Commuter services updates

Parking Coordinators Meeting
Parking & Transportation Office
June 26, 2024
Agenda

1. Rates and subsidies
2. Public transit program
3. Parking information
4. Shuttles
5. Personal Wheels
Parking and MBTA usage March-May

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<th>Average usage March - May</th>
<th>Average Occupancy</th>
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<td><strong>Total # of Parking Accounts</strong></td>
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<td>Parking Accounts Usage</td>
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<td>Commuter Rail*</td>
<td>546</td>
<td>502</td>
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<td>Mobility</td>
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<td>5764</td>
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* 10 Ride Commuter Rail passes purchased = avg 180 / month

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<tr>
<td>March</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<td>March</td>
<td>73.76%</td>
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<td>April</td>
<td>74.76%</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>71.80%</td>
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<td>Average</td>
<td>73.44%</td>
<td>71.97%</td>
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## Commuter subsidies: July 2024 (no change)

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<th>MIT Commuter subsidy amounts</th>
<th>Rate / fee</th>
<th>Cap / note</th>
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<tr>
<td>MBTA Local Bus / Train (Access MIT)</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>Unlimited usage</td>
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<td>MBTA Commuter Rail Pass</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>Includes unlimited usage on bus and train</td>
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<td>MBTA 10-Ride Commuter Rail Pass</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>MBTA Commuter Parking</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>Up to $100 per month</td>
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<td>Private Transit</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>Up to $255 per month</td>
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<td>Bike Reimbursement</td>
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<td>Up to $300 annually</td>
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<td>Carpool</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>Based on 2 or more employees</td>
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<td>Vanpool</td>
<td>$100/rider/month</td>
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<td>Bluebikes annual membership</td>
<td>$50.75/year</td>
<td>Discounted from regular fee of $133.50</td>
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<td>EZRide Shuttle</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>Unlimited usage</td>
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<td>Emergency Ride Home</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>4 events annually</td>
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<td>Zipcar (discounted rate with MIT ID)</td>
<td>$35.00/year</td>
<td>Discounted from regular membership of $90</td>
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## Parking rates: July 2024 (no change)

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<td>$1995/year</td>
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<td>Off-Campus</td>
<td>$174/month</td>
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<td>Emeritus Faculty</td>
<td>$11.00/day</td>
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<td>Carpool</td>
<td>$88/month divided by # people in carpool</td>
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<td>Affiliate</td>
<td>$11.00/day</td>
<td>$11.00/month</td>
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<td>Department Vehicles</td>
<td>$2,509 /year</td>
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<td>Visitor passes and scratch cards</td>
<td>$34.00/day</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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Public transit
MBTA
MBTA LinkPass and Commuter Rail passes

T-pass delivery options:
• **Mail to home or work** is available to all employees for convenience.
• **In-office pick up** is available to all program participants.
  Pick up at the Atlas Service Center (E17-106) on the last 3 business days of the month.
• Note: 10-Ride Pass tickets will automatically upload to your mTicket app.
• **Confirm or choose delivery method** by visiting your account on Atlas (atlas.mit.edu).

*New!* To reactivate or order a pass: Place the order on Atlas by the 10th of the month for the next month’s pass (for example, order by July 10 for an August pass).

To cancel or suspend a pass: Visit Atlas by noon on the 15th of the month before the first month you want to cancel or suspend (for example, act by August 15 to suspend September).

**LinkPass:** If students miss the ordering deadline, a limited number of monthly and semester passes are available at the beginning of the month on a first-come, first-served basis.

[mit.edu/facilities/transportation/tpass](http://mit.edu/facilities/transportation/tpass)
MBTA 10-Ride Commuter Rail Pass

Benefits-eligible Cambridge-based MIT employees can purchase up to three 10-Ride Passes per month, and MIT will subsidize 60% of the cost.

- The 10-Ride Pass renews monthly for your selected commuter rail zone and is available for zones 1A through 10 (similar to a monthly T-pass). *Unlike* the monthly pass, the 10-Ride is for *commuter rail only*.

- To purchase a subsidized 10-Ride Pass, participants must go through specific steps that involve installing the MBTA mTicket app and then buying the 10-Ride through Atlas. Details available at the link below.

