

**Quick Reference Manual**

YOUR FIELD GUIDE TO PARKING DOWNTOWN

# ANN ARBOR PARKING GUIDE



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**Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**

# WELCOME TO THE ANN ARBOR PARKING GUIDE

If you're reading this, you're probably headed downtown (and hopefully not driving at the same time). This handy manual contains all you need to know about parking it, busing it, biking it, or car-sharing...it.

So whether it's for work or play, welcome to downtown Ann Arbor.

Parking rates and terms are subject to change at any time without prior notice.

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# 1.0 Off-Street Parking

Spending more than a couple hours downtown? Parking in a lot or structure can make your stay easy.



## Parking Lots & Structures

1. Fourth & Washington Structure
2. First & Washington Structure
3. Maynard Structure
4. Forest Structure
5. Fourth & William Structure
6. Liberty Square Structure
7. Ann Ashley Structure
8. Library Lane Structure
9. South Ashley Lot
10. First & William Lot
11. 415 W. Washington Lot



## 1.3 Hourly Payment Options

### Cashier

Head to the booth at the exit gate or in a lobby to pay the cashier directly.

### Easy Pay

Equipment has been installed at the **Fourth & Washington**, **Liberty Square**, and **Library Lane** parking structures that accommodates prepaid Easy Pay proximity cards to enter and exit. Easy Pay cards can be purchased at the Republic Parking office at 324 Maynard. This makes for a speedy exit, fewer credit card transactions, and one convenient card for three facilities.

### Quick Pay

Quick Pay equipment is installed in the **Fourth & Washington**, **Liberty Square**, and **Library Lane** parking structures. Pay at a pay station with cash or a credit card before returning to your vehicle, then drive to the exit gate and insert your ticket to leave the structure. You can also insert your credit card instead of taking a ticket when you enter the structure and reinsert the same card when you leave, making a physical ticket unnecessary.

## 1.4 Parking Validation

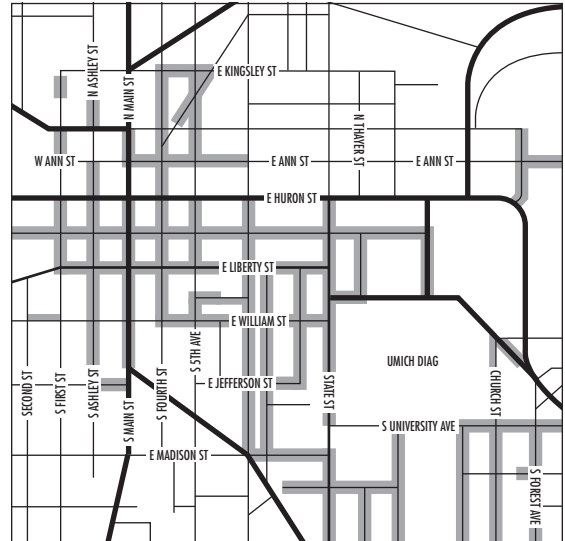


Some downtown businesses validate parking for their patrons. These validation discount coupons can cover one or two hours of parking. See merchant for details.

Find a list of businesses that validate parking at <http://bit.ly/2nDVSUJ>.

# 2.0 On-Street Parking

After the perfect parallel park, find out where, when, and how to pay.



Parking meters are located on most streets in and around downtown. Meters are **\$1.70/hour Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm**. Meters are not enforced on evenings, Sundays, and all federal holidays observed by city employees.

Parking time limits are posted on meters and space markers. Legal parking durations vary from 15 minutes to 10 hours. Always check signs carefully before parking and park only up to the maximum time posted for that meter.

## 2.1 epark



### epark Machines

When you park in an epark meter space, check the number of your spot, then find a nearby epark pay station located on each block where on-street epark spaces are offered. Follow the instructions on the epark machine to enter your spot number, then pay with card, coin, or via smartphone app.



