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Bexar County partners with Lyft, Inc. to offer employee transportation benefit

Bexar County employees will have a new transportation benefit just in time for Fiesta. Under an agreement with Lyft, Inc. approved by Commissioners Court today, employees who sign up for the program will receive a \$20 Lyft credit to use during the Fiesta season, April 14 – 24.

“As Fiesta approaches, there are many events where consumption of alcohol will occur along with heavy traffic congestion,” County Judge Nelson Wolff said. “The Commissioners Court, embracing innovation and new technology, decided to partner with Lyft to offer Bexar County employees a safe transportation alternative during Fiesta.”

The pilot program adds to two existing transportation benefits. Bexar County employees have been able to use their employee identification cards to receive free rides on VIA Metropolitan Transit routes since November 2006. County employees also are eligible for cab fare reimbursement up to \$45 one time per year under the County’s Employee Assistance Program.

“We’re thrilled to partner with Bexar County to promote Lyft as a safe, convenient ride option for their employees to get to and from Fiesta events without having to worry about parking,” said Jaime Raczka, Lyft’s General Manager of Early Stage Markets. “We’re thankful that Judge Wolff and Bexar County officials also see the benefits of expanding access to reliable transportation options like Lyft, allowing more people to get around safely.”

Lyft provides in-app photos of the driver and vehicle, real-time ride tracking, digital receipts, two-way rating systems, and professionally administered criminal background checks. The company also has a Trust & Safety team available 24/7 for emergencies and a dedicated Critical Response Line to reach specially trained experts on the phone. The pilot program will be evaluated for consideration of a permanent transportation benefit for employees.

The pilot program will not exceed a cost of \$49,000 to the county.

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