- Tips/requirements:
  - Install and enroll in mTicket on your device *before* making your purchase in the Atlas system.
  - Use the same email address to sign into the mTicket app that you use to sign into Atlas.

Why only three 10-Ride Passes per month?
Three 10-Ride Passes give you 30 rides.

If you expect to commute more than 15 days (30 rides) per month, a monthly T-pass is more cost-effective.

[mta.gov](http://mit.edu/facilities/transportation/docs/10Ride.pdf)
Parking information
Parking

Parking accounts
• Accounts automatically renew on July 1 with caps reset for FY24.
• The parking year is aligned with the Fiscal Year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).
• Don’t have an account? Sign up at parking.mit.edu.

Assigned parking areas
• Please park in your assigned area. Not sure which area you are assigned to? View your assigned area at parking.mit.edu.
• View a parking lot area map on the Commuter Connections site.

Relocation requests
• We are at capacity for assignments to most parking areas on campus.
• Relocation requests are added to a queue; we will notify you by email if space becomes available.
Evening and weekend “all-lots” parking

Throughout the year, Cambridge-based parking account holders may park in most lots on campus at no additional charge after 2:30 PM Monday–Friday and all day on Saturdays, Sundays, and MIT holidays.

Keep in mind:
- The following lots are not included: Medical Lot, Ford Lot (E19), 139 Mass Ave Lot (front), Hayward Garage, and lots at Childcare Centers.
- Parkers must continue to comply with signage for reserved, electric vehicle, and accessible parking spaces.
- Off-campus parking can only be accessed by employees assigned to those garages.

Summer Special: All-lots access all day, every day!
- To take advantage of projected lower parking lot occupancies during summer months, we are offering “all-lots” access to parkers all day every day from Monday, June 3, through Monday, September 2, 2024.
- Rates and parking fees continue to apply; no overnight parking.
- Tuesday, September 3: Return to assigned parking areas during weekdays.
- The lot exclusions noted above apply to this expanded summer access program.
- We will monitor lot capacities and may end the program sooner if necessary.

mit.edu/parking
Department vehicles

Parking Coordinators must renew accounts for department vehicles annually on or before July 1, the start of the parking year.

Instructions: mit.edu/facilities/transportation/docs/DVRI.pdf
Shuttles
MIT shuttles: Summer schedule

**MIT shuttles are running on the summer schedules.**

Real-time updates for both MIT and EZRide shuttles can be found on the [MIT Mobile app](http://mit.edu/shuttles).

**Tech Shuttles:** Monday–Friday, 6:15 AM–7:45 PM

**Boston Daytime:** Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM–5:45 PM

**SafeRide Shuttles:**
- Sunday–Wednesday, 6:00 PM–2:30 AM (OnDemand 11:00 PM–2:30 AM)
- Thursday–Saturday, 6:00 PM–3:30 AM (OnDemand 11:00 PM–3:30 AM)

**Grocery Shuttles:**
- **Costco, Target:** Sunday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM
- **Trader Joe’s, Whole Foods:** Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

**EZRide Shuttles:** Resumed 8-bus schedule on June 17th
- 6:20 AM leaves North Station
- 7:30 PM leaves Erie

[mit.edu/shuttles](http://mit.edu/shuttles)
Personal Wheels

- Bright Red helmet
- MIT sticker on helmet
- MIT t-shirt

- MIT Purple helmet
- MIT t-shirt

- MIT Green helmet
- MIT t-shirt

- MIT Red helmet
- MIT sticker on helmet
Bikes at MIT

$300 Annual Bike Subsidy (for qualified bike purchases)
• Available to benefits-eligible MIT employees
• Receipts for 2024 must be uploaded in Atlas by February 15, 2025
• Subsidies for 2024 will be issued by March 31, 2025

Bluebikes
• Current Cambridge-based MIT employees and students are eligible to purchase subsidized annual memberships for $50.75 (regularly $133.50)

Bike auction
• We host an annual bike auction in the fall semester. Stay tuned for the date.

