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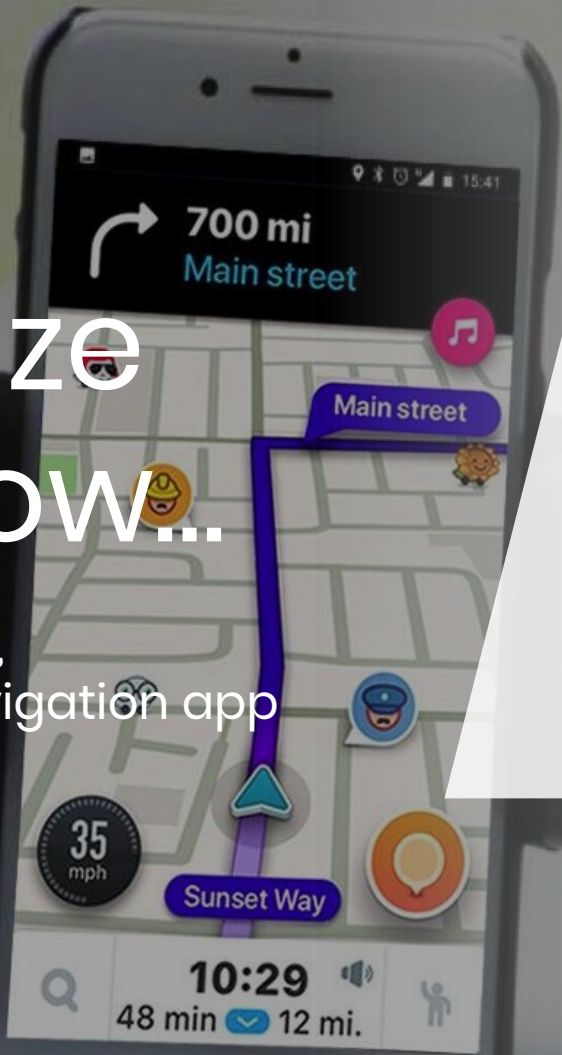
# Waze for Cities & States

Your partner in mobility

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# The Waze You Know...

The world's largest,  
crowdsourced navigation app



**130M+**

Monthly  
Active Users

**33B KM**

Driven/Month

**18.5M**

Hazards Reports  
Per Month

**76K**

Active  
Map Editor  
Volunteers

**185**

Countries

**Completely  
free**

A photograph of two women driving in a car. The woman in the foreground has large, curly, light-brown hair and is wearing a denim vest over a white top. She is smiling broadly. The woman in the background is also smiling. The car's interior and the road ahead are visible.

# The Waze You Will Know...

A mobility platform that helps people move more freely in the communities where they live & work.

**1300+**

Data Sharing Partners

**60+**

Crises Supported Annually

**18**

Cities Using Waze Beacons

**4**

Countries Carpooling with Waze

# What Makes Waze Unique

We bring together users, public sector organizations, private sector companies and community members to solve mobility challenges globally. We believe the best mobility solutions come from technology empowering people to work together.



# Waze's Tools for Public Agencies

We're all in this together, and we're happy to partner with cities to help them meet our shared goals. We have four programs that take some of the best of Waze and give it to cities—and are made stronger by city participation.



## Data Sharing

Free, real-time data sharing to inform planning



## Carpooling

Reduce CO2 emissions and congestion



## Beacons

Improve safety in non-GPS environments



## Crisis

Keep citizens safe and informed during incidents



# Waze for Cities: Data Sharing

Waze provides public sector partners access to Waze data and allows partners to provide Waze data to be communicated directly with drivers



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## WAZE'S DATASETS INCLUDE:

- User-generated reports like traffic jams, crashes, hazards, construction, potholes, roadkill, stopped vehicles, objects on-road, and missing signs
- Waze can also provide email alerts for “unusual traffic events” helping you quickly spot & manage irregularities.

