

Parking & Transportation Update Spring 2017

As the beginning of the spring semester rapidly approaches, Mason students, faculty and staff are reminded that traffic on and around the Fairfax campus greatly increases, especially during the first few weeks of the semester. The following information is intended to serve as a campus parking and transportation guide and help minimize potential parking and traffic delays. A valid parking permit is required to park outside of visitor areas.

During the first few weeks of the semester, we suggest allowing an extra 30-45 minutes to arrive on campus. Though some parking spaces are more convenient to your destination than others, the Fairfax campus has more than enough total parking spaces to accommodate all vehicles. However, many General parking permit areas are still expected to fill at peak class times.

Below is guidance regarding road construction, parking, shuttles, alternative transportation options, and finding parking & transportation information.

At times during the morning, late afternoon and early evenings, campus police cadets will be directing traffic around campus. Please be alert and follow the cadet's direction.

Special Event Advisory: January 26-27

In order to accommodate a special event at EagleBank Arena on Thursday, January 26 and Friday, January 27, Lot L and two sections of Lot K will be closed starting Wednesday night, January 25, at 11pm. The roof of the Rappahannock River Deck, the Field House general lots, and West Campus lot will provide overflow parking with additional shuttle service on Thursday being provided from the Field House and West Campus from 8am-8pm in addition to the regular West Campus shuttles. It is strongly recommended to head directly to Rappahannock River Deck or the Field House if arriving to the Fairfax Campus after 10:30am on Thursday. Expect heavy traffic on Thursday from 5-7pm and 10-11pm and again on Friday in the morning from 11am-12:30pm, especially around Lots L and K. It is advised to avoid the Roanoke River Road entrance to campus off Braddock and utilize Campus Drive, Nottoway River Road, Mason Pond Drive, Roberts Road or University Drive.

Fairfax Campus Parking

Arriving to campus between 10 am and 11am on a normal basis: General permit parking in Lots L and K is recommended as most other parking lots on the east campus tend to fill prior. If "Lot Full" signs are posted at the entrance(s) to Lot K please proceed directly to Field House Lots O & P (see below). Please note that all of Lot J requires a reserved Lot J permit except the designated Faculty/Staff general spaces on the perimeter. The General permit parking area of the Rappahannock River Parking Deck (all of Level 2 and the 2/3 of Level 1 not designated as visitor parking) is expected to fill to capacity between 9am-10am on a regular basis. The ramps from levels 2 to 3 and the non-reserved spaces on level 3 in Rappahannock River Deck are restricted to faculty/staff general permit parking.

Arriving to campus between 11am and 3pm (especially on Tuesdays and Thursdays): The best option for General permit parking is to head directly to the back of Lot K, the PV Lot or the General permit parking lots by the Field House (Lots O & P) on the west side of Ox Road. At peak times, General permit traffic may be directed from East Campus to the West Campus lot, via Campus Drive or Braddock Road. It is highly recommended to consider using the West Campus Lot as a primary option to save time.

The West Campus shuttle provides service from 7am-12am with stops at the Field House, the RAC, Mason Pond (EagleBank Arena side), Presidents Park, Masonvale (Patriot Cir. @ Staffordshire Ln.) and Rappahannock River Ln. - Shelter # 1, then back to the RAC, the Field House and then ends at West Campus. http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2016_2017/West%20Campus%20Spring%202017.pdf

Note: The average walk time from the Field House to the Johnson Center is about 12 to 15 minutes, taking the new pathway parallel to Campus Drive.

Visitor Parking: The Mason Pond, Shenandoah and Rappahannock River Parking Decks provide most of the campus' visitor parking spaces. The visitor sections of the Mason Pond and Shenandoah Parking Decks tend to fill in the mornings and early evenings during the first few weeks of the semester. Additional visitor parking is available in the expanded 1st level Visitor parking area of the Rappahannock River Parking Deck (a separate visitor entrance is located off Patriot Circle) by paying in advance utilizing our Pay by Space machines or by using the ParkMobile pay-by-cell service that allows one to pay via their cell phone. You can sign up at <http://us.parkmobile.com/members/> or by downloading their mobile app.

