



Please tell us more about your success story regarding your car usage after you moved downtown.

"I sold my car, bought a bike and a bus pass and have never looked back! There are so many more bus stops that take me wherever I need to go. Everything is so close that I also bike pretty much wherever I need to go. Success! Cheaper transportation."

"I use it less which allows me to save on gas. I bike more and walk more which is great cardio I would not normally get."

"Don't have one, don't need one. Able to use my friends and neighbors to get vehicle access any time I need to go somewhere I can't walk, bus or bike easily. Very easy to pool vehicles in the downtown community."

"Almost never have to use my car! If downtown had a grocery store, I would almost never use my car and would bike EVERYWHERE I needed to go. As soon as a grocery store opens near the Pearl I will have everything I need (within biking range) to be car free!"

"I have an older car that would have needed to be replaced if I was spending an hour in it every day. Living downtown meant the car is fine. I ride my bike to work some days, and if the car quit I'd most likely make biking my primary transport."

"When I relocated to San Antonio from out-of-state, I chose to live in the downtown area. I have now been here for a few months over a year and still love my decision. I use the bike share system (which I love!) to get around in the downtown areas such as SoFlo, Southtown, the Pearl and LoBro. I still have the need to drive up northside since many of my fellow young professional friends live up 281 or I-10."

"There's no grocery store within walking distance of downtown. (and taking a bus is problematic if you have a bunch of groceries) Other than that, I'd be fine without a car. There's a business in town that does grocery delivery, and it costs about the same as taking a cab. <http://groceries2youusa.com/>"

"I use Hertz-on-Demand for occasional car needs."

"Not only is my daily commute time many minutes shorter than my colleagues', I am able to walk or bike to complete many errands. I rarely need to leave downtown, except to go to the grocery store."

"We love that we come home from work each day and rarely think about the car again preferring to walk or ride bikes to whatever it is we intend to do that evening or weekend. I just wish there was a grocery store."

"Don't need to drive as far / as much."

"I have enjoyed living downtown in the SouthTown area. I drive a scooter, so the commute to work is easy, while I still am able to get anywhere in town. I prefer to walk to many of my entertainment and restaurant options (except when it's too ridiculously hot!). It has been a very positive experience for a young professional."

"I have started to bike a lot more. And I save on lunches too cause in able to head home and prepare a meal!"

"commuted to USAA from New Braunfels for years. couldn't deal with commute anymore, fell in love with southtown. moved. happier."

"We are a family of six living in Tobin Hill right outside of downtown. We are, without struggle, a one car family. We get around town using a combination of our car, Via buses, bikes, walking (sometimes running, too), and Hertz car share. It would be impossible for us to make that happen in a more car dependent area."

"The car situation downtown sucks and its one of the biggest reasons I want to move. Downtown should either be developed so residents don't need cars or there should be enough parking for residents. Downtown SA just isn't designed for residents which is why I'm trying to move."

"I have often gone a week or two weeks without driving my car. Most days it sits in the parking garage and I have now started biking and walk much more around downtown."

"I used to drive 30 min each way to work. Now I'm 5 min away in my car, or 10 min on my bike. When it's not too hot, I take my bike"

"Reduced Stress!"

"I used to drive more than 45 minutes to get anywhere. Happy to be a downtown resident!"

"I love the fact that downtown residents are becoming more physically active. It is evident by the number of runners and bicyclists I see on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the parking area near Blue Star and La Tuna. I also love that I can take regular bike rides with my children along the Mission Reach or through Southtown towards Hemisfair in the early mornings or late nights to avoid the heat.

On days when I know that I will not have meetings, I can ride my bike to work and not drive my car at all. With the exception of a reasonably priced grocery store in the downtown area, I could see my daily commute becoming one on two wheels, especially once the weather cools off."

"still no great public transportation options"

"I love getting to work in less than 5 minutes and saving money on gas. Sometimes I ride my scooter which gets 80 mpg. Other times I can ride my bike. Lovin every minute of it!"

"My car is 8 years old with only 70k miles. Living downtown has allowed me to save money by enjoying free entertainment, public transport and bikes!"

"I'm a REALTOR so I can't live without my car. I use B-cycle occasionally to get places downtown but when it's hot or when I need to be dressed up, I still take my car. Can't wait for the streetcar. Buses and streetcars just aren't the same. I'd take a trolley from my area (Pearl) if they came here though."

"I use my car less, but more importantly, living downtown, I have found it easier to experiment with other transportation methods such as transit and bike. Before living downtown I was uncomfortable with both. The exposure to transit and bike share allowed me to get out of my comfort zone. The more I rode the bus or utilized the

bike share, the easier it was. I typically leave my truck at home at least once a week now if my work schedule allows. I don't know if I would have been as ambitious about trying to new things before living downtown honestly."

"I do the reserve commute so I barely ever hit traffic. I also rarely use my car on the weekends!"

"I traded in my car for a cheaper one since I barely drive now. My fiance and I also share a car since I work so close to my apartment and he works from home."

"Everything (save groceries) are at our fingertips! Our resident artists want to be in the heart of a vibrant cultural center, and that's downtown San Antonio."

"I now can walk to work as I live less than half mile from my work. I mainly use the car now for getting groceries and trips to home depot to fix up the old house."

"I'm guilty of driving to work and not being familiar with public transit - fail."

"There's a lot of construction everywhere, so I've actually had 2 nails in my tires now."

"I live less than 2 blocks away from work now. I use my car to grocery shop and visit my parents. I tried taking the bus to do the latter, but our bus system is completely impractical for anyone with time issues. Spending over 2 hours of my day on a bus or waiting for one is terrible. For being the 7th largest city in the US, or public trans is pretty prehistoric."

"I moved downtown to reduce my commute. I now walk to work, and have more time to enjoy my non-work hours."

"Once I get home from work I drive much less than I used to and I love that! Dining and nightlife options are much closer than before."

"Use Hertz on Demand when I need to drive somewhere."

"I own a scooter which I love to ride but there is absolutely no parking concessions for scooters downtown. Pay to park stickers get stolen. It is easier to use my car. There should be accommodations for scooters!"

"We are retired. We live in the hub of San Antonio so we can get to any place outside the hub quicker. We have almost everything we want within walking distance. Some residents can't find garages close to where they live. City garages such as Houston St. Garage and St. Mary's garage have leased spaces to businesses as an incentive to stay or move into the downtown. That leaves less spaces for residents to rent by the month. Some residents are on a waiting list for a garage space"

"Although moving DT didn't reduce our commute, it did make it a reverse commute. We chose to live near downtown because of the neighborhood, also we do love biking to the DT restaurants and around Southtown. Running on the Museum & Mission reaches of the riverwalk and surrounding areas are also a big plus!"

"Tremendously reduced the use of my car and increased my walking and biking."

"I walk to work now and don't use my car"

"We ride our bikes, walk, skateboard and take the bus when running errands or taking advantage of entertainment options in our area. Therefore our vehicle useage has dropped significantly."

"Live being able to walk or bike to great places to eat, shop, and relax. Hard to want to trade that for my more suburban experiences."

"Neither good or bad. I didn't move downtown because of transit factors."

"In cool enough weather, I do not have to drive to work - I can walk. On weekends, I may not use my car at all for a day or more."

"Things like grocery shopping, getting gas, etc require more time and planning but we enjoy the bars and restaurants in King William."