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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How far do you drive to work? How long does it take?
And what would help your commute?*

The Environmental Protection Agency this week added six places to its list of "Best Workplaces for Commuters" in Tucson.

They are the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort, Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, The Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa, the Tucson Downtown Alliance, University Medical Center and the U.S. Federal Building, according to the Pima Association of Governments.

The Star asked local businesspeople about their commutes.

"It takes me 10 minutes at the most. If there were more bus pull-offs, that would make it so everyone wasn't trying to merge dangerously to get

around the bus."

Kristi Spillman

General manager, Delectables Restaurant and Catering

"It depends on whether the university is in session. Usually in the summer it will take me 10 minutes. When school is in session, it can take up to 45 minutes. We need viable mass transportation. I would be one less car on the street."

Bill Nugent

Owner, The Shanty

"Depends on where I work. Today I drove 35 to 40 minutes. I live in Vail. We need more buses, more freeways, more access to

roads and a truck route. It's ridiculous."

Herberto Porras

Self-employed painter

"Five minutes. They need more left-turn lights. I always sit at that light at Fourth Avenue and Speedway."

Maggie Chiaro

Assistant manager, Creations (clothing store)

"Iride my bike to work. It takes me five minutes. I'm coming from Downtown, and the Fourth Avenue underpass is a little crazy. There should be a light there."

Megan Hull

Baker, Brooklyn Pizza Co.

"It takes me about 10 minutes. But Tucson traffic control is abominable. There is no east-west traffic (route) that's convenient. One-way streets would be ideal."

James Lingham

Realtor, Real Estate Marketing Professionals

"I don't drive to work. The bus takes about 20 minutes. The bus system here is pretty decent, compared to Maricopa County."

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Salesperson, Zoe Style

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