

“A virtual transportation hub for the Mobility Impaired.

A novel flexible volunteering opportunity, capturing the hectic modern lifestyle”

The Ecommuter MI is a mobile and web system that matches mobility impaired commuters with current available transportation options for their commuting needs, encompassing a volunteer’s platform to offer them a free of charge rides. Volunteers enjoy a-

- *Meaningful volunteering for those who truly need their help*
- *Super flexible volunteering- as and when you can*
- *A strong positive social impact*



For more details, check out our website at www.ecommutter.net or contact us at +65 9825 2400 (Amir)

Don't have a car? No problem, you can volunteer as an Operation Volunteer, to support the operations and efforts to expand the reach within your circle or others. Contact us today.

Know anyone who is mobility impaired and might be interested in registering as a passenger? Kindly let us know or refer him/her to us.

Transportation options available under the Ecommuter MI platform



HWA
 (Handicap Welfare Association)



Caring Fleet



Volunteer drivers



Silveray



London Taxi

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How the app works

ONCE the disabled commuters log onto the app, they can customise their settings to filter their transport options.

For example, a disabled commuter can register himself as using a high-backed wheelchair and a member of HWA. Immediately, he will be able to view available transport services that can accommodate his type of wheelchair and services that are open to him because of his membership.

This feature eliminates the need for the disabled to make separate checks with various transport providers when making a booking.

With the listed options, the disabled commuter can then either send a transport request to a particular provider, or wait for available transport providers to offer the rides. The request can be made in advance or in real time.

Once a match has been made, the app - which runs on a 3G broadband network - shows a map to track the progress of the driver towards the pick-up point.

This allows the commuter to gauge its time of arrival, and so have sufficient time to get to the pick-up point.

With the map feature, the organisations can also track the locations of its various drivers and dispatch the nearest driver should an ad-hoc request come in.

If multiple requests fall within the same route, the organisation can send one driver to pick up several passengers along the way.

The app also makes it more convenient for private volunteers to offer their transport services.

If a person suddenly needs to head to town to run an errand, he can log on to check if any disabled commuter needs a ride.

A rating system allows commuters to give feedback on private volunteers to ensure safety and reliability.

The commuter or driver can also communicate by sending each other messages should the need arise.

Volunteer driver David Chang gives Paralympic swimmer Theresa Goh a ride. The two are participants in a two-month test run for an app targeted at helping the disabled to become more mobile. ST PHOTO: CHEW SENG KIM

How does it work?

When you log in to the system via the mobile app or web version, you will be able to see who needs a ride, and accept any ride invitation which you are willing to take. It is as easy as that.

Who can join?

Any driver with a passion to volunteer for the mobility impaired. We require a valid license driver and insurance, as along with credentials and stating that you have no criminal record. The rides will be executed using your own private car.

What if I don't drive?

You can still volunteer and play an important role as an Operation Volunteer. You will be in charge of users from your circle or others, support them and help expand the reach to new users.

Will I get paid for the rides?

No. There is no payment or benefits involved, and it is strictly forbidden to ask for such from the passengers.

What if I go for a long vacation or busy at work?

That is perfectly fine. Your commitment starts and ends with any specific ride that you accept. There are no minimum rides or continuous engagement requirement. We understand that modern lifestyle is hectic and the schedule is ever changing, which is a major obstacle for most volunteering opportunities. The Ecommuter MI offers a modern and flexible way of volunteering, as and when it fits with your schedule.

How can I find out more details and register?

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