

### Elhink Elhink

Central Florida's #1 resource for commute options

A service of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the program has four essential goals:



**DECREASE** traffic congestion



improve air quality



**CONSERVE** natural resources



SAVE people money



To achieve these goals, reThink promotes transportation options like ridesharing, transit, biking, walking, telecommuting and compressed work weeks.



Think of the benefits associated with more people carpooling to work:

Less traffic, cleaner air and personal savings...just to name a few.

At reThink – even though we're a small program – we're making a big impact in these areas.

According to a 2014 evaluation by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at the University of South Florida, reThinkers have improved their drive-alone rates, decreasing from 76% to 58%.

The CUTR analysis also highlighted these additional advantages of the reThink program:



cost ratio



daily societal costsavings (due to reductions in congestion and air pollution)



fewer vehicle

miles annually



16

16 million

annual person miles of travel on alternative modes of transportation

# five years of service to Central Florida

Since 2010, we've worked with hundreds of employers and thousands of commuters, helping people reThink how they get to the office. Today, with the I-4 Ultimate Improvement Project underway, the issue has never been so pressing. In the coming months and years, we anticipate even more interest among people seeking new commute options.

Thanks to a steady expansion of service to communities throughout Central Florida, reThink now has:

10,980

people in the regional rideshare database

392

corporate partners

19

"Best Workplaces for Commuters"\*

\*As defined by employers that meet the National Standard of Excellence in commuter benefits.

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team members







At reThink, our momentum kept rolling in FY 2014/15, as we continued employer outreach efforts to encourage commuters to try a new way to get to work. Here are some ways we spread the word:

- Hosted 146 ridematching events
- Led 128 Lunch & Learn presentations
- Provided 17 Transit Training sessions (including SunRail rides and bike share demonstrations)
- Held 3 signature events with transit partner agencies:
  - #OnTheBus, the third annual reThink Your Commute
     Day in the City of Ocala with SunTran
  - Resolve to reThink Your Commute, the second annual event with Space Coast Area Transit in Brevard County
- Real Rides. Real Destinations. Our first event with LakeXpress in Lake County
- Welcomed 18,755 visits to our website, reThinkYourCommute.com
- Garnered 432 Facebook likes and 400 Twitter followers







## A commitment to bicycle safety

In 2014/15, reThink set out to address the safety concerns of commuters who want to bike to work. At the events noted below, we combined education efforts with activities to engage the public and encourage more active transportation choices:

**Cycling Savvy Lite.** As certified Cycling Savvy instructors, the reThink team hosted "Cycling Savvy Lite" courses at worksites across Central Florida – from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach to UCF, VHB and Valencia College in Orlando and Winter Park.

**Ciclovia.** We hosted the first "Ciclovia" event in downtown Orlando with partners Bike/Walk Central Florida and the City of Orlando. A section of Robinson Street was closed to cars – but open to people to bike, roll and stroll.

**Juice Up Your Week.** Partnering with Juice Bikes for "Juice Up Your Week," we held a series of weekly instructor-led rides and safety sessions that leveraged the 200-bike fleet of the Orlando Bike Share program.



Transportation options are always evolving, and so are we. Here are four ways we plan to expand reThink's outreach in FY 2015/16:

### Create a Commute Ambassador Network.

Every day, we meet amazing people who are impacting their worksites by encouraging people to reThink their commute. We will better connect commute ambassadors to one another to share best practices and inspiration.

**Encourage Active Transportation.** Whether it's walking to the bus stop or biking to work, choosing a nontraditional commute can transform budgets – and waistlines. We will continue to encourage active transportation by addressing safety concerns and changing beliefs through changing behavior.

### Introduce Gamification to District 5. We are

taking our Commute Challenges to a whole new level by introducing elements of game playing (point scoring, competition, etc.) as part of the programming we offer to our employer partners.

### Launch the New reThinkYourCommute.com.

The reThinkYourCommute website will receive a makeover, aligning our program more closely to the FDOT brand.





### Special thanks to our transportation partners

























**Sumter County Transit** 

**Flagler County Public Transportation** 

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