

Parking and Commuter Services Changes FAQ

Will parking rates increase?

Yes, monthly parking rates will increase in phases over three years as follows:

	Carpool	Commuter (General)	Reserved
January 1, 2020	\$30	\$60	\$120
January 1, 2021	\$35	\$70	\$140
January 1, 2022	\$40	\$80	\$160

Why are parking rates increasing?

The rates will be increasing to offset the costs of improved commuter services and increased commuter subsidies. By re-balancing parking and commute subsidies, individuals will be properly incentivized to reduce commute emissions.

Will Caltech be increasing subsidies for commuting?

Yes, subsidies for vanpool and public transit passes will be improved. Metro passes will be provided free of charge and Metrolink passes will be subsidized at \$100 a month. Again, by re-balancing parking and commute subsidies, individuals will be properly incentivized to reduce commute emissions.

Will it be easier to find carpools/vanpools?

Yes. Caltech will be working on a ride-matching service that will make starting or finding a carpool or vanpool easier.

What does it take to start a carpool?

If you have identified a person you want to carpool with, complete the [Carpool Registration Form](#) and come to the [Parking and Commuter Services](#) office where you will be issued a permit right away. If you are looking for a carpool partner, complete the [Carpool Interest Form](#) and staff will work to match you with other interested parties.

What does it take to start a vanpool?

If you have identified a group of people who would like to vanpool, the [Parking and Commuter Services](#) office will facilitate a meeting with one of our vanpool providers. In addition to working out the logistics, a vehicle lease will need to be signed and the vanpool can start. The whole process can take a few weeks to a month. The vanpool subsidy would kick in the first month that the vanpool is formed. The amount of the subsidy is deducted from the monthly lease payment to the vendor.

What does it take to join a vanpool?

If you are looking to join a vanpool, please complete the [Vanpool Interest Form](#). From there, the [Parking and Commuter Services](#) office will work to match you with an existing vanpool. Payment for the new

member is worked out amongst all the members of the vanpool. If there isn't a seat available on an existing vanpool, Parking and Commuter Services will work to help you create one.

Are there any tools for planning my new commute?

Yes. Caltech will be working on a trip planning service that will help coordinate commutes for those using multiple modes (e.g. taking the Gold Line to the Allen Station and then taking Pasadena Route 10 to the north side of the Caltech campus).

How can I start taking Metro/Metrolink?

Any Caltech staff member can get a Metro pass and start using the Metro system right away. The passes are available at the Caltech Store, and will be free beginning January 1, 2020. Metrolink passes need to be purchased from Metrolink, and then the permit holder would come to the [Parking and Commuter Services](#) office to receive the subsidy in cash.

Will Caltech be offering anything else to those who don't drive alone to work?

Caltech is examining the feasibility of a last mile service from one of the nearby Gold Line stops to campus and a payroll service that provides vanpool/transit subsidies to employees on a pre-tax basis.

When can I expect these additional services to be available?

These services will come online in the next 2-3 years. Caltech will communicate each subsidy/parking change and added service to the entire campus.

Why are students only allowed to park in the California and N Wilson garages during weekday hours?

Student cars are often not moved during the week, taking preferred spots away from commuters during peak hours. These restrictions effectively address the suboptimal allocation of space and help avoid building a new parking structure.