## PUBLIC SECTOR PARTNERS CAN PROVIDE:

- Street closures information both (permanent and temporary changes (for construction or events))
- “Push” alerts to drivers for major events or incidents

# VDOT & Waze

Data Sharing in Action



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## VDOT Data Shared with Waze

Road Closures (planned events & work zones)

Incident (construction, crashes)

Major Traffic Events

## Waze Data Shared with VDOT

Incidents

Traffic Jams (Waze auto-calculates traffic jams by comparing current road conditions with historical road data.)

Hazards/construction/potholes/roadkill/missing signs

No speed data, personal data, historical data, police activity/location data

**Data-sharing partner since  
2016**

# 511VA Website

## Waze Layer



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# Unplowed Roads

VDOT suggestion has turned into a Waze global feature

- The feature will offer the Waze community of over 130 million monthly users the opportunity to be better prepared for hazardous winter weather conditions.
- VDOT plans to monitor reports coming in from Wazers, and those who are simply shoveling their driveways and sidewalks, this winter and determine how they can incorporate this data into their operations for the following winter.



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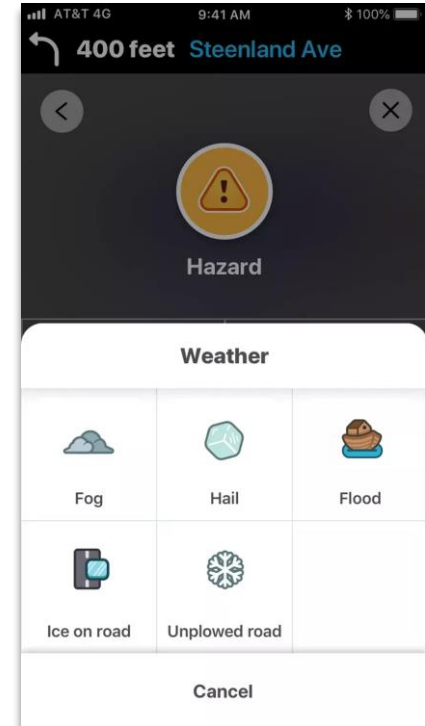
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# Unplowed Roads

Feature has garnered extensive local and global press coverage



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## The Washington Post

*Waze “data is free to about 1,300 government agencies that are part of the Waze for Cities Data program, Simons said. ...the work with VDOT exemplifies “what can be accomplished when we collaborate with public-sector partners to meet community needs.” - Washington Post*

## Mashable

*Thanks to the 130 million monthly active users who crowdsource information and report it, Waze can give you all sorts of information about road hazards. Snow-related alerts now join as many as 25 other reportable hazards, including oil on the road, potholes, roadkill, missing signs, and even tornadoes.” - [Mashable](#)*

## engadget

*“In theory, this doesn't just help you save time and stay safe. It could help cities gauge how well their snowplows clear the roads, and pinpoint parts of town that aren't receiving adequate care.” - [Engadget](#)*

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# Waze's Approach to Traffic