### epark Smartphone App

Don't let scrambling back to the meter ruin your downtown fun. On your smartphone, download the epark Ann Arbor app from your app store. Simply set up an account to pay, then enter your epark spot number, monitor your expiration time, and top off your meter from anywhere. By eliminating the need to visit the epark payment station, the epark app offers a quick, convenient way to pay for parking.

## 2.2 Traditional Meters & Meter Bags



Traditional meters accept coins. **Meters are \$1.70/hour Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm** and time limits vary from 30 minutes to 10 hours. Always check signs carefully before parking.

Meter bags are available for rent to reserve spaces for construction or special events. Meter bags cost \$25 a day per space (other fees and rules may apply).

To request a Meter Bag Contract, please contact the Republic Parking office at (734) 761-7235 or email [meterbags@rpsa2.com](mailto:meterbags@rpsa2.com).

## 2.3 ½ Price Meters



Park a few blocks away and save money! All day parking for half the price.

**Half-price meters are \$0.85 an hour and have 10 hour time limits.** These meters can be found on the 200 and 400 blocks of N. First, the 300 and 400 blocks of N. Ashley, the 400 block of S. Ashley, the 1100 and 1200 blocks of S. State, and the 700 block of Packard.



# 3.0 Additional Parking Info

All are welcome in downtown Ann Arbor. So whether you need a wheelchair accessible parking space, a quick charge for your electric vehicle, or a place to park your chopper, there's a spot for you.



The Ann Arbor DDA works to promote downtown vitality. An important strategy is the encouragement of a **menu of transportation choices** for downtown visitors, residents, customers, employees, and others, who can select their preferred means to come downtown based on factors such as cost, convenience, and environmental interests.

### 3.1 Motorcycle & Moped Parking



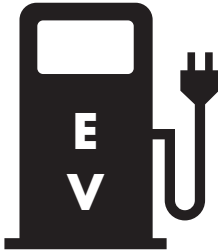
Good news, two-wheeled friends. You can find motorcycle and moped parking spaces free of charge throughout Ann Arbor.



**Facility**

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Ann Ashley Structure | 5. Fourth & William Structure |
| 2. City Hall Lot        | 6. Maynard Structure          |
| 3. First & William Lot  | 7. Forest Structure           |
| 4. S. Ashley Lot        |                               |

## 3.2 Electric Vehicles



There are 29 electric vehicle charging stations throughout the public parking system in downtown Ann Arbor. Currently, there is no additional charge to plug into these charging stations.

To check charging station availability in real-time, visit [a2ev.powerdash.com/explore/](https://a2ev.powerdash.com/explore/).

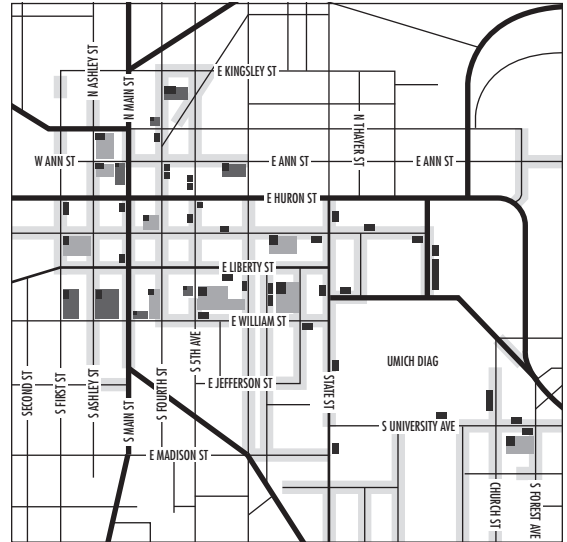


Facility	Address	EV Spaces
1. Ann Ashley	220 N. Ashley St	2 Spaces on Level B
2. Forest	650 S. Forest Ave	4 Spaces on Level 1
3. Fourth & William	115 E. William St	2 Spaces on Level 1
4. Library Lane	319 S. Fifth Ave	12 Spaces on P1
5. Maynard	324 Maynard St	4 Spaces on Level 1
6. Fourth & Catherine	Meter Lot	2 Spaces in Lot
7. First & Washington	201 S. First St	3 Spaces in Lot

## 3.3 Accessible Parking



We believe everyone should be able to enjoy the best of downtown Ann Arbor. All parking facilities provide accessible parking spaces. All AAATA buses are equipped with either lifts, ramps, or kneelers.