Additional visitor parking is available at Field House (Lots O & P) utilizing the Pay & Display machine located across from the front door of the Field House. Lots O/P parking is available for \$4/day with the shuttle service mentioned above to help get back and forth to east campus. The ParkMobile pay-by-cell payment option is also available here in addition to MasterCard & Visa. If the parking spaces in Lots O & P are full, please park in the West Campus lot after paying for your parking utilizing ParkMobile or the Pay & Display machine located across from the front door of the Field House. The most economical daily parking is at the West Campus lot for \$2/day - this option is only available by purchasing a daily printable permit.

Printable Visitor Permits

You may now purchase a daily, weekly, or monthly General permit online at parking.gmu.edu and print it out to use - saving you a trip to the Parking Services office to buy in person. At times, this option may only be available for the Field House parking lots for \$4/day, \$15/week, or \$45/month or West Campus lot for \$2/day, \$8/week, or \$30/month. A separate evening permit allowing parking after 4pm Monday-Friday in East Campus General lots such as Lot K is available for \$8/day, \$25/week, or \$60/month. A complimentary Saturday/Sunday permit for Lot K is available online too.

Visitor Payment Methods

The Mason Pond Parking Deck accepts Mason Money, MasterCard, Visa, prepaid validations and cash. For a quicker exit there are three pay-on-foot machines located on Levels 3, 2 & 1 which accept MasterCard, Visa and prepaid validations only.

The Shenandoah Parking Deck accepts MasterCard, Visa, prepaid validations and cash. For a quicker exit there are two pay-on-foot machines located on Level 1 which accept MasterCard, Visa, prepaid validations and cash.

The Rappahannock River Parking Deck Pay-by-Space machines are located adjacent to the elevators and accept MasterCard, Visa, prepaid validation codes and exact parking fee cash (these machines do not provide change). ParkMobile payments are also accepted.

The Pay & Display machine for Field House Lots O & P accepts MasterCard & Visa. ParkMobile payments are also accepted.

You can pay online for Printable Permits using MasterCard, Visa or your checking account.

Shuttles

Check the Mason Shuttles website at <http://shuttle.gmu.edu/> for spring semester shuttle schedules by clicking on the route name at the top, and then selecting the schedule. All shuttles are free with Mason ID and every bus is outfitted with a bike rack and Wi-Fi.

Mason Shuttles is using a new real-time transit service called RideSystems. Download the RideSystems app, or visit <http://mason.ridesystems.net> to see when the next shuttle is arriving. The real-time arrival info for shuttles and local public transportation can be viewed in the Mobile Mason app as well.

All Mason Shuttles routes have changed schedules with the opening of the Sandy Creek Transit Center. Please check the posted schedules for spring semester departure times. Sandy Creek opens Saturday, January 21.

The new *Sandy Creek - Vienna Metro shuttle (Formerly Metro to Mason)* operates from Fairfax campus to the Vienna Metro station and runs continuously with buses every 15 to 30 minutes from 6 am to 11:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday service begins at 8am with weekend stops at

the Mason Townhouses on Chain Bridge Road and by Fairfax Circle on Lee Highway. A Mason ID card is required to board the shuttle from the Rappahannock River Lane, Commerce Building and Fairfax Circle stops. *The buses will now leave from the NEW Sandy Creek Transit Center and Rappahannock River Lane (Shelter #1) every 15 minutes during the morning and afternoon peak (rush hours). During non-rush hour they operate every 30 minutes.*

For more info go to:

http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2016_2017/Sandy%20Creek%20Vienna%20Metro%20%20Spring%2017.pdf

