

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS/COSTS

	Initial Cost	<u>Monthly Cost</u> (assume ~1000 miles/ month)	SC Drivers License Req'd?	SC Reg. & Insur?	Convenience & Flexibility
Buy a Good Used Car	\$4,000 to \$20,000+	~\$300 Includes gas, insurance, maintenance estimate Add ~\$300-\$700+/mo. for loan payments	YES	YES	EXCELLENT
Buy a Moped	~\$1,000	~\$25**	Moped License	Reg:Y Ins: N	GOOD FOR LOCAL RIDES: WEATHER & DARKNESS ISSUES; REQUIRES MOPED LICENSE
Buy a Bike/Electric bike	~\$100-\$500+	~\$0	NO	NO	GOOD FOR LOCAL RIDES: WEATHER & DARKNESS ISSUES; NO LICENSE REQUIRED
Use Seneca Transit	\$0	~\$200	NO	NO	MUST LIVE AND WORK WITHIN 1 MILE OF SENECA CITY LIMITS; MUST PRESCHEDULE
Use UBER	\$0	~\$1,500-\$2,000 (Less if can share rides)	NO	NO	VERY GOOD
Use local driver service	\$0	~\$2,000-\$3,000 (Less if can share rides)	NO	NO	VERY GOOD
Find a Carpool	\$0	~\$100-\$200: Assumes \$5-10 per day ride share cost	NO	NO	GOOD FOR TO/FROM WORK
Rides with family/friends	\$0	\$0?	NO	NO	GOOD FOR TO/FROM WORK May not be long term solution
Move close to work and walk to work	\$0	\$0	NO	NO	GOOD FOR TO/FROM WORK

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS/COSTS DETAILS

1-Own your own car - requires a SC drivers license, vehicle registration and insurance.

Purchase price: A five year old Honda Civic in good condition will cost about \$20,000. A Ten year old Civic will cost \$8-10,000. A ten year old Nissan Altima with 200,000 miles would cost about \$5,000. In addition once you have purchased a car you need title/tags/tax etc (several hundred dollars).

Operating cost (does NOT include monthly car payment costs): A car will cost at least 20 cents per mile to operate when you include gas, maintenance, insurance, etc. this means that if you drive the car 50 miles per day (to work etc) you should budget at least \$10 per day or \$300 per month for car expenses. An older car that will need more repairs will add to this cost, and if you have past driving issues or DUI's insurance will be higher meaning the monthly operating costs could be much higher.

Participants who do not have or cannot get a driver's license can consider:

2-A moped. In South Carolina, mopeds must be registered and have a license plate, but they do not require insurance or property taxes. Riders must be at least 15 years old, and those under 21 must wear a helmet; mopeds cannot exceed 35 mph and cannot be operated on roads with speed limits over 55 mph. Driving a moped requires a moped license, but you can get one even if you've lost your regular drivers license. You'll have to go to DMV and take an eye exam and the motorcycle/moped knowledge test for the moped license (you'll need your original birth certificate, social security card, and two proofs of your current physical South Carolina address). A new moped can be purchased for about \$1,000 at Oconee Welding Supply, 601 E North 1st St. Seneca, SC, 864-882-3343

3-A bicycle or electric bike. Electric bikes do not have to be registered, but must have less than 750KW motors. A license is not required in SC. A non electric bike could be found used for less than \$100 and a new electric bike would cost anywhere from \$500 to over \$1000. Electric bikes typically go up to 20 mph and travel 40 miles on a charge. Like mopeds there are limitations and safety/route/weather considerations.

4-Use Seneca Transit -Seneca Transit's system allows residents to schedule rides based on their personal travel needs, rather than fixed bus stops or routes. Riders can request point-to-point transportation by calling 864-332-5424. Service hours are Monday to Saturday 6am to 6pm within about 1 mile of the city of Seneca. Cost is \$5 per ride and must be scheduled 48 hours in advance. For details go to <https://seneca.sc.us/planning-and-development-home/seneca-transit>

5 -UBER or Taxi rides - There are no taxi services can Oconee County . Two car services are available: YPD LLC (Reggie - 864-280-0414) and Lev Moore Concierge service (<https://levmooreconciergeservices.com/>) Ask for Ian at 864-215-2342. Cost will typically be \$2.50-\$3 per mile plus a pick up fee. These can be scheduled in advance. Costs can be reduced by sharing with other riders. UBER rides cost \$1.50 to over \$2 per mile (ride costs go up during busy times) plus a pick up fee. Using the UBER app rides can be scheduled in advance any time day or night (although drivers may not be available at all hours). Again costs can be reduced if more than one rider can share the ride cost.

6- Find a carpool or family/friend to ride with - Some employers have bulletin boards or other methods of helping employees find carpools. Otherwise it is up to you to ask co-workers. Paying them \$5-10 per day for a ride if they are going in your direction anyway could be a win win for both of you.