

## Caravan by DART Makes Commuting Easier

"... There is no comparison to the savings by using Caravan by DART. In the years I have used Caravan by DART I would have replaced two or three cars."  
– David, Winterset resident and Nationwide Insurance employee

"It's fun riding in our van and the people in our vanpool are great."  
– Teresa, Hartford resident and DotDash Meredith employee

"Before I joined a Caravan by DART vanpool I was worried about having no flexibility... It wasn't true at all. The van keeps me on time and if I have to drive to go to an activity for the kids, I do. Easy peasy."  
– Rod, Pella resident and Principal Financial Group employee

### How To Join A Caravan

To join a caravan today, simply contact Caravan by DART by phone at 515-288-7433 or email at [rideshare@ridedart.com](mailto:rideshare@ridedart.com).



### Contact

515-288-RIDE (7433)

**Email:** [rideshare@ridedart.com](mailto:rideshare@ridedart.com)

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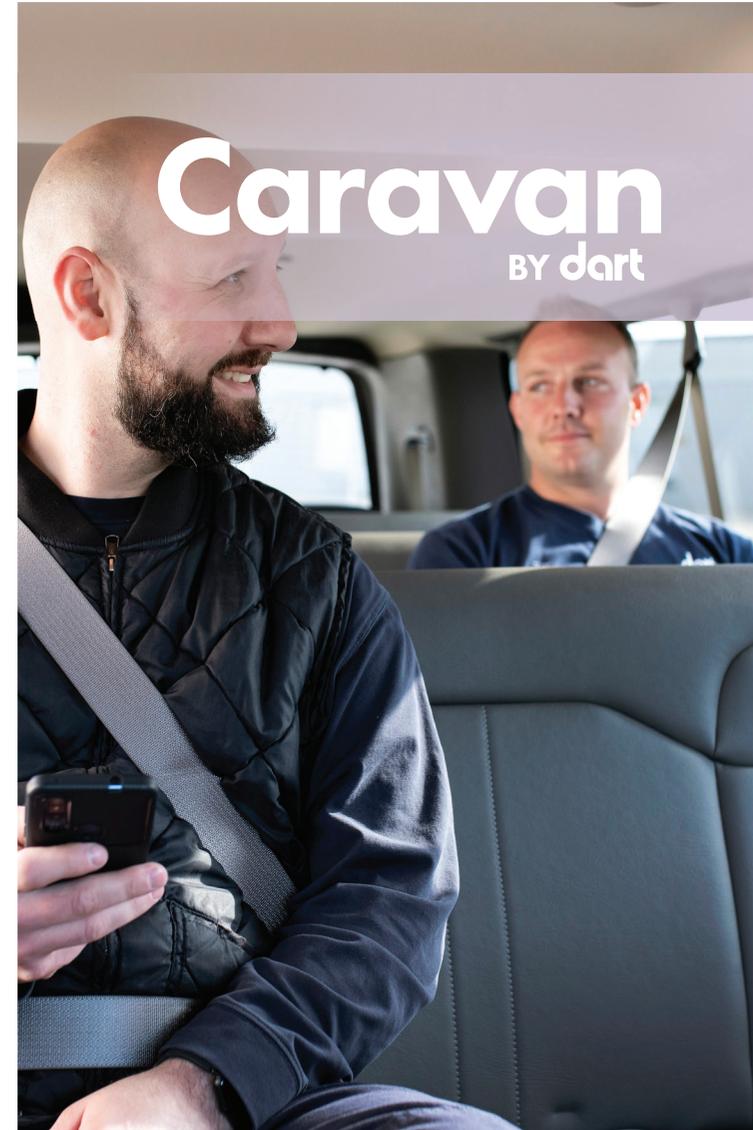
### Caravan by DART Customer Service Hours

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Caravan by DART**  
Vanpool Service in Central Iowa



### What is a Caravan by DART Vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of five to 12 commuters who live near each other and share the ride to work in a clean, comfortable DART-owned van. One person volunteers to be the driver of the vanpool and rides for free. Passengers pay a monthly fare that covers gas, insurance and maintenance for the van.

### Who Uses Caravan by DART?

- ▶ Hundreds of smart commuters who live and work in Central Iowa.
- ▶ Commuters with a relatively consistent work schedule.
- ▶ Commuters who want to save money, time, sanity and the air.

#### Good to Know:

In case of an emergency, DART will guarantee a ride home to Caravan vanpoolers up to three times per year.

### Why Use Caravan by DART?



**Save money.** Vanpoolers save thousands of dollars a year in gas, insurance, maintenance and parking costs. Check with your employer to see if your company offers a subsidy to vanpool.



**Gain more “me” time.** Vanpoolers catch up on work, read, chat, sleep or otherwise relax during their commute.



**Reduce stress.** Vanpools who don’t navigate rush hour traffic, congestion, construction and delays by themselves are happier, healthier, more productive individuals.



**Save your car.** Riders use their car less, reducing wear and tear, and often extending its life. Vanpool drivers also receive 150-200 personal use miles of the van each month.



**Enhance sustainability.** One vanpool removes as many as 11 vehicles and their emissions from the road each day. That’s good for the environment – and you!

### Caravan by DART Rate Calculator



#### FULL TIME RIDER RATE

9.5 ¢

X # of miles/day

X 22 days/month

**YOUR MONTHLY RATE**



**EXAMPLE** 9.5 ¢  
 X 60 miles  
 X 22 days  
 \$125.40 PER MONTH

- ▶ The full-time monthly rate is calculated averaging 22 days each month. If you ride 12 or more days, you are considered full time.
- ▶ Full-time monthly fares are \$100 minimum and will be capped at \$400.
- ▶ Part-time passengers ride less than 12 days per month. Their rate is 10 cents per mile X the number of miles per day X the number of days per month they use the service.
- ▶ Full-time drivers ride for free and backup drivers can receive a \$25 per month discount.
- ▶ DART collects a \$75 refundable deposit upon contract signing. Upon termination from the program, deposits are returned in full if the following criteria are met: 90-day commitment, 30-day written notice of termination and no outstanding fees on account.