To register for the annual bike subsidy or Bluebikes, visit vpcssforms.mit.edu
Personal Wheels (PWs): Issues and goals

Collisions and falls, increase in pedestrian and rider injuries

Clogged corridors and classroom aisles cause egress hazards

Motorized PWs:
- Extreme fire hazard
- Cambridge: citations for improper storage of hazardous materials
Conducted research

• Audited MIT policies/rules
• Benchmarked how our peers are handling
•Reviewed existing city and state regulations, rules, laws governing usage

Convened advisory groups

• PW Advisory group (includes Office of General Counsel, Insurance, ResLife)
• Committee for Transportation & Parking
• Student Working Group
• Senior leadership

Developed safety campaign

Goals:

• Minimize risk of personal injury or harm
• Keep egress pathways clear in classrooms and corridors across campus
• Align/comply with City of Cambridge requirements
Newly published guidelines

• No riding inside.
• Register PWs with Parking & Transportation.
• Motorized: must be registered and UL certified. We’re piloting a new process.
• Know and follow rules of the road.
• Park outside (use bike racks; keep pathways clear). Do not attach PWs to railings, trees, or light posts.
• Indoors parking only in personal offices or residential rooms.
• Keep egress pathways clear; no parking in common areas, hallways, labs, or classrooms.
• Practice safe charging.

BeWheelWise MIT guidelines

Your Personal Wheels at MIT
The compact size of the Boston/Cambridge area makes bikes and scooters popular transportation options for students and employees. They are healthy, enjoyable, and so efficient that you’ll often reach your destination more quickly than you would in a car. MIT encourages these alternative modes of transportation and provides discounts, bike commuter benefits, and bike stations on campus for the MIT community.

If you’re riding something around on campus, those are your Personal Wheels (PW).

On the MIT campus, Personal Wheels are any non-medical transportation devices and vehicles, with or without motors and/or batteries, including bicycles, scooters, hoverboards, skateboards, unicycles, in-line skates, and other self-balancing personal transport mechanisms.

MIT’s PW guidelines do not apply to wheeled devices and vehicles designed for and used by individuals with mobility-related disabilities or medical conditions.

A motorized wheeled vehicle with a 50cc engine or larger (including many mopeds) qualifies as a motorcycle and is not a PW in this context.

Personal Wheels guidelines:
MIT has established campus-wide guidelines to protect the safety and health of all community members by promoting the safe operation, parking, and storage of Personal Wheels on the MIT Cambridge campus. Anyone who intends to bring a PW onto campus must first review the guidelines detailed in these pages, and anyone who operates, park, or stores a PW on campus must comply with the guidelines.

Register your PW
Operate your PW safely
Park and store your PW outdoors or at limited indoor locations
Adhere to MIT safety procedures when charging
Enjoy MIT’s bike commuting benefits and other campus services

Register your PW
Registration is required for all PWs with motors stored and/or charged on campus. We’re piloting this new registration process. If you are having difficulty confirming if your PW complies with the following requirements, contact the Parking & Transportation Office for assistance.
Safety Awareness Campaign

Getting the word out...

- Guidelines on MIT’s Commuter Connections site; update Police, Mind & Hand Book sites
- Email to announce new guidelines
- AV screen ads, posters in Infinite Corridor, residences
- A-frame signs at high traffic spots
- Hangtags on handlebars with QR code for guidelines and safety information
- Open Space pop ups: encourage PW registrations and safety awareness
- Social media posts
Enforcement

- **Educate first:** warning hangtags
- **When needed to support safety of community** (blocked paths)...**impound**
Toolkit for DLCIs: posters, AV ads

Got Wheels?

Don’t park in a hallway.
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Park outside at a rack (don’t attach to railings, light posts, or trees).

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In hallways and in classrooms.

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Walk your Personal Wheels (PW)* when indoors.

Slow your roll, riders!
And use bike lanes.

Heads up, walkers!
And stay on sidewalks.

Wear a helmet.
Protect that amazing brain!

Park at a bike rack or in your dorm room or office, not at railings, light posts, or trees, and not in hallways, lobbies, classrooms, stairwells or any common space indoors.

Charge your PW only in accordance with MIT’s required safety precautions!

Personal Wheels are any personal transportation devices, with or without a motor, except medical devices designed to assist mobility.

Be Wheel Wise MIT guidelines
Questions

Commuter Connections
mit.edu/facilities/transportation

mitparking@mit.edu

617-258-6510
(after hours 617-253-2997)