Stanford Transportation
Return to Your Commute
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What To Know About Returning to Your Commute

- Choosing your commute mode
- Saving on your commute
- Getting help planning your commute
I TRAIN...

“I’ve been riding Caltrain from San Francisco to Redwood City since mid-June, and there’s plenty of space on board! I plan to continue to ride the train during the flexible work pilot.”

Brian Shaw
Executive Director

I BIKE...

“Riding from Los Altos to the main campus over the past several months, I’ve noticed an increase in traffic and activity. As cyclists, we really need to pay attention and, of course, wear a helmet every time we ride.”

Ariadne Delon Scott
Assistant Director of Active Mobility

I CARPOOL...

“My husband and I commute several days a week together in our hybrid car to the Stanford Redwood City campus. While the traffic has definitely increased since the shelter-in-place days, it’s still pleasant riding together!”

Kim Ratcliff
Communications Manager

I DRIVE...

“Ever since the pandemic, my time has been split working 50% on campus and 50% remotely. In early 2021, my commute... took 10 minutes. Nowadays, traffic is 75% back to normal and my commute is 20 to 30 minutes.”

Nico Baradi
Parking Field Agent
How Can I Save If I’m Driving?

- **Stanford has kept the ‘C’ permit as an affordable option.** In FY’21 and FY’22, parking rates have been held at FY’20 rates.

- **If saving is a priority, the ‘C’ daily or monthly permit offer the lowest rates.** The ‘A’ permit is for those who prioritize convenience, with parking availability closer to destinations.

- **Purchase the permit that makes sense for you** based on the duration you need to park.

- **Pre-tax payroll deduction is automatically applied** for eligible commuters, providing a tax savings of up to 40 percent.

For those concerned about cost, Stanford continues to invest in sustainable commute programs, including free transit passes and vanpools for those who want or need these options and are comfortable using them.
Will Stanford Offer Part-Time Permits?

▪ **Requests for more flexibility.** We understand that commuters want a parking permit that matches the number of days they are commuting, something between daily and monthly permits.

▪ **We are working diligently** to determine the best way forward for our programs in response to significant changes to commuting due to COVID-19.

▪ **Any new programs will take time to develop, test, and implement.** We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to navigate through challenging circumstances.

▪ **In the meantime, parking rates and policies remain the same** as before the pandemic. We are providing information to help you choose the right permit for you.

▪ **Stanford continues to invest in sustainable commuting** for our community, the future of Stanford and to help reduce emissions that contribute to climate change.

Stanford’s rates are in line with employee parking at other Bay Area universities and municipalities. Examples: U.C. Berkeley from $85 to $159 per month. Downtown Palo Alto at $806 per year or $67.16 per month.
**Part-Time Discounts Are Built Into Parking Rates**

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- The university has ensured the ‘C’ permit rate remains an affordable option, the equivalent of 19 cents an hour for full-time parking. It is the lowest parking rate available at Stanford and has been held at FY’20 rates for FY’21 and FY’22.

- If you are allowed to telecommute, even part-time, you are saving on overall commuting costs. Try our Commute Cost and Emissions Calculator to see the cost (or savings) of your commute.

- Plus, you save even when you park part-time with a monthly permit—at about 49 cents an hour for nine days of parking per month.
How Can I Save With A Sustainable Commute?

- **For those comfortable with sustainable commuting,** Stanford continues to invest in these programs:
  - **Free transit passes** (i.e., Caltrain, VTA, AC Transit, SamTrans)
  - **A 100% vanpool lease subsidy for existing vanpools.** Join an existing vanpool and keep an eye out for new vanpool subsidies.
  - **Emergency Ride Home program** for days you use sustainable commute and need to get home in an emergency.
  - **Bike resources**, with recordings of recent webinars

- **Carpooling could help reduce your expenses.** While carpool permits and subsidies are not currently available, expenses can be shared among carpoolers.

- **Pre-tax transit purchases help you save** on out-of-pocket expenses, such as BART, Muni, and Caltrain parking, offering tax savings of up to 40 percent.
Are Marguerite Shuttles and East Bay Buses Running?

▪ Yes! Marguerite shuttle service and East Bay buses are running and include safety precautions.

▪ Marguerite routes and schedules have been adjusted due to reduced ridership during the pandemic.

▪ Decisions to increase service levels will be made in collaboration with university leadership and funding partners as we monitor ridership.

▪ Masks are required on Marguerite buses and public transit. Passenger limits have been lifted on Marguerite buses.
Which Commute Will You Choose?

**BIKE**
- Safety first! Follow these bike safety tips for a safer commute.
- Brush up on bike safety skills by watching bike webinars online.
- Request bike commute planning assistance.

**CARPOOL/VANPOOL**
- A 100% lease subsidy continues for existing vanpools. Some are accepting new riders.
- Carpoolers can share expenses. Scoop and other ridematching services are available. Carpool permits and subsidies are currently unavailable.

**TRANSIT**
- Stanford-issued transit passes continue for eligible commuters (i.e., Caltrain, VTA, AC Transit, SamTrans)
- Masks required. Check transit policies and schedule updates.
- Health and safety protection under Bay Area Healthy Transit Plan

**DRIVE**
- Hourly, daily, and monthly parking options are available.
- Most commuter and visitor spaces are enforced between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays or according to posted signage.

Exercise + Commute savings  
Re-connect + Share expenses  
Add more steps + Save with free transit  
Add a few steps + Save with ‘C’ permits
We Can Help With Your Commute

- One-on-one Commute Consultations
- Transit Pass Eligibility and Status Checker
- Status of Transportation Programs and Services
- Returning to Your Stanford Commute
- Return to Campus and Bikes
- Short-term Daily vs. Long-term Commuter Permit table
- Permit Cost Based on Days Commuting
- COVID-19: Featured Topics

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We recognize that commuting is a personal choice, especially at this time. Commuters are encouraged to assess and select the option(s) that best meet their needs. We are providing information about commute options as a courtesy for those who need it, and it is not intended to encourage specific commute mode choices. Please refer to our website for the most current information.