

Visiting the U.S. Department of Transportation

General

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Headquarters, located in the Southeast Federal Center, consists of two connected buildings – the East Building and the West Building. The physical address is:

U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

The main visitor's entrance is located in the West Building, on New Jersey Avenue and M Street. Upon exiting the Metro station, the building is diagonally across the intersection of New Jersey

Avenue and M Street. There is a Starbucks coffee shop attached to its northwest corner and the entrance is midway down the side of the building on New Jersey Avenue. Upon entering the lobby, visitors must report to the security desk.



Security

You will need to present an identification document with photograph (such as a passport), or US issued drivers license to the security personnel and call your contact person for an escort to the meeting room. Please arrive at the building approximately 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time to allow for this process.

Pre-clearance Requirements

Departmental regulations require that guests provide the following information well in advance of visiting the DOT. For US citizens: Full name, company/title, and date of birth, driver's license number. For non-US citizens: Full name, company/title, date of birth, country, and passport number and expiration date. Please email this information to your contact person on the *Cybersecurity Attendee Security Info form*. Delegations with more than one attendee should submit one form with all attendees for the delegation listed.

Directions and Parking

Metrorail

Due to the limited amount of parking around DOT Headquarters, use of public transit is strongly advised. DOT is served by the Navy Yard Metrorail Station (Green line). There are two entrances/exits at this station; visitors should use the one at the corner of New Jersey and M streets, the “Navy Yard” exit. Train and bus schedules, and other information, is available at www.wmata.com.

To ride on Metrorail or local bus systems you will need a SmarTrip® card - a permanent, rechargeable card used to pay fares. If you don't already have a card from a previous visit to Washington, a card can be purchased in advance at the WMATA website, or at any Metrorail station.

Driving

I-95 from Virginia

- Take I-95 N toward WASHINGTON.
- Merge onto I-395 N via EXIT 170A-B toward WASHINGTON / I-495 / TYSONS CORNER (Crossing into DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA).
- Keep LEFT to take I-295 S.
- Take the SOUTH CAPITOL STREET exit.
- Stay STRAIGHT to go onto S CAPITOL ST SW.
- Turn LEFT onto M ST SE.

I-66

- Take I-66 E toward WASHINGTON.
- Keep right onto GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY S.
- Merge onto I-395 N toward WASHINGTON (Crossing into DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA).
- Keep LEFT to take I-295 S.
- Take the SOUTH CAPITOL STREET exit.
- Stay STRAIGHT to go onto S CAPITOL ST SW.
- Turn LEFT onto M ST SE.

Suitland Parkway

- Take SUITLAND PKWY SE toward WASHINGTON (Crossing into DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA).
- Stay STRAIGHT to go onto S CAPITOL ST SE.
- Keep RIGHT at the fork to continue on S CAPITOL ST SE.
- Turn RIGHT onto M ST SE.

Pennsylvania Avenue

- MD-4 N becomes PENNSYLVANIA AVE SE.
- Take the ramp toward I-395.
- Merge onto SOUTHEAST FWY.
- Take the exit toward 8TH ST SE.
- Turn LEFT onto I ST SE.
- Turn LEFT onto 7TH ST SE.
- Turn RIGHT onto M ST SE.

I-95 from Northern Maryland

- Take I-95 S toward Washington.
- Take the BALTIMORE WASHINGTON PARKWAY S exit- EXIT 22B- toward WASHINGTON.
- Merge onto MD-295 S (Crossing into DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA).
- MD-295 S becomes I-295 S.
- Take the HOWARD ROAD exit- EXIT 3B- toward DOWNTOWN.
- Turn RIGHT onto HOWARD RD SE.
- Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp.
- Stay STRAIGHT to go onto S CAPITOL ST SE.
- Keep RIGHT at the fork to continue on S CAPITOL ST SE.
- Turn RIGHT onto M ST SE.

I-270 from Northern Maryland

- I-270 LOCAL S becomes I-270 S.
- Keep RIGHT to take I-270 SPUR S toward I-495 S / WASHINGTON / NORTHERN VIRGINIA.
- I-270 SPUR S becomes I-495 S / CAPITAL BELTWAY (Crossing into VIRGINIA).
- Take EXIT 43-44 toward GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY / VA-193 / GEORGETOWN PIKE / LANGLEY / GREAT FALLS.
- Take the GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY exit- EXIT 43- toward WASHINGTON.
- Merge onto GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PKWY S (Passing through DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA- then crossing into VIRGINIA).
- Merge onto I-395 N toward WASHINGTON (Crossing into DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA).
- Keep LEFT to take I-295 S.
- Take the SOUTH CAPITOL STREET exit.
- Stay STRAIGHT to go onto S CAPITOL ST SW.
- Turn LEFT onto M ST SE.