Routing, Carpool and Trucks



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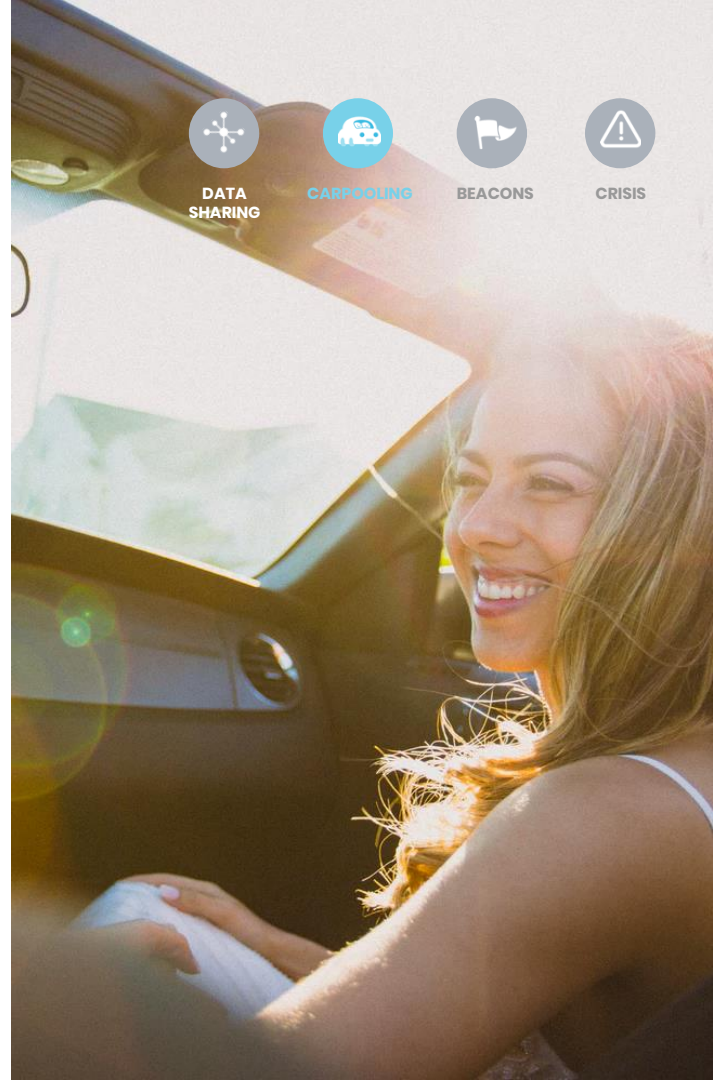
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- **Traffic is getting worse**
  - VA statewide vehicle registrations jumped 40% from 2010–2019
  - More cars = more traffic
- **Waze works to fight traffic in two ways:**
  - The Waze navigation app tries to find open stretches of road and spreads cars across the grid of public streets
  - Waze Carpool tries to make it easier for people to fill up empty seats in their car and take unnecessary cars off the road
- Waze strives to **reflect current policies and limitations** as accurately as possible.
- Waze was **created for use with personal vehicles**, and expanded to offer navigation tools for motorcycles and taxis. We **do not currently support truck routing**, public transit or bicycles.

# Waze Carpool

Peer-to-peer carpooling - no private drivers - is becoming reality in cities through our easy-to-use app, promoting:

- Reduced congestion
- Time savings in the HOV/HOT lanes
- Happier & more affordable commutes
- Greater mobility access for residents



# Waze Carpool makes sharing a trip easy, safe and fun



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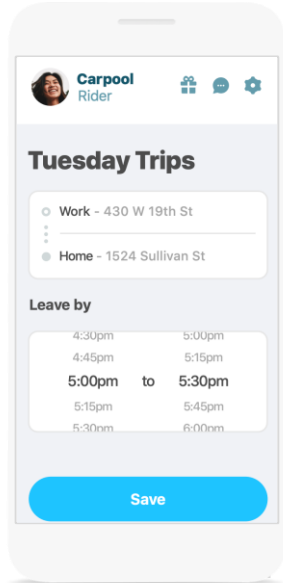
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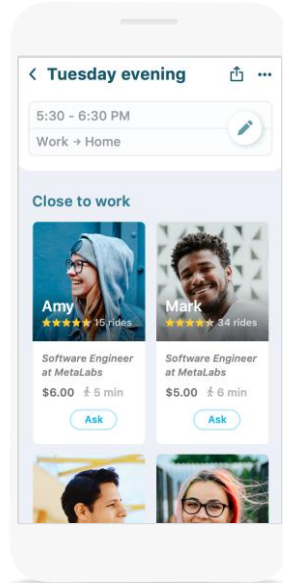


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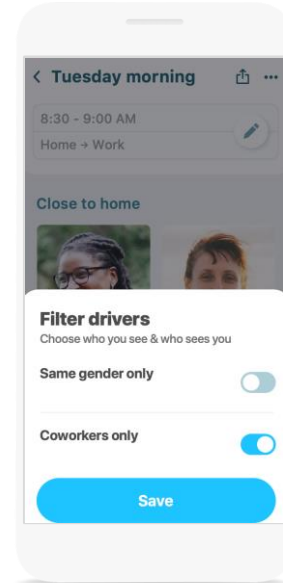


