

# Stanford | REDWOOD CITY

Dear colleague,

Stanford Redwood City (SRWC) is our new, state-of-the-art campus that brings critical support functions together and allows the university to advance its academic mission and explore new ways of working as a distributed community.

For many of us, a key interest is parking and transportation. According to our recent change readiness survey, commuting to Stanford Redwood City and parking were identified as top concerns.

It's important to note that commuting in the Bay Area is a widespread concern and a challenge for our entire campus community. While our parking and transportation programs may lessen the burden, we are committed to developing other solutions, such as implementing flexible work arrangements and further expanding [alternative work locations](#) for those whose work allows it, to ease commute time and increase workplace productivity.

The Stanford Redwood City Executive Committee appreciates your questions, input and patience as we worked to design a diverse and sustainable parking and transportation program for our community.

## Key Considerations

In designing the parking and transportation program for SRWC, we considered several guiding principles and key factors, including identifying cost-effective solutions while meeting the university's commitment to sustainability, incentivizing alternative commutes, and leveraging the opportunities of being located so close to Caltrain, which is free to eligible employees with the Stanford-funded Go Pass. In addition, we must meet local regulatory standards and continue to foster our partnership with Redwood City by minimizing our impact on the neighborhoods surrounding our new campus. Another factor we considered was to provide an equitable experience with employees at the main campus who purchase parking permits when driving alone, or join the Commute Club and receive financial incentives when choosing sustainable commute options.

## Stanford Redwood City Parking & Transportation

Below are highlights of Stanford Redwood City's parking and transportation demand management program:

- **Employee Paid Parking:** Similar to the main campus, you will need to purchase a permit to park at Stanford Redwood City. The SRWC permit will be comparably [priced to the main campus 'C'-permit rate](#) and may be used in "C" permit spaces on the main campus. In addition, "A" or "C" main campus permits may be used at SRWC. Eligible carpool and vanpool permit holders will be able to access free, preferred parking spaces at SRWC. With some employees using sustainable commutes and the increase of telecommuting and alternative work locations, we believe the Barron Parking Garage, which is the SRWC parking garage, and surface lots will provide sufficient parking to meet the needs of our commuters and visitors.
- **Commute Club:** The Commute Club provides financial incentives to those who choose sustainable commutes. At SRWC, you will have the same [Commute Club benefits](#) as the main campus. It's important to note that fees for parking permits are one way the university offsets the cost of Commute Club programs, such as Clean Air Cash, free vanpools and other incentives. Offering a comprehensive commute program encourages alternative transportation and provides a more equitable experience for employees at both campuses.
- **Caltrain and SRWC Shuttle:** If [eligible](#), you may continue to receive a free Caltrain Go Pass for unlimited travel on Caltrain with service between Gilroy and San Francisco with a station at Redwood City.

To get to SRWC from the Redwood City Caltrain station, Stanford will fund expanded shuttle services through the existing peak-commute shuttle offered by [Commute.org](#). Commute.org will provide service between Caltrain and SRWC during weekday commute hours every 15-20 minutes, approximately 6:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Additionally, Stanford's free Marguerite shuttle will provide a new midday service to Caltrain and downtown Redwood City. It is expected to be approximately every 30 minutes between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

- **Other Transit:** In addition to a free Caltrain Go Pass, eligible employees can receive a free VTA pass for unlimited transit on VTA's buses, express buses and light rail throughout Santa Clara County and/or a free SamTrans pass for rides on buses that serve San Mateo County and Caltrain's Redwood City station. Learn more on the [Free Transit & Incentives](#) page.
- **No Shuttle Service Between Campuses:** As previously shared, a Marguerite shuttle will not operate between the main and SRWC campuses. This decision supports Stanford's commitment to sustainability and reduces impacts that regular shuttle service would bring to the neighboring communities. Additionally, in order to run a cost-effective intercampus shuttle, we need large populations traveling the same route with regular and high frequency.

For those whose work requires intercampus commuting, we will have a dedicated touchdown space on the main campus for SRWC employees and will offer options, such as Zipcar, a car-sharing service, that give employees greater on-demand flexibility. We will share details about the touchdown space as more information becomes available.

Additionally, significant investments are being made to enhance the [main campus infrastructure](#) to support intercampus communications and virtual meetings. We highly encourage you to utilize videoconferencing as a primary option and to avoid vehicle trips between campuses.

- **Free Vanpool Lease:** We recognize current express bus options, such as VTA and Dumbarton Express, do not serve San Mateo County. As an alternative, SRWC commuters are encouraged to participate in Stanford's free vanpool program and carpool services. Both vanpools and carpools receive free preferred parking and other incentives. As the SRWC population grows, we will evaluate the demand for shuttles by monitoring growth of carpools and vanpools from the same area as an indication of sufficient ridership for an express shuttle service. You can learn more about vanpool and carpool services on the [Rideshare](#) page.
- **Bicycle Commute Amenities:** SRWC will feature on-site amenities to facilitate bike commuting, including a free bike safety repair station, mobile bike repair service, free bike racks, and for a small fee, access to secured bike cages on a first-come, first-served basis. Bike safety is important and with new construction along Broadway and utilities work on Middlefield, we understand the impacts on bicycle commuters. The university will continue to collaborate with the City on interim and long-term solutions to improve SRWC bike access. To view bicycle routes to SRWC, visit the [Commute Resources](#) page.

Similar to transportation demand management programs on the main campus, Parking & Transportation Services (P&TS) will continue to monitor demand for programs that support reducing single occupancy vehicle rates for Stanford Redwood City. In addition, P&TS will consider [feedback](#) from the SRWC campus community to identify or adjust programs and services to better meet the community's future needs.

We hope the approved parking and transportation program helps you to better prepare for your move to the new campus. You will find more details, including an FAQ, a Caltrain commute video, and sample commute plans on the [SRWC Transportation microsite](#). In addition, P&TS offers commute-planning assistance. To take advantage of this free service, please visit the [Stanford Trip Planning Assistance](#) page.

Establishing a new parking and transportation program is a milestone in our Stanford Redwood City journey. We thank you for your resilience and continued commitment to the university as we prepare for the opening of Stanford Redwood City in 2019.

Kind regards,

[Stanford Redwood City Executive Committee](#)

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