

Chester Knapp
City of Redmond



Including college, Chester has been commuting to school and work for 8 years. He currently uses two modes of transportation—bike and bus—to cover his 30-mile roundtrip to work.

Whereas a lot of people think transit isn't an option because a convenient bus route is too far from home, Chester combines biking and busing to solve that problem. Every morning Chester bikes the 2 miles from Wallingford to the Montlake bus stop. There he has two choices to get to work, Metro's 242 or Sound Transit's 545. The bike racks are sometimes full, but the two buses come so frequently in the morning that he never has too long to wait.

Chester estimates he saves \$5-\$6 a day, and he uses the time on the bus to nap or read magazines. He says it's a great transition from work to home: some time to relax and de-stress. "Once you get into the habit, it's not that hard to maintain. If I drive my car once a week, that's fun. It's something different," Chester says, "But if I drive 3 days in a row, I don't want to do it anymore."

Because Chester only bikes 2 miles to the bus stop, he often wears his work clothes. He has fenders on his bikes to keep his clothes spotless, and he slaps on a pair of rain pants if the weather calls for it. The only risk he runs is a little helmet head.

Chester Knapp exemplifies the Commute Champion: despite the apparent lack of a convenient transit option, Chester combined biking with busing and found a recipe for a stress-free commute.