

# Alternative Transportation

## Definition and Purpose

Alternative Transportation programs increase walking, biking, transit, carpooling, and other forms of personal transportation that will reduce the number of single-occupant vehicle trips to campus on a daily basis. Alternative commutes reduce environmental pollutants, traffic congestion, fuel costs, and the building of new parking decks on campus, and generally support a more pedestrian friendly campus and healthier lifestyle. 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.

## Rules and Regulations

It is the goal of GT Parking and Transportation Services to provide a range of transportation options to students, faculty, staff, and visitors that reduce the need for the use of the single-occupant vehicle and support a more pedestrian friendly campus.

## Alternative Transportation Programs:

- Bicycling  
Georgia Tech supports biking to, from and on campus as an active and environmentally sustainable travel option. Cyclists are encouraged to wear helmets and use U-locks to secure their bikes only to bike racks, which can be located at most campus buildings. Please visit the PTS Bicycling webpage for information on our programs: <https://pts.gatech.edu/bicycling-georgia-tech>
- Campus Transit  
Georgia Tech has a fare-free transit system called the Stinger; any student, staff, faculty, guest or visitor (general public) may ride the campus transit buses free of charge. No ID is required. Stinger route information is located at <https://pts.gatech.edu/stinger-bus-routes>.
- Carpooling  
Those that must drive to campus can do so more sustainably by sharing rides. Georgia Tech supports carpooling by offering discounted permits for students, faculty or staff regularly commuting with two or more persons. Carpool information may be found at <https://pts.gatech.edu/carpool-rideshare>.
- Georgia Commute Options  
Register online for Georgia Commute Options, a joint program with Midtown Alliance, The Clean Air Campaign and Georgia Tech that rewards members for biking, walking, carpooling and taking transit to work. Log your commute to earn monetary incentives, sign up for the Guaranteed Ride Home program, or find commute partners via [www.gacommuteoptions.com](http://www.gacommuteoptions.com).
- Regional Transit Pass Sales  
Parking and Transportation offers regional transit passes for MARTA and commuter bus services. MARTA passes are available through payroll deduction for full-time employees. Additionally, MARTA passes can be purchased each month by students and employees at the PTS Office. Commuter bus passes are available through payroll deduction only for full-time employees. Info is here: <https://pts.gatech.edu/regional-transit>.
- SmartPark and Flex Parking Permits  
SmartPark and Flex Permits offer flexibility for students and employees who occasionally drive to campus. SmartPark is a pay as you go parking permit program, allowing customers to purchase a SmartPark card for \$25 and pay only \$6 to park in designated lots. Flex Permits allow parking in

one parking lot or deck for one day, two consecutive days, one week, or one month. For more details, please visit <https://pts.gatech.edu/permits-payment>.

- **Zipcar**

Zipcar is the world's largest, membership-based, car-sharing company. Zipcar provides members access to a variety of new, fuel-efficient vehicles conveniently located throughout the Georgia Tech campus and Atlanta. Georgia Tech's partnership with Zipcar provides exceptional discounts for students, faculty and staff. For more information please visit <https://www.zipcar.com/universities/the-georgia-institute-of-technology>.

### **Related References**

Transportation Commute Options <http://pts.gatech.edu/alternative-transportation>

GT Disability Accommodation for employees or visitors <https://hr.gatech.edu/disability-services>

ADAPTS-Disability Services Program for students <https://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/>

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