

Solomon Obune
Production Specialist
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Biker



For the last 10 years, Solomon Obune has been biking to work 5 days a week, in spring, summer, fall, and winter. His current round trip is approximately 12 miles.

Solomon said that when he moved to Redmond, he thought that if he worked two jobs he would be able to provide for his family and pay a car payment, car insurance premiums and gas—and then he did the math for life without a car. He discovered that if he worked just one job and lived without a car, he'd actually get to see the family he was supporting and have a little more money in his pocket.

He says that biking in the Pacific Northwest weather year round for the last decade has taught him how strong he is. He also attributes his good health to his daily biking. He has not called in sick once in the last 10 years.

"I love riding the bike. It keeps me looking young," says Solomon, and he certainly looks younger than his 43 years.

Solomon rides his bike 5 days a week, in the rain, and even in the occasional snow. He does this to live a better quality life that includes more time with his family and money for his children's education. His inspiring story makes him one of this year's Commute Champions.