Transportation and Parking Services FAQs  
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In response to the continuing demand for parking on campus, Transportation and Parking Services is launching new initiatives and making changes to current policies for the 2017/18 academic year. To view all available parking visit https://afd.calpoly.edu/parking/parkingoncampus/parkinglots/

What are my short-term parking options?

Short term daily and weekly permits are available in lots K1, H1 and the Grand Avenue Structure. Daily and weekly permits are honored in general parking spaces 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. When do commuter permits go on sale for Winter Quarter 2018?

Monday, December 11, 2018.

How can I get to Cal Poly without using my car?

Students, faculty and staff can take SLO Transit for free. They can take advantage of Cal Poly’s rideshare program, ride RTA or hop on a bike. These alternative options reduce the stress of finding parking and are better for the environment. To find out more about transportation options, visit https://afd.calpoly.edu/parking/commutingtocampus/.

Since freshmen in the residence halls are not allowed to bring cars to campus starting fall 2017, why aren’t there more parking spaces available?

Historically, very few freshmen residents brought cars to campus (less than 15 percent). In the 2016/17 academic year, approximately 500 freshmen students parked cars on campus as residents. This academic year, freshmen residents were limited from bringing vehicles (though an exception process was offered and many accommodations were made for extenuating circumstances). The remaining spaces have been allocated for increased general commuter parking

What is an Orange permit?

The Orange permit is our new quarterly and annual commuter permit that allows students to park in any Orange lot or general space on campus. Orange permits are valid in staff spaces after 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff permits are valid in the Orange lots.
**What are Orange Lots?**

Transportation and Parking Services developed Orange Lots (the H-12, H-14 and H-16 parking lots) for those commuting to campus. These lots are designated for Orange Lot permit holders only Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Poly Canyon Village Drive (R3) structure upper levels will be provide additional parking for Orange permit overflow and events.

**What hours can I park with my permit (staff, orange, daily, or weekly)?**

All designated campus lots and spaces are enforced from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Permits are valid in any general or staff spaces after 5 p.m. No additional evening or weekend permit is needed when you have a valid permit.

**Is my staff permit valid in the Orange Lots?**

Staff permits are valid in the Orange Lots.

**How were these new parking policies developed?**

The new parking policies were developed over several months to respond to concerns voiced by students during the 2016/17 academic year. This process included research into parking patterns and demands, as well as the anticipated needs of the campus community. A primary goal of the changes was to reduce the permit/parking space ratios to improve the likelihood that permit holders will find a parking space in their designated lot. Transportation and Parking Services worked collaboratively across campus with university stakeholders.

**Why did Parking and Commuter Services change its name?**

The department changed its name to Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) to better reflect all of the services the department provides. The name change aligns with the department’s strategic goals to grow services into more sustainable transportation options than single occupancy vehicles and with the university’s larger sustainability initiative.