

Alternative Transportation

Definition and Purpose

Alternative Transportation programs increase walking, biking, transit, carpooling, and other forms of personal transportation that will reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles trips to campus on a daily basis. Alternative commutes reduce environmental pollutants, traffic congestion, fuel costs, and the building of new parking decks on campus, and generally support a more pedestrian friendly campus and healthier life style. Alternative transportation is defined as transportation options for faculty, staff, students and visitors which provide access to and around campus without the need to use a single-occupant vehicle.

Rules and Regulations

It is the goal of GT Parking and Transportation Services to provide a range of transportation options to students, staff, and visitors that reduce the need for the use of the single-occupant vehicle and support a more pedestrian friendly campus.

Getting to Campus:

- Visit the transportation options featured on the PTS website:
<http://pts.gatech.edu/ride/alternative/Pages/alternative.aspx>

Getting around Campus:

- Georgia Tech has a fare-free transit system; any student, staff, faculty, guest or visitor may ride the campus transit buses and trolleys free of charge.
- The Red and Blue Stinger routes service the core of the Georgia Tech campus, while the Green Stinger route extends north and south of campus.
- The Tech Trolley provides service between the Campus Transit Hub and the Midtown MARTA Station, stopping at many locations throughout campus and Midtown along the way, including the Midtown Publix grocery store.
- The Midnight Rambler provides nighttime transit service, connecting west and east campuses. The route includes convenient stops at the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center, the Student Center and the North Avenue Dining Hall.
- The Stingerette provides after-hours transportation for Georgia Tech students and employees. This shuttle services Georgia Tech-operated housing accommodations, academic buildings and facilities within campus boundaries and the MARTA Midtown Station.
The Stingerette is available Monday through Sunday from 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. excluding Institute holidays.
- Stingerette Paratransit Service serves Georgia Tech students who need transportation assistance on campus due to permanent or temporary mobility impairments. This service operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Authorization to use this service must be obtained from the ADAPTS office located in the Student Services Building (404.894.2561).
- GLC/Clough Shuttle (van) provides service from the Graduate Living Center/10th and Home (Holly Street) to the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center (rear entrance from 4th Street). The route also includes a stop at Ferst Drive and Fowler Street. The shuttle operates Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and also 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters only with the exception of official Institute holidays.

Support Programs:

- **Weekend Grocery Shuttle**
Stinger bus service is provided to Atlantic Station's Publix grocery store on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the exception of Institute holidays and home football game days.
Passengers should arrive at each shuttle stop prior to the assigned time (see schedule at <http://www.pts.gatech.edu/ride/Pages/WeekendGroceryShuttle.aspx>). The last bus departs from Atlantic Station at 5:00 p.m.
- **Emory Shuttle**
The Emory Shuttle provides convenient transportation from Georgia Tech to Emory, operating Monday through Friday during fall and spring and summer semesters.
- **NextBus**
NextBus uses satellite technology and advanced computer modeling to track vehicles on their routes. NextBus estimates vehicle arrivals with a high degree of accuracy. Refer to the following website to for more information: www.nextbus.com
- **Safe Ride Home Punch Cards**
For students living in the Home Park and Centennial Place communities, the Safe Ride Home Punch Card provides Stingerette rides from campus to their homes. Each punch card allows 10 safe rides home via the Stingerette Nighttime Shuttle. Cards may be purchased at the Parking and Transportation Services office for \$20 each. For more information visit the webpage: <http://pts.gatech.edu/ride/Pages/Stingerette.aspx>
- **GOTCHA Ride**
GOTCHA Ride utilizes five (5) fully electric, six passenger vehicles to complement the existing Stingerette and transit options by providing another travel option for students and staff. Service may be requested through the GOTCHA Ride app or by phone, and operates weekdays during the day and evenings Monday through Saturday. For additional information visit <http://pts.gatech.edu/ride/Pages/Gotcha-Ride.aspx>.
- **Zipcar**
Zipcar is the world's largest, membership-based, car-sharing company. Zipcar provides members access to a variety of new, fuel-efficient vehicles conveniently located throughout the Georgia Tech campus and Atlanta. Georgia Tech's partnership with Zipcar provides exceptional discounts for students, faculty and staff. For more information go to <http://www.zipcar.com/gt/>
- **Bike GT**
Cyclists are encouraged to wear helmets and use U-locks to secure their bikes only to bike racks, which can be located at most campus buildings. For more information about bike registration and the Institute's bike infrastructure, visit www.bike.gatech.edu.
- **Zimride**
Zimride is an easy way to share the seats in your car or catch a ride. With Zimride you can find GT friends classmates and coworkers going the same way you are. Visit www.zimride.gatech.edu
- **SmartPark**
SmartPark offers flexibility for students and employees who occasionally drive to campus. It is a pay as you go parking permit program, allowing customers to purchase a SmartPark card for \$25 and pay only \$6 to park in designated lots. For more details please visit <http://pts.gatech.edu/park/Pages/SmartPark.aspx>

- **Commuter Rewards**

Register on-line for Georgia Commute Options, a joint program with Midtown Alliance, The Clean Air Campaign and Georgia Tech that rewards members for carpooling and commuting to work daily. Log your commute to earn rewards at www.gacommuteroptions.com.

Related References

GT Disability Accommodation <http://www.ohr.gatech.edu/ers/disability>

ADA Information for employees <http://www.ohr.gatech.edu/ers/disability>

Environmental Health and Safety <http://www.ehs.gatech.edu/organization>

ADAPTS-Disability Services Program <http://www.adapts.gatech.edu/>

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