



Frequently Asked Questions

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Capitol Campus parking rate increase

OVERVIEW

Parking at the Washington State Capitol Campus is complex and often challenging. The Department of Enterprise Services (DES) maintains more than 6,000 parking stalls located in 28 locations, serving employee, visitor and vendor/service access to the Capitol Campus.

In July 2017, DES plans to implement an increase in parking fees to meet the cost demands of parking on the Capitol Campus. Per [WAC 200-200-290](#), DES will provide at least a 60-day notice to Capitol Campus parkers including a 30-day comment period before rates are changed. While the official 30-day comment period will begin in May 15, comments submitted before that time are being collected and reflected in this document. Rates have not been raised in nearly ten years.

CAPITOL CAMPUS PARKING RATES

Rate changes

Why do the rates have to change now?

Our parking rates are set at a level needed to meet the financial requirements of the State Capitol Campus to pay our operating and capital expenses. As these costs increase, we must make adjustments to meet these financial requirements. All parking rates will increase.

How was this rate increase determined?

In consultation with OFM, DES evaluated the cost of providing current services, maintenance, and necessary capital improvements. These costs were equitably distributed across the parking rates included in the Parking Fee Schedule.

DES Proposed Fiscal Year 18 (FY) Parking Rates

	FY 2017	\$ Rate Increase	New SFY 18 rate
Employee Rideshare	\$12.50	\$5.00	\$18
Employee Zoned	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$35
Employee Zoned-Agency Paid	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$35
Employee Reserved	\$35.00	\$14.00	\$49
Employee Reserved-Agency Paid	\$35.00	\$14.00	\$49
Agency Reserved	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$105
Agency Annual Passes	\$200.00	\$80.00	\$280
Metered Visitor Parking	\$1.50	\$0.50	\$2
Non-State Employee Zoned	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$35
Non-State Lobbyist/Contractor	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$105
Non-State Employee Reserved	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$105
CTR Day Pass	\$2.00	\$0.80	\$3

Note: A Fiscal Year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th.



Do parkers need to reauthorize payroll deductions at the new rates?

No.

How do I cancel my parking fee?

You can start the process to cancel your parking fee online:

- Go to <https://fortress.wa.gov/es/apps/Parkers/>
- Select “cancel parking/payroll deduction”
- Type in your eight-digit employee I.D. number (ex. 00012345)
- Enter your last name
- Submit request

You will need to return your parking sticker to the DES Parking Office. Once your parking sticker is received, Parking Services will cancel your parking fee.

You can also contact the DES Parking Office at 725-0030.

To review or update your parking record, go to <https://fortress.wa.gov/es/apps/Parkers/> and select “update existing parking information.”

Will there be future parking rate increases?

SAAM [80.20.35.b](#) requires enterprise funds to operate on a cost recovery basis. With that said, parking rates have the potential to increase in the future to meet this requirement. Should future rate increases become necessary, DES will continue to provide the required notice to parkers.

Does this rate increase apply to parking garages other than the Plaza Garage?

The increase applies to all parking on the Capitol Campus.

Why is a visitor lot being added in the Plaza Garage?

In the [2015 Parking Implementation Plan](#), DES is directed to increase visitor parking, in part, by making parking available in the East Plaza Garage for those visiting the Capitol Campus for business and training.

What is the history of parking rate changes on the campus?

Parking rates were last increased in 2008. At that time, parking rates went from \$20 to \$25.00 per month for employee parking. The history of the capitol campus parking rates – employee zoned parking are outlined in the table below:

Year	Rate
1969	\$10
1992	\$15
2005	\$20
2008	\$25

How do our parking rates compare with the private sector and other public sector markets?

Parking fees on the Capitol Campus are lower than market rates. When considering raising parking fees, DES compares our rates against local parking rates to ensure our proposed fees do not exceed and are typically well below the local market rate of a comparable privately owned parking as outlined in [RCW 46.08.172](#).



