TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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The Department of Transportation Services (DOTS) is a self-supported agency under the staff supervision of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 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 aims to provide safe, cost-effective and innovative transportation services that anticipate the needs of students, faculty and staff.

Biking

The University of Maryland is a gold-level Bicycle Friendly Campus. The BikeUMD program, a partnership between DOTS and the Department of 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://bikeindex.org/umd) for free registration.

The mBike bikeshare program offers a convenient, affordable and fun way to explore campus and the City of College Park area. With over 200 bikes and stations in popular local spots, it’s easy to unlock a bike and get where you need to go. Find more information about the bike index on our website (https://www.transportation.umd.edu/sustainable-transportation/bikeumd).

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://www.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 more than 18,000 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, 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://www.transportation.umd.edu/parking/students) for specific parking lot assignment information.

Shuttle-UM

The Shuttle-UM transit system, operated by DOTS, is supported mainly by student fees. Shuttle-UM provides commuter, evening, NITE Ride, paratransit and charter services to university students, faculty and staff while classes are in session. DOTS publishes a Campus Connections transit guide each semester, which contains current bus schedules as well as general information about getting around in the DC Metro area. Campus Connections guides are available at the DOTS office in Regents Drive Garage, the information desk at Stamp, residence halls and on the DOTS website. More information about Shuttle-UM is available online.

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) on Instagram, Twitter and SnapChat, and DOTS UMD (https://www.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. Smart Commute users who log their sustainable trips can earn reward points that are redeemable for prizes. To sign up for Smart Commute, visit the Smart Commute web platform (https://umd.rideamigos.com/#).

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 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://www.transportation.umd.edu/sustainable-transportation/carshare-zipcar).