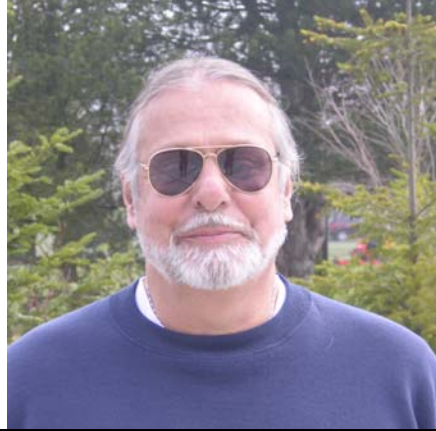


Rob Nepon
City of Redmond
Bus Rider



Robert Nepon is a dedicated daily transit rider who maximizes public transit for most of his transportation needs. He's a proponent of clean air who has adapted to some inconvenience in order to live without a personal vehicle. He's a great example of how maximizing public transit can be done.

Rob said that when he first went carless, he was at first skeptical, but it didn't take him long to get very savvy about how to get around. He has to be fairly organized to take care of all his shopping. He says, "I've sat in traffic before and choked on the fumes. People want to get to work fast and get home fast. If you learn how to use the bus routes, you be very efficient in getting around."

The days that traffic is bad, Rob knows that it would take just as long to get home if he were in a car. Those long days, however, Rob just has more time to read or relax on the way home.

His current commute includes two buses with a transfer. The last leg of the journey home is fairly short, and when the weather is good, Rob walks the rest of the way rather than wait for the connection.

Rob's sons both work in Manhattan where not owning a car is so much more common. He says, "They wouldn't even think of having a car." Redmond does not have the same rapid transit options as Manhattan, but Rob has made it work. He's living his values and that's why Rob is a Commute Champion!