

TRANSPORTATION



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Parking with a Personal Touch

MORE KIOSKS MEAN BETTER ENFORCEMENT, HAPPIER CUSTOMERS

We are currently in the process of expanding our Kiosk Information Booth program. There are four Kiosks on campus right now—and several more are under construction. By the beginning of fall semester, there will be a total of ten Kiosks (for locations, see map at www.transportation.psu.edu/kiosk).

Not only do the Kiosks serve as a place for visitors to obtain directions and parking permits, they allow us to better enforce our parking policies. Kiosk attendants are able to redirect those who attempt to enter lots they are not permitted to park in, so there is adequate space for people who **are** authorized to park there. (And you'll have a better chance of finding a space in your assigned lot!)

Since we opened a Kiosk at the HUB Deck in January, traffic and congestion in the vicinity have calmed considerably—especially around the lunch hour, always a busy time at the HUB. Students who attempt to enter the HUB Deck on weekdays are turned away, so there is more room in the Deck for visitors and Yellow C permit holders. Our hope is that faculty and staff will have an easier time finding a space than they did in the past.

In addition, we realize that a Kiosk might be one of the first places visitors stop when they get to campus—and our friendly, helpful Kiosk attendants understand how important it is to make a great first impression. It's parking with a personal touch!



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Bicycle Parking

In response to customer requests, covered bicycle parking is available in the HUB, Nittany, and Eisenhower Decks. When the East Deck is completed, it, too, will feature covered bicycle parking. In addition, bicycle racks are available at Stadium West for use by commuters wishing to bike rather than ride the bus into campus. Although we attempt to monitor needs for new rack locations, we can't always identify them. We encourage bicyclists who see a need for new racks or replacement of old ones to contact us with your observations. Bicycle parking requests and/or comments may be sent to Bruce Younkin, Fleet Operations Manager, at bay1@psu.edu or 863-0164.

Parking Listserv

With all of the construction activity occurring on campus and planned to occur on campus, we highly recommend that you sign up for the Parking Listserv. You will receive updates regarding

impacts on parking, transit, and roadways the same day we receive the information. All information sent to parking chairpersons will also be posted on the listserv. Subscribe now to stay informed!

To subscribe, send an e-mail to: L-PSUPARK-SUBSCRIBE-REQUEST@LISTS.PSU.EDU. No subject or body of text is required.

Parking Permit Information Changes

It is extremely important that University permit holders inform their parking chairperson of any changes to their address, license plate, or vehicle information. Currently, anywhere from 10-30 tickets are written each day for incorrect permit or vehicle information. Please remember that if more than one vehicle license plate number is assigned to your permit, the permit holder is responsible for any tickets or tows that occur on campus.

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Parking Rates

Last summer, the Parking Office announced a parking rate plan to help make parking on campus easier and less stressful. The plan—which went into effect in fall semester 2003—has made parking:

- ▶ **Cheaper** – To encourage more people to park on the perimeter of campus, monthly parking fees for the commuter lots were drastically reduced.
- ▶ **Simpler** – At the end of the five-year period, all reserved lots will have the same parking rate.
- ▶ **Safer** – Students are able to park closer to their residence halls.

The 2004-2005 rates will take effect on July 1, 2004.

RATE PLAN — FACULTY/STAFF			
Fiscal Year	Open	Reserved	Commuter
Current	\$23	\$34	\$5
2004/2005	\$26	\$34	\$5

RATE PLAN — STUDENT				
Fiscal Year	Non-resident Storage	Resident Storage	Resident Core Storage	Commuter
Current	\$26	\$22	\$52	\$5
2004/2005	\$27	\$23	\$54	\$5

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RideShare Program

The RideShare program remains popular, with 524 participants. If you are interested in full-time or even occasional ridesharing to work, contact Terri Quici, RideShare program coordinator, at 814-238-2282 (ext. 131) for an application. You may also register online at www.catabus.com/ssrideshare.htm. All Penn State faculty/staff are eligible for the Guaranteed Ride Home program when they sign up for the RideShare program.

For more information, visit www.transportation.psu.edu/rideshare/.

Ride for Five

Over 477 Penn State employees currently participate in the popular Ride for Five program. The program enables full-time faculty and staff to relinquish their University parking permit to the Parking Office in exchange for a discounted transit pass.

Visit www.transportation.psu.edu/rideforfive/ for more information.

Visitor Center Kiosk

Don't forget about our Kiosk in the Penn State Centre County Convention and Visitors Bureau. An attendant will be on hand Monday through Friday to provide campus parking and transit information as well as visitor permits. This is a great location to direct first-time visitors to campus.

Events

If your department or organization is holding an event on campus that requires parking, don't forget to contact the Parking Office to coordinate parking locations. This preplanning goes a long way in preventing visitors to your department and campus the unhappy experience of receiving a ticket for wrong area parking.

Parking Enforcement

Please be conscious of the number of tickets you receive on campus. Even though the tickets may be paid in a timely manner, they still count toward revocation of your permit—or, in the case of unregistered vehicles, the possibility of being placed on a tow list. It's not about the tickets; it's about providing space for those permit holders who pay to park in the lots on campus.

Station Wagons Now Available for Rent

Fleet Operations has recently added Ford Focus station wagons to its lineup of rental vehicles. They are listed under "mid-size cars" on our IBIS VRES site. The Focus station wagons will provide an attractive alternative for University travelers needing more cargo space than available in mid-size sedans.

Summer Parking Policy

From May 3 until August 27, faculty/staff core lots will open up to general parking earlier on weekdays—at 5:00 p.m. rather than 9:00 p.m. Please remember that faculty/staff permits are not valid in student lots at any time.

Campus Shuttle

The Campus Shuttle will continue to run College Avenue following its current temporary route until the completion of the Pollock Road project in August.

