

Step 4: Planning

Stanford University does not endorse any non-Stanford transportation service providers. The transportation options listed in this document are provided merely as a convenience to our conference clients. Please note that schedules or fees may change without notice.

DRIVING TO CAMPUS

Given the sprawling nature of Stanford's campus, it is recommended that anyone visiting the campus determine the building(s) and/or street names relevant to their visit. Maps of Stanford's campus, Palo Alto, and the Bay Area can be found at: <https://visit.stanford.edu/plan/>

RENTING A CAR

Stanford rentals will be handled by [Enterprise's Palo Alto location](#) at 814 San Antonio Road. Call (650) 843-4990 for more information. An additional list of other car rental companies can be found here:

- Avis (800) 831-2847 www.avis.com
- Budget (800) 527-0700 www.budget.com
- Hertz (800) 654-3131 www.hertz.com
- National (800) 227-7368 www.nationalcar.com
- Thrifty (800) 847-4389 www.thrifty.com

Zipcar: Stanford has one of the largest university Zipcar programs in the nation with twenty-six Zipcar locations at Stanford. Most Zipcars at Stanford are fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles. Rates start at \$11.00 per hour and include gas, insurance, roadside assistance, and up to 180 miles per day are included in the hourly and daily Zipcar rates. Learn more at <http://zipcar.stanford.edu>.

TRANSPORTATION FROM SAN FRANCISCO (SFO) AND SAN JOSE (SJC) AIRPORTS

Stanford University is conveniently located near three regional airports. Please review the "Airport Transportation" web page for alternative transportation options to and from regional airports: http://transportation.stanford.edu/alt_transportation/airport.shtml.

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GET AROUND

Reducing single-occupant vehicles and peak-hour vehicle trips is a priority at Stanford in keeping with the university's sustainability and General Use Permit goals. As such, please minimize event vehicle traffic and avoid, to the extent possible, event times that create peak-hour vehicle trips. Avoid arrivals between 7:30 AM to 9:00 a.m. and avoid departures between 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

Local Transit Options

The Bay Area has an extensive public transportation network, which attendees should be encouraged to use. A full list of local public transportation options, including VTA, SamTrans, Caltrain, BART, Muni, and more, can be found at http://transportation.stanford.edu/alt_transportation/BayAreaTransit.shtml.

Ensure attendees know what transit options are available to them and consider providing a free transit pass with event registration. Event attendees can plan their trip by transit using the free 511 transit trip planner: <http://www.511.org>. Stanford Transportation can develop a list of transit, bike, and carpool options specifically for your event. Send an email to commuteclub@stanford.edu

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Stanford's Free Marguerite Shuttle

Stanford's free Marguerite buses travel around campus, connect to transit, and travel to nearby hotels, shopping, dining, and entertainment. The main shuttle lines operate Monday - Friday throughout the year, (excluding university holidays), from roughly 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Since start and end times vary by line, check specific Marguerite schedules at <http://transportation.stanford.edu/marguerite/schedules.php>

We ask that if you expect to have a large group of event attendees travel on the system that you give us a call so we can discuss system capacity. In some cases, an additional bus may need to be added to meet event demands, at a cost to the event.

Event attendees are encouraged to use the online map and schedule to reduce printed publications that may be used only once, then thrown away. If, however, you want to order Marguerite Maps and Schedules for your event, send an email to marguerite@stanford.edu or call (650) 564-3336.

Charter Bus Services

Events for large groups may require shuttle services to and from the event or around campus. Stanford Transportation offers convenient charter services below-market rates to the campus community for all campus related events. A variety of bus sizes are available with courteous drivers who are familiar with the Stanford campus. For more information or to make a reservation, go to: <http://transportation.stanford.edu/charterbus>

This includes parking shuttles to campus event locations, trips to local destinations and out of area trips. For more information contact Stanford Transportation Charter Services at (650) 724-9339 or send an email to: charterbus@stanford.edu

Carpool

Information regarding carpools can be found on-line at:
http://transportation.stanford.edu/alt_transportation/Carpool.shtml
Information for ride matching services can be found here:
<https://transportation.stanford.edu/rideshare/find-a-rideshare>

Bicycling

One of the quickest ways to travel around campus is biking. Stanford alumni (and their guests 16 and older) can borrow a bike from the Alumni Center for free by stopping by the alumni center front desk. All visitors can rent bikes on a daily or weekly basis from the Campus Bike Shop: <http://www.campusbikeshop.com>. For regional walking and biking maps, visit <https://transportation.stanford.edu/bicycle>. For bike trip planning, send an email to bike-information@stanford.edu

Reminder: Bicyclists should always wear helmets every time they ride, even for short trips, and follow the rules of the road that apply to bicyclists when riding on campus. More bike safety tips are available at <https://transportation.stanford.edu/bicycle/learn-about-bike-safety/bike-safety-tips>

Commuter Assistance: For more information on commuting options, please visit:

<https://transportation.stanford.edu/commute> or email at commuteclub@stanford.edu