Commuter and Parking Services
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Commuter and Parking Services (C&PS) provides sustainable transportation services to faculty, staff, students, and visitors; oversees enforcement of parking regulations and traffic control; and manages visitor information and parking booths. In addition to parking, C&PS personnel provide a variety of services, including: manning the information booths, providing emergency rides, operating the Motorist Assist Program, and do emergency or special event traffic control.

C&PS is committed to providing commuting alternatives to reduce the percentage of single-occupant vehicle (SOV) commuters to Cornell University. To achieve success, it is not so important which alternative mode of transportation is chosen, but that there is an alternative to a SOV.

Transit Service

Faculty can use their Cornell University identification card to access weekday bus privileges on TCAT routes serving Cornell’s main campus and off-campus facilities and certain geographic locations. The identification card must be presented at the fare box and read electronically in order to ride at no cost.

Commuter Programs

Commuter and Parking Services is committed to offering the Cornell community choices to make commuting easy, economical, efficient, and sustainable. There is an option or program available for every person and every pocketbook.

Commuters can choose to bus, walk, or bike to campus, purchase an individual parking permit, request no-fee parking in a remote lot, or join a commuter program. Current offerings include OmniRide (a transit program), RideShare (a carpool program) and Occasional Parker (a flexible commute program). For complete information about commuter program benefits, costs, and associated support services, contact C&PS.

Community-Based Commuter Programs

The university is collaborating with local constituencies to create and promote programs that are available to everyone. VanPool (www.vpsiinc.com) and Ithaca Carshare
(www.ithacacarshare.org) are community-based commuting services open to the public. For a time, the university is offering special incentives to Cornell community members to give VanPool and Carshare a try.

Parking on Campus

On-campus parking—except in metered and some time-zone areas—is by permit only. Many lots have special evening and weekend permit restrictions, and only a few areas are open to parking after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. In addition, some parking restrictions, such as those in residence hall parking lots and other designated areas, are in force seven days a week around the clock.

Parking permits are priced higher for central campus parking permits versus permits for perimeter parking and are issued based on availability and work location. Permit fees can be paid via payroll deduction. Complete parking information can be found at www.commuting.cornell.edu.

Parking Enforcement

Parking enforcement is provided as a customer service for those people who purchase parking and expect it to be available when they need it. The parking enforcement program is not a revenue generating operation for the university. The fines collected cover the expense of providing this service. Ticket appeals and payments may be made online at www.commuting.cornell.edu.

Location and Hours

Cornell Commuter Parking Services is located at 116 Maple Avenue, Ithaca, NY. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except posted university holidays) during the academic year. Summer hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.