Download a route map and timetable at www.transportation.psu.edu.

Summer Bus Service

The summer schedule for the Loop and the Link will be in effect from May 3 until August 27, 2004.

Download route maps and schedules at www.transportation.psu.edu.

PARKING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

CURTIN ROAD/PORTER ROAD PROJECT

On April 26, the Office of Physical Plant will initiate a construction project on Curtin Road and Porter Road in the vicinity of Beaver Stadium. This project involves work to widen the roadway, add sidewalks and a visitor pull-off for the Paterno Statue, and clean up the vegetation on the northern end of Jordan East. We expect that construction will be complete by June 24. At times during this project, Curtin Road will be reduced to one lane. Flagmen will be posted as needed to direct the flow of traffic.

EAST DECK

We anticipate that the East Deck will be completed on schedule. We plan to open the Deck in August 2004, just in time for fall semester. Beginning May 17, a portion of Bigler Road from the service drive to Findlay Commons and Park Avenue, and from Park Avenue to the first entrance into Lot 83, will be closed for construction of a turning lane. Park Avenue will remain open.

FOOD SCIENCES BUILDING

In preparation for the new Food Sciences Building project, the remaining Orange faculty/staff parking spaces in Orange A Curtin will be removed April 30 to perform utility work. Due to the utility work that area of Orange A will be required for diverting traffic around the construction site. Once a date is finalized, the Parking Office will notify parking chairpersons and put the closure information on the Parking Listserv. Personnel parking in that lot may either move to another Orange lot or contact their parking chairperson for parking options.

POLLOCK ROAD PROJECT

Construction on the Pollock Road project remains on schedule. When the project is complete in fall 2004, you will notice several changes in the area around Brown A. Individuals wishing to park in Brown A will need to enter the lot via Pollock Road and exit on Burrowes Road. You will no longer be able to enter the lot from Burrowes Road. In addition, a Kiosk will be located at each end of Pollock Road—and will be staffed by an attendant from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This system does not require an AVI tag, but does require the appropriate permit **to enter or exit Pollock Road**. If you work in one of the buildings along Pollock Road and wish to have a family member or friend drop you off or pick you up, please be aware that drop-offs and pick-ups must occur before 8:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. This will help us ensure that traffic moves as quickly and efficiently as possible. The drop-off and pick-up of large items or equipment to buildings on Pollock Road between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in that area will be made available on a case-by-case basis to faculty and staff displaying a University permit. A specified number of short-term visitor parking spaces (15 or 20 minutes) will be located behind Willard Building for personnel requiring access to that area. These spaces will be limited and monitored via camera to ensure compliance and availability. The gates on Pollock Road will remain in place to prevent through traffic in this heavy pedestrian area.

REC HALL EXPANSION PROJECT

Plans are in the works to expand Rec Hall to include a new fitness center and provide updated facilities for the wrestling program. When construction on the project begins this August, the Red H lot behind Rec Hall will close. Faculty/staff who currently park in this lot will be relocated to Red A and the Nittany Deck. These employees will receive new permits from their parking chairperson.

RED A KIOSK PROJECT

We will begin building a Kiosk on White Course Road this summer. Construction should be complete by fall 2004.

SALA BUILDING

The new SALA Building and Green D lot have an anticipated completion date of summer 2005.

SHORTLIDGE MALL PROJECT

The Yellow K lot located behind Ritenour Building will be closing permanently to faculty/staff parking as part of the Shortlidge Mall project. Faculty/staff who used to park in this lot will be relocated to the HUB Deck. They will receive the appropriate AVI tag and permit from their parking chairperson. Limited parking will be available in the lot for ADA, Urgent Care, and MPDP Retired Member permit holders only. When completed, the limited parking will be accessed via a new road between Boucke Building and Telecommunications Building. Parking for visitors to University Health Services who do not require ADA parking is located in the HUB Deck.

For more parking construction updates, visit www.transportation.psu.edu.

PARKING IN THE HUB DECK

On the first day of spring semester 2004, we implemented several new policies and procedures at the HUB Deck. We would like to offer some clarification on how the new system works:

- ▶ **Yellow C** permit holders with transponders enter the Deck through the two-lane entrance on Shortlidge Road.
- ▶ **Visitors** must use the road between the Deck and Grange Building to enter the Deck. They must stop at the Kiosk upon entering to obtain a ticket stub from the attendant, and they pay an hourly rate upon exiting.
- ▶ **The exit lane** is composed of two lanes adjacent to the Kiosk so that permit holders may bypass the pay lane for visitors.
- ▶ **No student parking** is allowed in the Deck from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- ▶ **After 4:00 p.m.**, all current University permit holders are allowed entry into the Deck until 7:30 a.m. the following morning.
- ▶ **Service vehicles, department vehicles, and floaters** must use the Kiosk lane for entry into the Deck. Anyone who does not have an AVI transponder must take a stub on entry to the facility in order to be able to leave without having to pay the "lost stub" fee. Personnel who forget their transponder will be given the option of paying for hourly parking or purchasing a one-day parking permit.
- ▶ **The AVI transponder** has an anti-pass back feature to prevent the ability of more than one vehicle to enter the Deck off of one unit. Any vehicle entering the Deck with the transponder must exit before entry may be gained again. This is to prevent anyone from loaning his or her transponder to the next vehicle for entry. This is a necessary feature to assist with our attempts to manage the capacity in the Deck.

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We are always available to discuss transportation and parking issues with you and your co-workers. We can come to your next department meeting to answer questions—and fill you in on construction projects and road closings in your part of campus. Call 863-4006 or e-mail Teresa Davis, director of Transportation Services at tad6@psu.edu to schedule a visit from a Transportation Services representative. We want to help you stay informed!