

Alternative Transportation Options Policy

Definition & Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to reduce the number of vehicles driven to campus on a daily basis, reduce environmental pollutants, traffic congestion, fuel costs, and the building of new parking ramps on campus. Alternative Transportation is defined as transportation options for faculty, staff, students and visitors which provide access to and around campus without the need to use a single-occupant vehicle.

Policy

- It is the goal of UW Transportation Services to reduce traffic to and on campus and to provide alternative transportation options for faculty, staff, students and visitors.

Getting to Campus:

- **An annual Madison Metro Bus pass** is available free of charge to all students and employees of UW-Madison, UW Hospital, Wisconsin Alumni Association, and Wisconsin State Historical. The employee bus pass program is managed by UW Transportation Services (www.wisc.edu/trans). The student bus pass program is managed by Associated Students of Madison (www.asm.wisc.edu).
- **The State Vanpool Program** is open to UW-Madison and affiliated employees. Vanpools are groups of 7 to 15 commuters who share their ride to work in a passenger van that is owned, insured, and serviced by the State Vanpool Program. Contact the State Vanpool Office at (266-7665) for information.
- **Park & Ride lot** at University Research Park provides low cost off campus parking. UW Transportation Services provides this low cost parking option as a method to limit the number of vehicles driving to and parking on campus (www.wisc.edu/trans).
- **Metro Park & Ride lots** are also available for commuters. For additional information, visit the Madison Metro webpage at www.mymetrobus.com.
- **Carpooling** allows faculty & staff an alternative to driving single occupancy vehicles to campus. UW Transportation Services supports and encourages faculty & staff to commute to campus in one vehicle. Dane County Rideshare (266-RIDE) can assist people looking for a carpool partner.
- **Biking and walking** is encouraged by UW Transportation Services as an alternative to parking vehicles on campus. We improve bicycle paths, provide bicycle racks & lockers, and work in partnership with others to improve safety and security on campus. City and university bicycle maps are available at UW Transportation Services offices to assist in route planning.

Getting around Campus:

- A free campus bus (Route 80) circulates through campus with primary stops at the Memorial Union, Union South, UW Hospital and Eagle Heights. Service runs from approximately 6:15am until 2am. In addition, a second free campus bus (Route 85) circulates through campus with primary stops at the Welcome Center (21 N. Park St.), Memorial Union and Union South. Two evening routes (Route 81 and 82) circulate in nearby neighborhoods from 6:30pm until 2am. Routes 80, 81 82, and 85 schedules and maps are online at www.mymetrobus.com
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Support Programs:

- **An Emergency Ride Home** is provided in the case of an illness or emergency for faculty and staff who commute to campus via alternative transportation. See the Emergency Ride Home Policy or our webpage at www.wisc.edu/trans for more information.
- **The Flex Parking Program** is an option for faculty & staff who primarily use alternative transportation modes to campus but have an occasional need to bring a vehicle and park it on campus. See Flex Permit Parking Policy or our webpage at www.wisc.edu/trans for more information.
- **Temporary Permits** are sold on a space available basis as an option for faculty and staff needing occasional parking on campus and as an alternative to purchasing an Annual Basemat Permit and parking on campus daily.
- **Car sharing** is an additional transportation option for faculty & staff who use alternative transportation to get to campus but have an occasional need for a vehicle. This partnership between UW Transportation Services and Community Car provides faculty & staff an opportunity to have access to a vehicle on campus without bringing their personal vehicle. For more information on Community Car visit our website at www.wisc.edu/trans.

Related References

- Emergency Ride Home Policy
- Park & Ride Permit Policy
- Flex Permit Policy
- Carpool Permit Policy
- State Vanpool Policy

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