### Key

- On-street/Metered parking
- Parking Structures
- Parking Lots
- Accessible Parking Spaces

# 4.0 Car Share

As part of our commitment to support transportation initiatives that make it possible to work or live downtown without a car, we partnered with ZipCar in 2008, and more recently with GM's Maven car share program. Both services provide flexible access to a vehicle when you need it. Join ZipCar or Maven online to reserve and pay.

## 4.1 Zipcar/Maven



- First & William Lot
- Library Lane Structure
- Fourth & Catherine Lot
- Forest Structure

[www.zipcar.com/annarbor](http://www.zipcar.com/annarbor)

# MAVEN

- 415 W. Washington Lot
- First & Washington Structure
- Ann Ashley Structure
- Fourth & Catherine Lot
- Fourth & William Structure
- Liberty Square Structure
- Forest Structure

[www.mavendrive.com/#!/how-it-works](http://www.mavendrive.com/#!/how-it-works)

# 5.0 Transit

Ann Arbor's public transit system offers a variety of ways to get downtown and enjoy all the city has to offer.

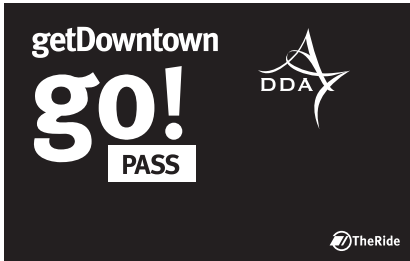
## 5.1 AAATA & UM Blue Bus



With nearly every route beginning and ending in downtown Ann Arbor, taking an Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) bus is a great way to get around. AAATA (TheRide) operates 27 bus routes and several Park & Ride Lots in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area. Information on Ann Arbor Transportation Authority bus routes and schedules is available at [www.theride.org](http://www.theride.org).

The UMich Blue Bus system is free to all riders, not just U of M staff and students. For UMich Blue Bus routes and schedules, visit [pts.umich.edu/transit/routes.php](http://pts.umich.edu/transit/routes.php).

## 5.2 Go!Pass



If you work within Downtown Development Authority boundaries, check with your employer to see if they offer go!passes. Holders of these handy passes get unlimited rides on all TheRide buses, discounts on other commuter services, and exclusive discounts at certain downtown businesses.

Find out more at [getdowntown.org/gopass](https://getdowntown.org/gopass).

## 5.3 Night Ride

Night Ride is a late-night, curb-to-curb taxi service operating within the City of Ann Arbor, east to downtown Ypsilanti between Clark Road/East Huron River Drive on the north, and Ellsworth Road/Michigan Avenue on the south. This service is a great option for those who work nontraditional hours. **Advance reservations are strongly encouraged for trips that begin or end outside Ann Arbor.** Advance reservations can be made the day before your trip by calling 734-528-5432 or emailing [nightride@theride.org](mailto:nightride@theride.org).

### When It Runs

Monday – Friday: Midnight - 6 am

Saturday: 11 pm - 7:30 am

Sunday: 8 pm - 7:30 am

No trip requests are taken after 5:15 am Monday – Friday (5 am for trips outside of Ann Arbor) and 6:45 am on Saturday/Sunday (6:30 am outside of Ann Arbor). To reserve your ride, please call 734-528-5432.

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## 5.4 ExpressRide

ExpressRide buses run non-stop from the Canton and Chelsea areas to downtown Ann Arbor and University of Michigan Central and Medical Campuses.

