.

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Express bus

How does the express bus work?

Santee Cooper had worked with Tri-County LINK to make express bus service available between Moncks Corner and Summerville, Goose Creek, North Charleston and Moncks Corner and Moncks Corner, Bonneau, St. Stephen, Cross and the Hwy. 52 Station in Williamsburg county.

Because of the numbers of riders needed to make the routes successful, the bus service is only offered to Moncks Corner headquarter and Cross Generating Station at this time.

Park & Ride lots are located at the Super K Mart on Rivers Avenue in North Charleston; at Berkeley County satellite government office on US Hwy 52 in Goose Creek, at the former DOT site in Summerville at the corner of Berlin G. Myers Parkway and Gahagan road, at the Moncks Corner headquarters, at Bonneau's Town Hall, the IGA in St. Stephen and the Hwy. 52 Station in Williamsburg county. Buses will run several times daily on each of the three routes: North Charleston-Goose Creek-Moncks Corner, Summerville-Moncks Corner and ~~Moncks Corner-Bonneau-St. Stephen-Hwy 52 Station-Cross~~ Generating Station. [Click here for schedules, which are also posted on this iPort site.](#)

These are measurable, meaningful results that will translate to a solid benefit for employees and more proof of Santee Cooper's environmental stewardship.

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Where did the name iRide come from?

It was one of the more popular choices suggested from employees through the survey!

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