

Getting around Mason without a car has never been easier. Here are some tips and suggestions you can follow to lessen your impact from commuting.



Transportation Tips at Mason

Try Public Transportation: If you have to get around the area, try to take public transportation. Mason has a multitude of FREE (with a Mason ID) transportation options, including the Cue Bus, Mason to Metro shuttle, and the Prince William shuttle. Using public transportation reduces congestion, saves gas and parking money, and can ultimately save you time. Research has shown that taking public transportation in lieu of driving far exceeds the combined benefits of using energy-efficient light bulbs, adjusting your thermostat, weatherizing one's home, or replacing an old and inefficient refrigerator.

Carpool: When going to events, try to find people to carpool with. You'll save money and relieve traffic congestion by removing one extra car from the road. Check out <http://zimride.gmu.edu/> if you want

to find a Mason commuter to carpool with.

Longboard: If cycling isn't your thing, try longboarding. There are many longboarders on campus and quite a few skate shops in the area that can help set you up with a stable deck.

Try Zipcar: If you need to use a car, rent one of Mason's Zipcars. We have two available on campus near Mason Hall.

Throw on Your Walking Shoes: If you only have to go a short distance to reach your destination, throw on your walking shoes and head on over. You'll get exercise and save gas money.

Leave the Keys: By lessening your usage of automobiles, you reduce your carbon footprint. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, each gallon of gasoline burned by a car or truck releases 24 pounds of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

Hop on Your Bike: Cycling is a

carbon-neutral method of transportation (although of course, carbon is generated in making the bicycle.) Nevertheless, cutting out short trips around campus makes a very significant reduction in your carbon footprint.

Links and Resources:

1. Check out Mason's Bike Village, our student-run bicycle co-op: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26490441593/>
2. Worried about how to fix your bike? This website demonstrates how to perform basic to complex repairs: <http://bicycletutor.com/>
3. Want to learn about Bike to Mason Days? Keep up with the Office of Sustainability's initiatives at: <http://green.gmu.edu/>
4. Want more info? Check the Green Living Appendix for links to extra resources.