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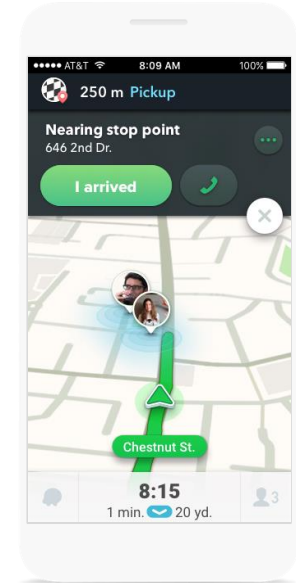
Easy onboarding.  
Customize your schedule daily or weekly



Algorithm automatically matches drives & riders on or near route



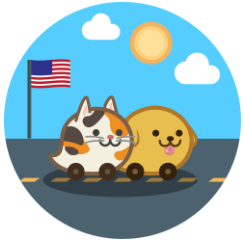
Safety first: get to know carpoolers, filter by same gender or coworkers only



Most efficient route using Waze technology



# Waze Carpool is making inroads



**25,000,000**

miles shared by Waze  
Carpoolers in the USA



**710,000**

monthly global Carpool rides



**150,000**

trees would need to grow for  
10 years to remove the same  
amount of CO<sub>2</sub>



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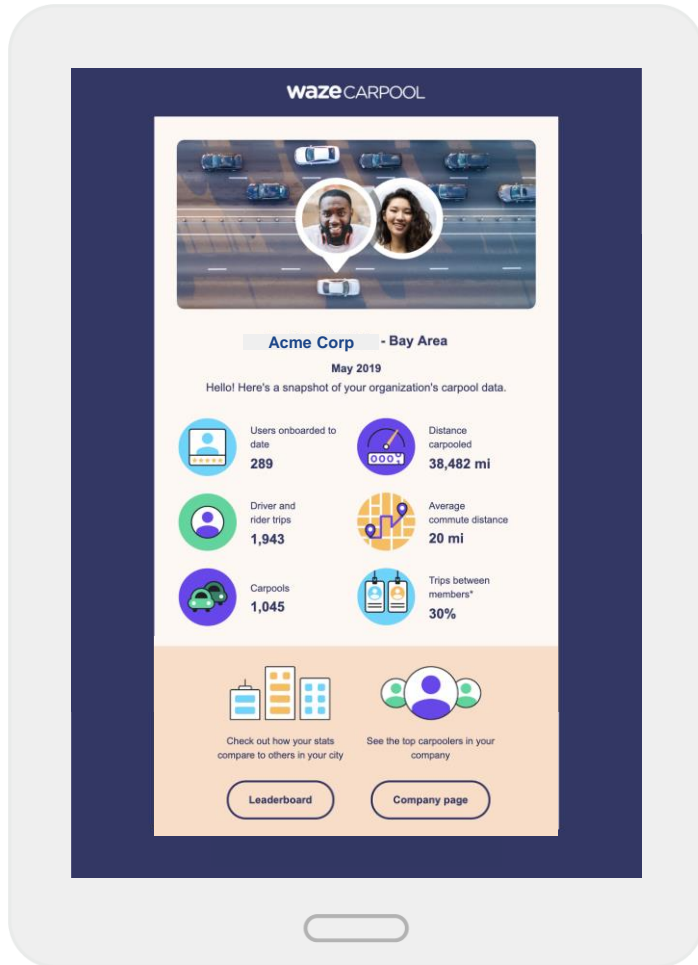
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# Waze Carpool helps agencies track TDM goals

# Looking Ahead

Waze 2020 Priorities of note for the CTB



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- Help make our data sharing program easier to use and more useful
  - Improving our online education and community support for our Waze for Cities partners
- Help our public partners make map edits they need, when the need them
  - Deepening ties between our Waze for Cities partners and our local map editors
- Increase the amount of useful information we provide to Wazers
  - Engaging our Waze for Cities partners to keep sharing their closures, major traffic events and hazards with us
- Continue to grow Carpool to help fight traffic
  - Working with our Waze for Cities partner to spread the word about Carpool and align with existing transportation demand management programs

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# Thank you!

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