The newly renamed *Global Center Metro shuttle (formerly Metro Express)* provides direct service between Mason's Global Center, The RAC and Rappahannock River Lane (Shelter #1) to Vienna Metro Monday-Thursday and limited hours on Friday. Departures at 10 minutes & 40 minutes after the hour. To see the new schedule, go to: http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2016_2017/Global%20Center-Metro%20Spring%2017.pdf

Commuters also have the option to park at the Science and Technology Campus with a valid parking permit or use Pay by Space visitor parking and ride *the Fairfax-SciTech Campus shuttle* to the Fairfax Campus. Shuttle service Monday-Thursday between 6:25am- 11:10pm with departures every half hour for most of the day. Service is every hour on Fridays. An additional departure at 11:10pm from Sandy Creek Transit Center to SciTech and at 11:40pm from the Occoquan stop (Colgan Hall) back to Sandy Creek has been added Monday-Friday. Weekend service every two hours is also available for the Fairfax-SciTech shuttle. A Mason ID card is required to board the shuttle from the Manassas Mall stop (shuttle stop is located between entrances #3 and #4 at the mall). Check http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2016_2017/Fairfax_Scitech%20Spring%2017.pdf for information and schedules.

The Burke Centre VRE shuttle provides a connection between the VRE and Fairfax Campus. Free parking is located at the Burke Centre VRE garage and may be used as a park'n'ride lot. Also, many students and employees that live in the Burke area can walk or ride a bike to catch the shuttle. **Plus, we are now picking up and dropping off on the return trip to campus from Burke Centre VRE at Target, and three new stops along Zion Drive.** In addition, we have extended morning and evening hours. For schedule information and mapping, go to:

http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2016_2017/Burke%20Centre%20VRE%20Express%20Spring%2017.pdf

The Gunston's Go-Bus provides service between the RAC, Sandy Creek Transit Center, Fair Lakes, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax Corner, Ridge Top Road, and University Mall. The Fairfax Connector 605 Route travels between Reston Town Centre and Fair Oaks Mall and the Mason Route on Gunston's Go-Bus was adjusted to allow for easy transfer from the Fairfax Connector bus to our shuttle. We have added two new trips in the afternoon on the George Route at 3:30pm and 5:00pm. For the updated schedule, see: http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2016_2017/Gunston%20Go-Bus%20Spring%2017.pdf

Alternative Transportation Options

To avoid the worries of parking and traffic, consider the many alternatives to driving. Besides the Mason Shuttles, students and employees may ride any of the four *Fairfax City CUE buses* from and to the Rappahannock River Lane stop throughout the City and to Vienna Metro for free simply by presenting their Mason ID. Check www.cuebus.org for schedules.

Bicycling: Recognized as a Bicycle Friendly University, there are more than 1400 bicycle parking spaces scattered around campus with covered bike parking under shelters around campus and on the 1st and 2nd levels of Rappahannock River Deck. A new bicycle registration program started last year with registrants receiving free bike u-locks and free bike lights. Go to <http://bike.gmu.edu/> for more information! A bike rental program is coming soon!

Carpooling options: The Carpool Zone in Lot A accessed off of Mattaponi River Lane and the Carpool Zone on the first level of the Rappahannock River Deck General permit area will resume on Monday, January 23. To park in a carpool zone, show up between 6am-11am, Monday-Friday with a total of 2 or more people in your car, a General student or faculty/staff parking permit and you can park in a carpool space we are setting aside each morning. No special permit required as we will have a parking officer screening vehicles. It's first come first serve. Visit <http://transportation.gmu.edu/lota.html> for more info.

Students and employees may qualify for a 20%-40% rebate on their reserved parking permits by carpooling. Read <http://transportation.gmu.edu/studentspool.html> and <http://transportation.gmu.edu/employeespool.html> for information on the student and employee carpool programs.

