



Commuting to Campus

New flexible transportation options and commuter benefits



Transit

New pre-tax debit card to alternate between parking and transit - Transportation Services has introduced a new [pre-tax debit card](#) for staff who wish to alternate between parking or transit. This allows staff to purchase daily transit (not subsidized) and daily parking in Cambridge/Allston on a pre-tax basis and more easily switch modes of transportation. For more information, including how to sign up for the debit card and a list of eligible transit expenses visit transportation.harvard.edu/flexible.

New 7-day bus and subway pass - Now available with pre-tax savings, these passes are valid for 12 months and can be used any time. Learn more at transportation.harvard.edu/edenred

The MBTA is committed to public health on their transit system. For safety tips, protocols and service updates, please visit mbta.com/covid19/ride-safer



Transit

PERQ Card Update - If you cancelled or opted out of your bus/subway pass, you will receive a new PERQ CharlieCard in the mail when you resume your order. If you kept your order active and recurring since March 2020, you will use the same PERQ CharlieCard, even if you did not use it.

Accrued Transit Credits - Any transit credits accrued during the pandemic will be automatically applied to future transit orders, including MBTA passes and pre-tax debit cards. Learn how to apply credits to a debit card at transportation.harvard.edu/flexible.

Ordering Deadline - The deadline to place, edit or cancel orders is the 4th of the prior benefit month at transportation.harvard.edu/edenred.

Benefits-eligible employees can order 50% subsidized monthly MBTA passes at transportation.harvard.edu/edenred



Parking

3-Day annual permit - If you choose a 3-Day annual permit in FY22, you'll have the flexibility to park any three days of the week you choose. If your current parking location does not offer 3-Day permits, we will suggest the closest available location. Learn more at parking.harvard.edu

New Zip-By app - Beginning July 1, 2021, download the new Zip-By app to purchase hourly parking for the 52 Oxford Street garage, Soldiers Field Park garage and Webster Street surface lot. More information can be found at transportation.harvard.edu/zipby

Parking meter spots - Four solar powered multi-spacer meters have been installed in the Observatory and 2 Hague Street Lots. Harvard affiliates may park in these spaces for up to four hours and a parking permit is not required. There are additional Harvard parking meters at the i-lab and in the Athletics Complex (Bright Parking Area, Gordon Drive and Webster lot) and can be found at map.harvard.edu.

Parking rates and policies are different in the Longwood Medical Area and information can be found on the [Harvard Medical School Parking website](#).



Parking

Underutilized Parking Option - Receive a 30% discounted annual parking permit by participating in the Underutilized Parking Facility program at Peabody Terrace Garage in Cambridge.

One-Day Permit - Harvard faculty and staff who only commute one or two days a week can purchase a daily parking permit for a temporary reduction to \$10 through the end of 2021.

Switch from transit to parking - Employees who wish to switch from their transit benefit to a parking permit on campus can follow these [simple steps](#).

Information on FY22 parking permits, including rate information and permit renewals, can be found on the [Transportation & Parking website](#).



Biking & Walking

The Quincy-Bow-Dewolfe corridor - This establishes a new north-south bike route connecting Harvard Square to Allston via the Weeks Footbridge. These one-way streets now have a protected bike lane to allow for northbound access for bicyclists. Other improvements include wider sidewalks, raised crosswalks and a two-way cycle track.

New Bluebikes station - Harvard University has added a Bluebikes station at the Allston Athletics Complex and expanded the station at the i-lab.

If you are thinking about switching commute modes, but need help selecting the best option, complete this commute assistance [form](#) and CommuterChoice will create a personalized plan for you!



Biking

Allston Mobility Hub - This secured and covered bike shelter is located between the SEC and 114 Western Ave. It is accessible to anyone with a Harvard ID card.

Bike and Pedestrian Map - Find bicycle facilities and infrastructure on campus using the official interactive Harvard Map at map.harvard.edu

Park & Pedal - This is a great no-cost option for employees who live outside of biking range. Drive to a Park & Pedal hub closest to your campus, park, and ride your bike the last mile.

Bluebikes Annual Membership Discount - As Bluebikes is expanding into more towns, Harvard affiliates can take advantage of a discounted annual membership at commuterchoice.harvard.edu

Benefits-eligible employees who commute to work via bicycle are eligible for the [Bicycle Commuter Benefit](#).



MBTA Ride Safer Campaign - The MBTA is committed to maintaining public health. For tips on riding public transportation during the pandemic and service updates, please visit [mbta.com/covid19/ride-safer](https://www.mbta.com/covid19/ride-safer).

Transit Crowding Information - Find live transit [crowding information](#) for most MBTA's bus route, as well as the Red, Orange and Blue Lines on their [website](#), certain digital signs throughout the MBTA network, and within the [Transit App](#) .

Center for Disease Control & Prevention Transportation Guidance- Find information on how you can protect yourself and others while using public transportation, rideshares, carpools, shared bikes and more at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/using-transportation.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/using-transportation.html)



Additional Information – Visit the university’s coronavirus website for Frequently Asked Questions around commuting and transportation on campus at harvard.edu/coronavirus

Guaranteed Ride Home program - Employees who commute to work on campus via transit, walk, bike or carpool are eligible for the [Guaranteed Ride Home](#) program if an unexpected emergency arises.

Harvard Shuttle and Evening Van - If you need to travel around campus, please find Harvard Shuttle and Evening Van Service information at transportation.harvard.edu/shuttle-van-services

Virtual Appointments - CommuterChoice is available for virtual appointments to assist with commuting and transportation benefit questions via their Microsoft Bookings [portal](#).

For more information visit www.commuterchoice.harvard.edu.

Please email commuterchoice@harvard.edu with any questions!