Parking

Parking lots near DOT Headquarters are indicated by a P on the map. Not all lots are open 24 hours. During the Washington Nationals (<http://washington.nationals.mlb>) home baseball games, most parking lots are reserved for season ticket holders. Therefore, parkers are required to vacate the parking lots two hours before the start of any game (afternoon and night). Premium parking rates (\$20+ flat rate) are charged if you park on any game date. Check the Washington Nationals baseball schedule for exact start times.

Airports

Three airports provide easy access to the Washington, DC area, though most international visitors will arrive at Washington Dulles airport.

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD; <http://www.mwaa.com/dulles/dulles.htm>) is in Chantilly, VA, 26 miles from downtown Washington, DC. A 23-mile expansion of the region's Metrorail system is planned to reach the airport in 2016. Until then, Washington Flyer Taxi is the exclusive taxi service to the airport. Rental cars and bus connections to Metrorail are also available.

Washington Flyer Taxi (<http://www.washfly.com>)

Washington Flyer Taxicabs serve Washington Dulles International Airport exclusively with 24-hour service to and from the Airport. Taxicabs accept cash or credit cards. Gratuity is at the passenger's discretion.

Leaving the Airport: No reservations are necessary. Simply follow the signs for Ground Transportation or Taxi to the lower level of the main terminal where a customer service representative will be available 24 hours a day.

Coming to the Airport: Please call 703-572-TAXI (8294) to place a reservation. Reservations are accepted at any time, however reservations placed at least 24-hours in advance are preferred to ensure vehicle availability.

How to connect to the Metrorail system to/from Dulles Airport:

For less than \$11.00, travelers can get to any location on the Metrorail subway system by taking the non-stop Silver Line Express Bus from the Airport directly to the Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station (Silver line), located approximately 7 miles away. •The bus provides non-stop, frequent service every 15 minutes during peak times and 20 minutes during off-peak times; 6am-10:20pm Monday-Thursday, 6am-10:40pm Friday, 7:45am-10:40pm Saturday, and 7:45am-9:40pm Sunday. Wi-fi and luggage storage is available on-board. While a SmarTrip® card is required for the Metrorail, only cash or credit cards are accepted for the \$5 bus fare.

If you are boarding at the Airport, proceed to the counter located inside Arrival Door 4 in the Terminal to purchase a ticket and board the bus. If you are boarding at the Wiehle-Reston East Metro station, exit to north side of the station to board the bus. Once the bus arrives at the airport, you may purchase tickets at the counter inside the Terminal.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA; <http://www.mwaa.com/reagan/reagan.htm>) is located in Arlington, VA just across the Potomac River from the Nation's Capital. The airport is directly linked to the region's Metrorail system which is adjacent to Terminal B/C.

Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI)

Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI; <http://www.bwiairport.com/en>) is located about 45 miles north of Washington. The BWI Airport Taxi is located on the lower level outside the baggage claim area. The BWI Express Metrobus departs every 40 minutes for the Greenbelt Metro Station. There are two bus stops. One is located on the lower level of the International Pier and the other stop is located on the lower level of Concourse A/B. Check the Metro web site for further information.

Amtrak (www.amtrak.com) and MARC (<http://mta.maryland.gov/marc-train>)trains also provide service to Union Station in Washington, DC from the BWI Rail Station just a few miles from the airport. Free shuttles to the BWI Rail Station operate every 12 - 25 minutes daily. Buses stop adjacent to the rail station garage directly in front of the rail station.

Hotels

The following hotels are located within a few blocks of DOT Headquarters:

- Courtyard by Marriott Washington Capitol Hill/Navy Yard at 140 L Street SE (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasny-courtyard-washington-capitol-hill-navy-yard/>)
- Hampton Inn & Suites Washington DC - Navy Yard at 1265 First Street SE (<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/wasnyhx-hampton-suites-washington-dc-navy-yard/>)
- Residence Inn Washington Capitol Hill/Navy Yard at 1233 First Street SE (<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasxr-residence-inn-washington-capitol-hill-navy-yard>)
- Homewood Suites by Hilton Washington DC Capitol-Navy Yard at 50 M Street SE (<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/wascahw-homewood-suites-washington-dc-capitol-navy-yard/>)

However, many hotels in Washington DC and the surrounding areas of Virginia and Maryland offer convenient access to the Metrorail system and/or shuttle service to the Metrorail and/or airports. For example, the Mt. Vernon Square Metro station near the Washington Convention Center is 5 stations from the Navy Yard on the Green Line.

Area Information

- For more information on activities in the area please access link:
<https://www.capitolriverfront.org/>