To find a carpool partner you can use *Zimride*, a ridesharing network that helps match people with similar commutes to and from campus. Sign up with your Mason Net ID and password at <http://zimride.com/mason> *Carpooling can save thousands of dollars per year!*

Zipcar-wheels when you want them. Two cars located on Mason Pond Drive, and three cars on the first level of the Rappahannock River Deck (two of these Zipcars are flexible "One-ways", with this new program, you can reserve the vehicle and drive it just one way... no need to return it to the original pickup point), and another Zipcar in Lot R behind Taylor Hall is available for rental by the hour. For more info and to sign up for Mason discounts for Zipcar, go to <http://zipcar.com/gmu>.

Uber and Lyft have apps that connect you with a driver at the tap of a button. Visit www.uber.com or www.lyft.com to download each company's app.

Motorcycle Parking: Motorcycle parking spaces are available in various locations around campus, including in front of the Aquatics and Fitness Center, by the Northeast Modules, Lot J, Lot C, on the 1st level of the Rappahannock River Parking Deck inside the General permit area. Additional reserved deck

parking for motorcycles is also available in the Mason Pond, Shenandoah and Rappahannock River Parking Decks (deck motorcycle permit required).

Moped Parking: Please note that scooters and mopeds are now required to purchase motorcycle permits and use motorcycle parking areas. Mopeds and scooters may not park at bike racks or in other areas around campus.

Science and Technology (SciTech) Campus Parking

Fairfax-SciTech General area, Lot I, Lot J, Lot R, and reserved parking deck parking permits are valid in the Occoquan, King, Discovery, Hylton, and the Tower parking lots at the SciTech Campus. Please follow signage in these parking lots as parking spaces may be designated for various uses or permits. Beacon Hall resident parking permit holders may only park in the Beacon Hall resident lot or the Tower Lot. The Shops parking lot in front of Beacon Hall has faculty/staff and event permit and 30-minute parking on the northwest side of the lot. The southeast side (left side facing the building) of the lot is for retail parking only.

Visitor parking is available in the Occoquan and Discovery parking lots utilizing the Pay-by-Space machine in the kiosk at the front of the Occoquan lot. Visitor parking is also available in the Tower lot utilizing a Pay-by-Space machine located at the entrance. The Pay-by-Space machines accept MasterCard & Visa. Visitor rates are \$2 for the 1st hour and \$1 for each additional hour, with a \$6 maximum for the day. Printable daily permits for the SciTech Campus may be purchased online or in the SciTech Parking Services office for \$6/day. For more information, go to <http://parking.gmu.edu/princewilliamcampusparking.html>

Arlington Campus Parking

One must work or be attending class at the Arlington Campus to be eligible to purchase an Arlington Campus parking permit. Fairfax-SciTech Campus permits are not valid at the Arlington Campus without authorization from Parking Services. All the Arlington Campus General permit parking is in the Metropolitan Building Garage (formerly known as the GMU Foundation garage at 3434 N. Washington Blvd). Faculty/Staff and Student parking is available on levels B3-P1 and on level B-4 after 6pm. There is no guarantee of space in the General permit parking area. Please pay careful attention to signage as some spaces are designated for retail use only. Reserved and visitor parking is available in the Founders Hall garage, including discounted daytime only permits (5A – 6P) and evening only permits (2P - 2A). For more information, go to <http://parking.gmu.edu/arlingtoncampusparking.html>

Parking & Transportation Information

For more information on parking rules, options and programs, go to the parking website:

<http://parking.gmu.edu/> or email parking@gmu.edu.

For more information on transportation options, go to <http://transportation.gmu.edu/> or email transpo@gmu.edu.

For information on Mason Shuttles and the different routes and schedules, go to:
<http://shuttle.gmu.edu/> or email shuttle@gmu.edu

You can also follow Parking & Transportation on Twitter and Facebook at:
<http://www.facebook.com/MasonParkingTransportation>, @MasonParking, and @MasonShuttles

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