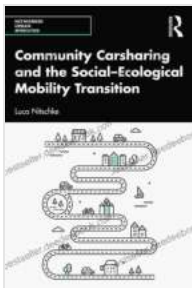# Community Carsharing: The Social Ecological Mobility Transition Networked

Community carsharing is a transportation model that allows multiple users to access a shared fleet of vehicles on an as-needed basis. This can provide numerous benefits to both individuals and communities, including reduced car ownership costs, increased accessibility to transportation, and reduced environmental impact.

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How does community carsharing work?

Community carsharing programs typically operate on a membership basis. Members pay a monthly or annual fee to gain access to the shared fleet of vehicles. Vehicles can be reserved in advance through an online platform or mobile app. Members then pick up and drop off the vehicles at designated locations throughout the community.

The cost of using a community carsharing vehicle varies depending on the program, but it is typically less expensive than owning and operating a personal vehicle. Members typically pay an hourly rate for vehicle use, plus a small mileage fee. Some programs also offer monthly or annual unlimited mileage plans.

What are the benefits of community carsharing?

There are numerous benefits to community carsharing, including:

- **Reduced car ownership costs:** Community carsharing can save members thousands of dollars per year on car ownership costs, including the cost of purchasing a vehicle, insurance, maintenance, and repairs.

- **Increased accessibility to transportation:** Community carsharing can provide increased accessibility to transportation for people who cannot afford to own a vehicle or who do not have access to reliable public transportation.

- **Reduced environmental impact:** Community carsharing can reduce the number of vehicles on the road, which can lead to reduced air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Increased community connectivity:** Community carsharing can help to increase community connectivity by providing a shared resource that can be used by all members of the community.
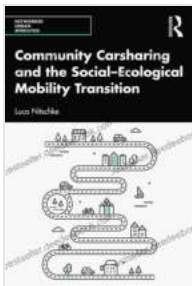
How can I get involved in community carsharing?

There are many different community carsharing programs operating across the United States. To find a program in your area, you can visit the website

of the North American Community CarSharing Association (NACSA). NACSA is a non-profit organization that promotes the development and growth of community carsharing programs.

Once you have found a program in your area, you can sign up for membership. The membership process typically involves completing an application and providing proof of insurance. Once you are a member, you can start reserving vehicles and using the shared fleet.

Community carsharing is a transportation model that can provide numerous benefits to both individuals and communities. By reducing car ownership costs, increasing accessibility to transportation, and reducing environmental impact, community carsharing can help to create a more sustainable and equitable transportation system.

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