

Phil Harvey
Genie Industries
Bus Rider



For the last 3 years, Phil Harvey has been regularly bussing 18 miles round trip to Genie Industries in east Redmond. Phil started bussing to work when the City of Redmond began offering a the RPASS, a free 1-month bus pass to all Redmond employees.

Phil is one of this year's champions due to his dedication to regularly using transit to get to work and his readiness to help colleagues explore possible bus routes online. He readily shares his positive experience riding the bus with others.

Phil recognizes that most people don't want to give up the flexibility of driving a car, but he finds that the convenient routes and frequent busses make transit a very flexible option. He occasionally gets off the bus on the way home to stop at his bank, and then gets back on the bus to continue home. He also occasionally runs an errand at the Home Depot near his bus stop before heading home. So he's found a way to combine post-work errands with his daily bus ride.

When talking about the benefits of bussing to work, Phil mentions the wind-down time he experiences on his way home. He's taken advantage of this time to relax after the day, sleep, and catch up on e-mails on his Blackberry. As his children have begun driving, Phil also hasn't added any cars to his household, since he rarely uses his car during the day. He also values the 20 minutes of daily walking to and from the bus stops that has significant health benefits.

One of the unexpected benefits Phil mentions is the ability to be more attuned to one's community. Phil has a great curiosity about the people in his area, and the bus gives him a chance to meet people that he wouldn't otherwise meet.

Phil is appreciative of the City of Redmond's many programs and the strong support provided by Genie Industries for its alternative commuters.