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How-to Use CarpoolMatchNW.org

Hi. I'm Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, and I'm the administrator for CarpoolMatchNW, which is the online rideshare matching service for Oregon and SW Washington.

And, what's really cool about CarpoolMatchNW is it takes all of five minutes to log on, match up and drive off as we like to say. Basically five minutes to register, and I'm going to go ahead and walk you through it right now.

Today we're going to register Bond, James Bond. So first you go onto the regular CarpoolMatchNW web site right here. And you'll see "Register Regular commute."

You'll select "register today" and then accept the terms and conditions. You go ahead and get started.

First name James. And, last name Bond. But does he want to release his last name to potential matches. What to you think? Should he release that last name? Sure. So he's going to check this box "*Check to Release to Matches.*" He doesn't have to though.

("Personal information is kept private!" – Video annotation)

His home address is going to remain secret. But I will put it in here. You as matches will never get to know where he actually lives.

Now where is he going to have his point of origin? Probably his home address and origin can stay the same. So I'm just going to go ahead and check that box for him. And then I'm going to verify the origin.

Now where is he going? Well, Mr. Bond works for Nike. And his job at Nike is to test equipment. He works on the Nike campus. So that's actually on our scroll down destination site.

And the days he works are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We're going to say Mr. Bond works 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with about fifteen minutes of flexibility.

Now as you can see here he has three potential matches within three miles from where he lives to within three miles of his worksite. So now, all he has to do is hit an e-mail address and it pops up a standard letter. And he can send them a message, sign it James, and hit send message and then the person who receives that message can respond if they are interested in carpooling.

And then log on, match up and drive off.