

The Road to Clean Commuting

Alameda County

Employee Engagement through Gamification

About Alameda County

- The County's employee commutes account for 40% of the County's GHG emissions
- The 9,000 employees each have unique barriers to clean commuting, and communicating information in such a decentralized workplace is difficult



Community Commutes Day

- This County-wide campaign utilized an **online game-based competition** to induce behavior change by encouraging employees to pledge to try a clean commute
- Network of 80 Clean Commute Champions established teams based in their offices
- For **points and prizes**, teams completed tasks including: learning about clean commute options, sharing photos and stories, and holding day-of celebration events
- Marketing strategies included commitment pledges, employee testimonials, interactive visual displays, and **emphasis on the community & team** aspect of the campaign

Achievements

- **750** employees participated in the contest across **35** building-based teams
- All 20 County agencies represented in campaign
- Recruited and trained 20 new Clean Commute Champions who provide resources to colleagues
- Received many enthusiastic stories and photos from first-time clean commuters



Lessons Learned

Successful Strategies:

- 1. Gamification: Employees competed for prize incentives and were kept motivated by the online leaderboard tracking to show both individual and team progress
- 2. Community Based Social Marketing (CBSM)
- Social Norming: technique that applies individuals' drive to be a part of a group
- Social Diffusion: outreach strategy that relies on individuals to communicate campaign messages within their office communities



Clean Commute Program

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