### Starting in Canton

- Buses pick up at the Meijer on Ford Road at Canton Center Road and the Cherry Hill Village area.
- At Meijer, free parking spaces are available for Canton Express commuters. Please park in the section of the lot closest to the bus stop sign located next to Max & Erma's.
- Buses pick up at the bus stop sign in the parking lot.

### Starting in Chelsea

- Buses pick up at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.
- 100 free parking spaces are available for Chelsea Express commuters. Please park along the north edge of the arena building, closest to Coliseum Drive.
- Buses pick up at the bus stop sign located between the parking area and the main entrance.

### Destination: Ann Arbor

- Buses pick-up/drop-off in the areas indicated at [bit.ly/2o6NEH9](https://bit.ly/2o6NEH9).

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## 5.5 Bikes on Buses

Take your bike along on TheRide. There is no special permit or reservation required. For safety reasons, make sure any loose objects are removed from your bike before loading it on the rack in the front of the bus.

### Loading your Bike

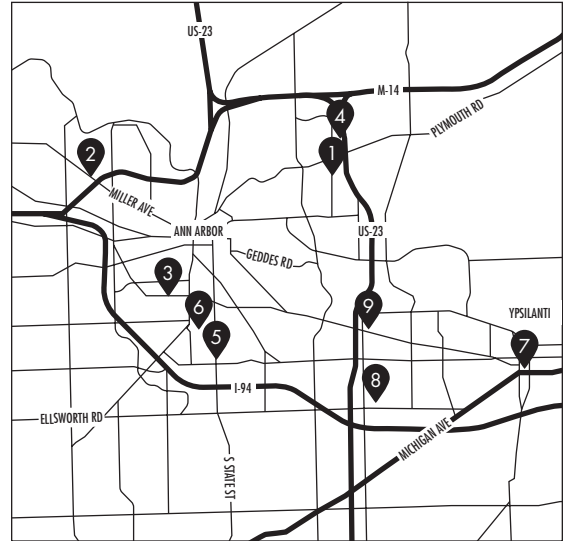
1. Once the bus stops, signal the operator to let them know you intend to load your bike onto the rack.
2. If the rack is in the up position (folded against the bus), squeeze the release handle and pull the rack toward you into a horizontal position.
3. Each rack can carry up to two bikes. If no other bike is on the rack, load your bike in the position closest to the bus. Each position has two slots to hold bike tires and a locking arm that secures the bike. Place your bicycle so the front tire is in the slot with the locking arm (the slot is labeled "front tire").
4. Place the rear wheel into the remaining slot and pull the locking arm out and over the front tire as close to the bike frame as possible.
5. Double check to make sure the locking arm is secure on the front tire.



## 5.6 Park & Ride

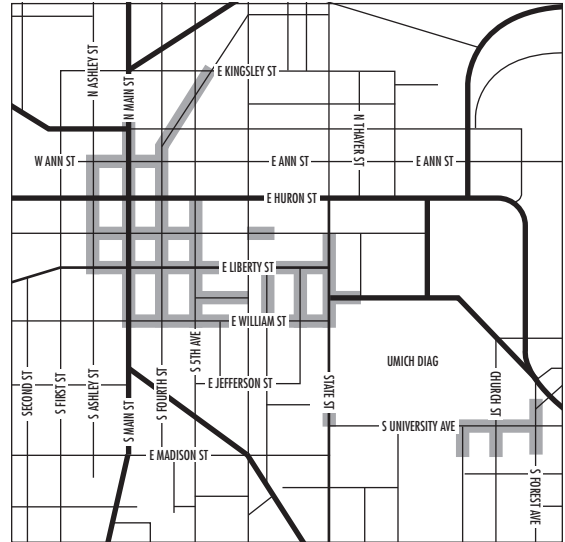
Park for free all day in one of TheRide’s Park & Ride lots and catch a bus to downtown Ann Arbor for a convenient, inexpensive alternative to parking in the city center.