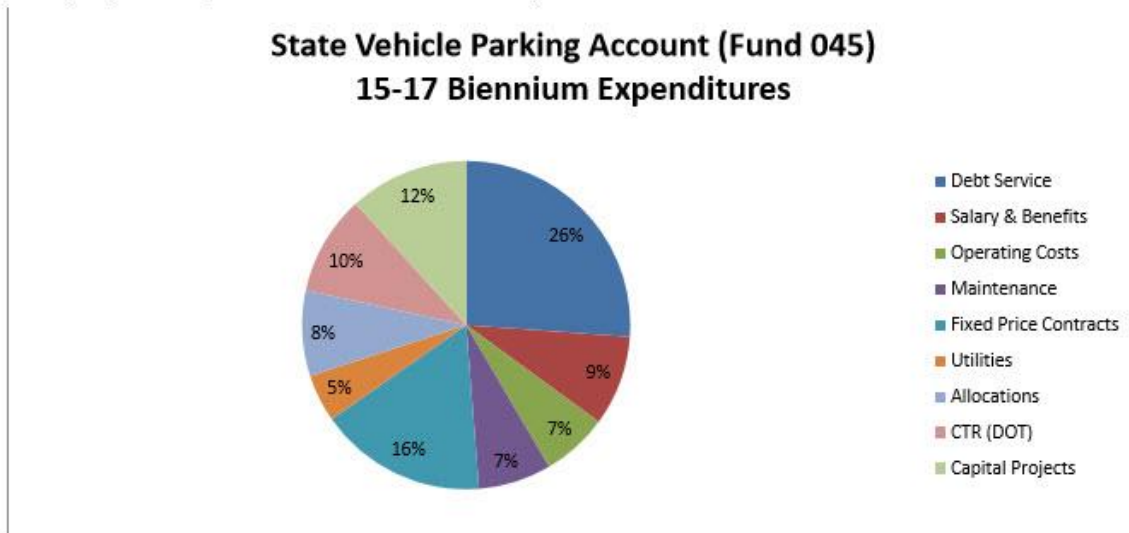
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How the fees are used

What do parking fees pay for?

Fees pay for Capitol Campus parking operations, utilities, maintenance, repairs, renovation, security, and enforcement. Portions allocated to taxes go to the state's general fund and local governments to be used for various public services. A portion also goes to the Department of Transportation for the state agency Commute Trip Reduction program, which provides the STAR Pass and emergency-ride home program.

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Legend:

Debt Service - garage lighting upgrade and the East Plaza bond debt.

Salaries and benefits - five staff

Operating costs - include a fleet vehicle, program supplies, staff training, rent, software licenses etc.

Maintenance - includes custodial, refuse and recycle and Buildings and Grounds trades such as electrical, HVAC, paint and carpentry

Fixed price contracts - share of Capital Campus costs for WSP, Elevator Contract Maintenance and City of Olympia (Fire Protection)

Utilities - include water, electricity and storm water

Allocations - include both internal (Agency and Program overhead) and external allocations (Results Washington, Risk, Archives etc.)

CTR (DOT) - is the appropriation for DOT to provide statewide CTR approved in the operating budget.

Capital Project - this amount shows the portion for capital project approved in the 15-17 capital budget. The minor works project completed this year allowed DES to study the parking trends on campus and implement parking strategies.

Do the parking rates include taxes?

Yes. Rates include taxes.

What does “parking management” include?

- Managing parking policies and procedures
- Managing parking request intakes, close out, temporary passes, refunds, etc.
- Ensure that payment meters are maintained and operational at all times
- Collaborate with other DES programs to maintain parking lots and facilities
- Supporting the Governor’s initiative to increase zero emission vehicles by increasing the number of electric vehicle charging stations on the Capitol Campus.
- Operational reporting as needed/requested
- Contract management
- Communication and stakeholder management Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) and Transportation Demand Management activities



Parking enforcement

I see cars without stickers parked in my garage but I don't see them being ticketed. Is there parking enforcement on the Capitol Campus?

DES currently contracts with the Washington State Patrol to provide security and parking enforcement on the 468 acre Capitol Campus. In May, the two agencies are implementing an interagency agreement to increase parking enforcement by dedicating a full time cadet to patrol the East and Southwest Campus parking facilities.

What to the citation penalties pay for?

Revenues collected from citations go to Thurston County Courts.



Commute Trip Reduction program

What are my commute trip reduction options?

[Several commute trip options](#) are available to State Employees. Some of which include “Star” bus passes, vanpool or car pools, and the use of bike cages/racks located around the Campus.

I rideshare most of the time. Do I still have to pay the full rate?

No. If you rideshare or carpool and are registered, you can park for free or at a reduced rate. [Learn more](#) about ridesharing and carpooling.

Why are capitol campus parkers paying for the statewide commute trip reduction program?

The Legislature allocated a portion of parking fee revenue to fund the WSDOT [Statewide Commute Trip Reduction](#) program.

Parking and the new office building on 11th and Columbia

Why is there no parking at the new 1063 Building?

The bill creating the 1063 Block Replacement Project did not include funding for the construction of a new parking facility to replace the 261 stalls lost with the demolition of the parking garage at the corner of 11th Avenue and Columbia Street.

Will the 1063 Building create a parking shortage?

In late 2017 and 2018, more than 700 tenants will move into the new office building. Some of these tenants already park on the Capitol Campus, but we anticipate more than 300 new vehicles will be seeking parking on the Capitol Campus and will have an impact on parking availability. DES will continue to follow the [Capitol Campus Parking Strategy Implementation Plan](#) to ease the demand on the parking supply for employees and visitors.

When will the 300 additional parkers begin arriving on Campus?

The tenant moves will begin in Nov. 2017 and continue through Feb. 2018.

Why didn't the state build a new parking garage instead of [restriping the Plaza Garage](#)?

Building a new parking structure would cost millions of dollars and would greatly increase parking fees.