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Zipcar Car-sharing in Allegheny County

In May 2007, Allegheny County was an initial sponsor of Zipcar in Pittsburgh, an innovative car-sharing service that has revolutionized mobility in 11 other cities, including Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington, D.C. The innovative service complements and promotes the use of transit and further reduces the number of vehicles on our roads. Zipcar will also add to Downtown Pittsburgh's viability as a residential area.

Under Zipcar's car-sharing concept, businesses and individuals can access a wide variety of brand new low-emission, fuel-efficient vehicles that are permanently parked in spaces near homes and workplaces. Members use the vehicles when they need them, paying a simple hourly rate that includes gas, insurance and maintenance. In other cities, each Zipcar in operation led to 15 fewer vehicles on the road, significantly decreasing traffic congestion and carbon dioxide emissions.

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