

This message sent on behalf of WTP Project Director Val McCain

The safety of our workforce and the community are of paramount importance as we manage through the COVID-19 crisis. During our remobilization planning, we reviewed the variety of ways team members come in close contact with each other and how we can implement protective measures in those situations.

One way is during the commute to and from work. It is a challenge, if not impossible, to maintain social distancing when using van pools or sharing a car ride. As a result, we strongly encourage employees to not carpool or use van pools to commute to and from the WTP jobsite and in-town offices for the time being. Consequently, we will temporarily suspend subsidies that the project provides for van pool use during the pandemic. We have discussed this approach with the Central Washington Building Trades and incorporated their input in our final decision.

We recognize many team members rely upon carpools or van pool. We ask you to consider driving yourself to work or carpooling only with people who are members of your household, where appropriate. If you are unable to do so, we strongly encourage you to wear a mask or face covering if unable to maintain six feet distance between other passengers while commuting.

As the situation evolves over the coming weeks, we will revisit the use of the subsidy.

I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding.

One Team,
Val