

# TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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The Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) is a self-supported agency in the Division of Administration under the supervision of the Vice President and Chief Administration Officer, and is the primary agency responsible for administering parking and transit management programs on the College Park campus. DOTS is dedicated to providing service to the campus community through planning, education and enforcement. Honoring the mission and values of the University of Maryland, DOTS strives to provide access to safe, cost-effective, sustainable and innovative services that anticipate the growing needs of our campus community.

## Biking

The University of Maryland is a gold-level Bicycle Friendly Campus. The BikeUMD program, a partnership between DOTS and University Recreation and Wellness, is responsible for bicycle education and encouragement on campus. BikeUMD offers classes, discounted safety gear, sponsored events, group rides and bicycle registration. The RecWell Bike Shop offers free bike maintenance and semester bike rentals. All bicycles on campus are required to be registered. Visit the Bike Index (<https://transportation.umd.edu/bike-registration/>) for free registration.

## Electric Micromobility

Electric micromobility devices such as electric bikes (e-bikes) and electric scooters (e-scooters) are available for rental through our shared mobility system, Veo (<https://transportation.umd.edu/bike%26scooter-rentals/>).

If you are bringing your e-bike or e-scooter to campus, you are required to register it with DOTS (<https://transportation.umd.edu/escooter-ebike-registration/>). You will receive a registration sticker that displays a unique registration code. Unregistered vehicles are subject to booting and/or impoundment (<https://transportation.umd.edu/escooter-ebike-registration/>).

All e-bike and e-scooter riders should adhere to the university e-scooter and e-bike regulations (<https://transportation.umd.edu/escooter-ebike-regulations/>) and safe riding practices (<https://transportation.umd.edu/safety/e-scooter-and-e-bike-safety/>) indicated on our website.

## Motorized Scooters

Parking registration is required for any motorized scooter parked on campus. Motorized scooter drivers are required to wear a helmet and eye protection while operating or riding a scooter. Any motorized scooter left unattended in an area not designated for scooter or motorcycle parking is subject to towing. Please visit the DOTS website (<https://transportation.umd.edu/parking/motorized-cycle/>) for more information about motorized scooters and a map of motorized scooter parking locations.

## Parking

DOTS is responsible for managing and maintaining approximately 16,000 parking spaces at UMD. All students who plan to park on campus

must register online before bringing a car to campus. Online student parking registration begins in July and August for fall or annual parking permits, in January for spring-only parking and in April for summer parking. Parking registration fees are billed to student accounts. Parking is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to credit level and housing status. Please visit the DOTS website (<https://transportation.umd.edu/parking/>) for specific parking lot assignment information.

## Shuttle-UM

The Shuttle-UM transit system (<https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-um/>), operated by DOTS, is supported mainly by student fees. Shuttle-UM provides fare-free commuter, evening, NITE Ride, paratransit and charter services to university students, faculty and staff while classes are in session. Information for each Shuttle-UM route including schedules, stop lists and route maps, is available on the DOTS website (<https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-um/>) and is updated each semester.

## Social Media

While the DOTS website is the best place to get transportation information and alerts, additional information can be found via @DOTS\_UMD ([https://twitter.com/DOTS\\_UMD/](https://twitter.com/DOTS_UMD/)) on Instagram and Twitter and DOTSUMD (<https://facebook.com/dotsumd/>) on Facebook

## Sustainable Transportation: UMD Smart Commute

UMD Smart Commute is a collection of programs that incentivizes the university community to make sustainable transportation choices. Through the Smart Commute trip planner, students can locate bike paths, carpool buddies and transit options. To sign up for Smart Commute, visit the Smart Commute web platform (<https://transportation.umd.edu/sustainable-transportation/>).

## Transportation to New York, New Jersey, and BWI Airport

DOTS provides transportation to and from New York and New Jersey for Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks. Registration (<https://transportation.umd.edu/shuttle-um/charter/break-transportation/>) opens approximately one month before the scheduled trip date. Free shuttle service to and from Baltimore/Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport (BWI) is available every two hours throughout the day for Thanksgiving, winter and spring breaks. This is a first-come, first-served service.

## Carshare

For students who rarely need access to a vehicle, carsharing is a great alternative to storing a car on campus. With carshare services, members can reserve cars anytime for short trips to the grocery store or day trips throughout the region. To learn more about carsharing, visit our website (<https://transportation.umd.edu/sustainable-transportation/carshare-zipcar/>).