Commuter Spending Account
TRANSIT & PARKING

What is a Commuter Spending Account?

A Commuter Spending Account lets you use pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible work-related transportation costs — including transit fares (train, bus, subway, vanpool, etc.) and parking near your workplace or transit station. It helps you save money by using funds you set aside from your paycheck before taxes are taken out.

How much you can contribute for 2027:

$350 Per Month – Parking

$350 Per Month - Transit

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sets the maximum monthly contribution each year. You can choose any contribution amount up to this limit, and it will be evenly deducted from your paychecks throughout the plan year.

Do unused funds rollover each month?

Any money contributed to your commuter accounts roll over every month until it is used or you terminate employment.

What do transit funds cover?

Transit funds can be used on a variety of transportation expenses that allow you to travel to and from work. Eligible modes of transportation include but aren't limited to:

- Commuter or light rail
- Bus
- Subway
- Ferry
- Vanpool (must seat at least 6 adults)

What do parking funds cover?

Parking expenses you incur to get to and from work (not personal or recreational parking).

- Parking near your workplace (garage or lot)
- Parking at a park-and-ride lot or transit station
- Metered parking when commuting to work
- Parking at a commuter rail or bus station

When are funds available each month?

Your funds become available as you contribute to the plan, generally within 2-3 days after your payroll contribution.

Key Benefits



Tax savings
You can save up to 30 percent (based on a 30 percent tax bracket) or more on your costs commuting to and from work.



Get hours back in your day
The average one-way commute to work is nearly 30 minutes! By using public transit, you can use that time to read news, text friends or get a start on your day.



Improve your health
Studies have shown that people who commute to and from work in a method other than a private vehicle are less stressed.



Environmental impact
Do your part to reduce traffic congestion and reduce air pollution.



Changing your contribution

Yes, you can change your contribution amount at any time during the year. No qualifying event is required. Just make sure to check with your employer for payroll cutoff dates.