

## *Sunflower Systems Transit Benefits Solution*

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Organizations in both the public and private sectors often offer transportation benefits to employees, such as monies to be used toward public transportation fees, or a subsidy that allows employees to utilize parking facilities. In a day when organizations need to spend more wisely and efficiently, many departments are being forced to identify wasteful spending. Transit benefits programs often present opportunities for excess spending since funds are issued directly to employees for parking and public transportation fees. If transit benefit information is not carefully managed, employees may mistakenly be issued more funds than they are authorized to receive.

In addition, a paper application process is often utilized for enrolling in transit benefits programs, requiring hours to manually enter data into spreadsheets and compile that data in order to report to upper level management. A manual process is not only time consuming, but allows for data integrity issues as well as human error. The Sunflower Transit Benefits Solution is designed to a) automate application and approval processes that are paper-based and time consuming, b) mitigate the risk of employees being enrolled concurrently in more than one benefits program by integrating data between two discrete paper-based systems, and c) allow for the fast retrieval and efficient and accurate reporting of transit related data.

Sunflower Transit Benefits provides an online application and approval process for enrollment into a parking benefits program, meaning that applicant information is automatically stored and can be retrieved and reported easily. The solution allows benefit applications to be “ranked” based on a number of factors (depending on the specific guidelines of the organization) making the approval process much less time consuming. Sunflower Transit Benefits also offers the ability to print actual permits that include information that must be displayed.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has recently implemented an online application process for enrollment in the federal transit benefits program. By interfacing directly with the DOT system, Sunflower can capture certain data related to employees who receive transit benefits, creating one central repository for all transit and parking related data, and eliminating the need to maintain two separate paper-based systems.

The Sunflower Transit Benefits Solution can allow any organization’s transit benefits program to be more efficient, no matter how large or small. Sunflower’s functionality allows program administrators to significantly decrease the amount of time and money that is spent maintaining a transit benefits system. By automating a manual process and providing the ability to report quickly, efficiently, and in real-time, Sunflower eliminates the need to gather, sort, and interpret data from systems that are often independently maintained. By implementing the Sunflower Solution, organizations can streamline the benefits management process and realize significant cost savings by curbing waste, fraud and abuse often associated with transit benefit programs.