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## **BEHIND THE WHEEL OF A VANPOOL: A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE**

Linda Palmer figured out years ago she could save time and money by sharing the ride to work, whether taking the bus or vanpooling. When she first came to Washington D.C. in 1978, she rode the bus to and from work.

"That got me into the mode of thinking that I didn't need a car to commute to work," said Palmer. [Read more:](http://www.vamegaprojects.com/news/featured-headlines/behind-the-wheel-of-a-vanpool-a-lifetime-experience/)  
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## **RELOADABLE SMARTRIP CARDS EXPANDING IN CONVENIENCE**

SmarTrip cards are about to get smarter then the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority expands the card's capability so the user can load money to the card from a home computer.

The self-service website will provide registered SmarTrip card holders online accessibility to add value, view trip history and card balance. [Read more:](http://www.vamegaprojects.com/news/featured-headlines/reloadable-smartrip-cards-expanding-in-capacity-and-convenience/)

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## **LOUDOUN'S TYSONS EXPRESS POISED TO BEGIN**

Tyson's Express bus service is proposed to begin on Monday, June 21, 2010, and operate through the end of 2013, with the completion of Phase I of Dulles Metrorail to Wiehle Avenue.

The Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services is planning the routes and developing schedules for this new weekday service. [Read more:](http://www.loudoun.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=3061) <http://www.loudoun.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=3061>



*In other Tyson's Express news....*

**OMNIRIDE TYSONS EXPRESS** added a fifth evening bus to give those who work late another alternative to driving. The last bus now leaves Tysons Corner at 7:10 p.m. [Read more:](http://www.vamegaprojects.com/commuter-solutions/tysons-bus-services/go-tysons/tysons-expresswoodbridge/)  
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### **TOWNSEND PRAISES TELEWORKING AT "UNLOCK GRIDLOCK 2010"**

The Washington metropolitan area traffic congestion is getting worse, bypassing New York City and San Francisco in recent years. In fact, it was recently called "world class gridlock," by John Townsend, manager of public and governmental affairs for AAA Mid Atlantic, who laid out the traffic situation on Wednesday, May 19, at a Telework!VA and Telework Exchange event called "Unlock Gridlock 2010."

One of the keys to unlocking gridlock, he said: teleworking. [Read more:](http://www.vamegaprojects.com/news/featured-headlines/townsend-praises-telecommuting-at-unlock-gridlock/)  
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### **METRO NEWS: ORANGE LINE TO BE SPLIT IN TWO; EXPECT DELAYS**

There will be no train service between the East Falls Church and West Falls Church-VT/UVA Metrorail stations during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, (May 28 to 31), and the first two weekends in June (June 4 to 6 and June 11-13) as the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project will undertake the first in a series of major construction activities that will eventually connect the new rail line to the existing Metrorail system. [Read more:](http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=4424)  
[http://www.wmata.com/about\\_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=4424](http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/news/PressReleaseDetail.cfm?ReleaseID=4424)



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