ECO: Sustainable transport

Objective: To minimize the environmental impacts of transportation for business purposes and to encourage public transit for employee commuting.

Hybrid vehicles

BMO has 56 hybrid vehicles, representing over 20% of our service vehicle fleet, available for business use by our employees. Environmental qualities such as carbon footprint and fuel efficiency are part of our purchasing decision criteria. As we update our vehicles, we will continue to convert them to greener alternatives.

Reducing air travel

To minimize commercial air travel for internal meetings, we follow the enterprise travel directive, which encourages employees to use online collaborative technology such as video-conferencing and teleconferencing whenever possible. State-of-the-art video conferencing facilities (Cisco – TelePresence) connect our Chicago offices to those in Toronto.

Employee commuter program

To reduce vehicle emissions and air pollution from traffic congestion, BMO encourages employees to use public transit when travelling to and from our offices, and has introduced affordable transit programs in some of the cities where we operate. We have also partnered with Smart Commute to create a carpool zone where employees who work at our Scarborough Computing Centre (SCC), Institute for Learning (IFL) or Meadowvale Customer Contact Centre (MCCC) can register for a carpool. The program matches employees with colleagues they can carpool with. These locations also participate in Smart Commute’s promotional campaigns, which encourage employees to carpool or switch to sustainable modes of transportation to reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles on the road.