

Provision of Mass Transit and Charter Services at the University

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Reason for Policy

The University is committed to providing safe, dependable, and courteous transit services to the University community. To achieve economies of scale and greater efficiency, the University has authorized the Department of Parking & Transportation to provide a fixed-route service and to offer charter services when available.

Definition of Terms

Mass Transit Standards

A passenger transportation system in which the vehicle capacity for transporting passengers is greater than 18 passengers with a passenger count of 30 passengers per hour or more.

Policy Statement

University Transit Services (UTS) is the only department authorized by the University to provide fixed-route mass transit services to faculty, staff, students, program participants, and visitors. Departments and auxiliaries may transport riders from point-to-point to promote more efficient operations provided the demand is below mass transit standards based on vehicle size or passengers per hour. Additionally, the University may sanction certain types of transit programs, such as "Safe-Ride."

The UTS service area is defined by parking, residential, and employment densities and road capacities. Expansion of service to new locations must meet mass transit standards based on vehicle size or passengers per hour. If mass transit standards are not met, the department or school creating the demand will be expected to address the transportation issue from department resources.

In addition, UTS provides fee-based chartered buses for University departments and other affiliated organizations on a first-come, first-served basis. (Contact the Charter Representative at 924-7711 for specific information.)

Compliance with Policy:

Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination in accordance with relevant University policies.

Questions about this policy should be directed to [Parking and Transportation Services](#).

Procedures

For questions, quotes, or to arrange a charter over the phone, contact the Charter Representative at utschart@virginia.edu.

[Charter Service Reservations](#)

Related Information

[Goods and Services Procurement Guide](#) under “automobile” for purchase of a vehicle.

Major Category [Physical Resource Management](#)

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Applies To Text

Academic Division and the Medical Center.

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