

# SMU Parking and ID Services

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

With the start of the fall academic term upon us, we offer a few helpful reminders about parking and transportation options on the SMU campus.

- **Parking enforcement will be eased through Monday, September 5, to allow time for you to adapt to the new parking system. The access gates to the parking centers and lots will be lowered starting on Monday, August 29.**
- After-hours parking on campus offers several additional options during the evening hours (after 5 p.m.) and on weekends. Visit **the FAQs** for more information about after-hours parking, enforcement times, on-campus transportation, and other topics related to the new parking system.
- Please note the levels in the parking centers that are designated for faculty and staff (blue areas on the **parking map**). Overflow parking for employees is located on the W4 lot on the East Campus.

We have expanded on-campus transportation options that will help you move within and around the main and East campuses.

- The new SMU Express Blue Route shuttle service (**map** and **schedule**) is now running and offers additional stops on both campuses. We recognize there have been some schedule issues

with the Blue Route and have put measures in place to ensure the shuttle runs as scheduled.

- The SMU Express Red Route ([map and schedule](#)) also connects riders with the main and East campuses, as well as to DART's SMU/Mockingbird Station, and popular areas near campus.
- SMU is operating a **temporary point-to-point electric cart service** – marked “SMU Express Direct” – that will run through Friday, September 2, between the main and East campuses. The two electric carts run between the flagpole on Bishop Blvd. and Expressway Tower from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The long-term solution for moving between the main and East campuses will be the Blue and Red shuttles.

Please take an opportunity to become familiar with these options during the first few weeks of classes.

**Also, please remember that due to Move-In activities the Red and Blue route shuttles and the temporary cart service will not serve Bishop Blvd. from Tuesday, August 16, through Sunday, August 21.** During this time, the shuttles and carts will use a stop located near the intersection of Binkley Avenue and Airline Road across from the Moody Parking Center.

A permit is required to park on University-owned property. You can purchase a permit and manage your vehicle information through the [SMU Parking Portal](#) website.

The new parking system may be an adjustment for some of you. Thank you for your patience as we determine what is working well and what might need to be improved.

Your feedback is important and will help inform future parking and transportation reviews. Please continue to send your questions or comments to [newparking@smu.edu](mailto:newparking@smu.edu). We look forward to seeing you on the Hilltop and hope you have a terrific start to the academic year!