Lot	Address
1. Green Rd	1885 Green Rd, Ann Arbor
2. Miller Rd	2901 Miller Rd, Ann Arbor
3. Pioneer High School	601 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor
4. Plymouth Road	3700 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor
5. State Street: Commuter Lot	2694 S State St, Ann Arbor
6. State Street: U-M Tennis Center Lot	Lot south of 2250 S State St, Ann Arbor
7. Ypsilanti Transit Center	220 Pearl St, Ypsilanti
8. Meijer Carpenter Road	3825 Carpenter Rd, Ypsilanti
9. Washtenaw County Service Center	2201 Hogback Rd, Ann Arbor



# 6.0 Bike

Did you know there are more than 1,000 bike parking spaces downtown? With amenities like the Maynard Bike House, the Ann Ashley Bike House, and the seasonal on-street racks, there are plenty of places to lock up.



## Bike Hoops and Seasonal Racks

Lock your bike at one of the hundreds of bike hoops around town all year. Watch for additional street bike racks during the warmer months.

## 6.1 Bike Lockers

If you commute to work in downtown Ann Arbor and need safe, convenient bike parking, consider renting a bike locker. These lockers are for commuting purposes only, not bicycle storage, and cost \$60 per year.

Facility	Description	# of Lockers
Fourth & Washington	In parking structure, Fourth Street entrance	2
Fourth & William	In parking structure, Fourth Street entrance	4
Forest Parking Structure	In parking structure, Forest Street entrance	2
William & Ashley	In surface lot, off alley	2
Library Lane	In surface lot, behind elevator	2
Plymouth Road Park & Ride	In surface lot, next to pavilion	5

To check availability or rent your own, visit [getdowntown.org/Bike/BikeLockers](http://getdowntown.org/Bike/BikeLockers).

## 6.2 Bike Houses & Bike Share

Bicycle commuters can store their rides securely inside one of two bike houses downtown. Bike houses feature 24 hour secure access and surveillance. Spots can be reserved for \$75 per year or \$10 per month.

Facility	Description	# of Lockers
Maynard Structure	Inside the Maynard Structure on Maynard Street	37
Ann Ashley Structure	Inside the Ann Ashley Structure on Ann Street	30

For more information or to reserve your spot, visit [getdowntown.org/Bike/Ann-Ashley-Bike-House](http://getdowntown.org/Bike/Ann-Ashley-Bike-House) or [getdowntown.org/Bike/MaynardBikeHouse](http://getdowntown.org/Bike/MaynardBikeHouse).

### ArborBike

ArborBike is a bike share program perfect for short trips around town. Get unlimited trips for \$6 per day, \$10 per month, or \$65 per year. Join online or at any station, then ride, return, and repeat.

Sign up at [arborbike.org](http://arborbike.org).

# 7.0 About Us

## 7.1 DDA



The Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority (DDA) works to promote the vibrancy of downtown. Our mission is to undertake public improvements that have the greatest impact in strengthening the downtown area and attracting new private investments. As part of our efforts to make the center of the city accessible for all, we are responsible for:

- Managing public parking
- Improving streetscapes to better the pedestrian experience

150 S. Fifth Ave.  
Suite 301  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(734) 994-6697

[a2dda.org](http://a2dda.org)

## 7.2 RPS



### Republic Parking System

Republic Parking System operates the DDA's parking system. This office issues and processes:

- Card pick up
- Monthly parking and payment
- Validations
- Meter bags

324 Maynard Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(734) 761-7235

[rspa2.com](http://rspa2.com)

## 7.3 Enforcement

### Parking Enforcement

Issues related to parking enforcement, violations, and ticket payment are addressed by the City of Ann Arbor Department of Treasury. For information on how to contest a citation, towed vehicles, and more, visit <http://bit.ly/2ot1oi9>.

### Parking ticket payment options:

**Pay by mail:** (check or money order only) to City of Ann Arbor Processing Center, P.O. Box 2066, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Postmarks are accepted as evidence of timely payment.

**Pay online:** Pay a parking ticket online via [ParkingTicketPayment.com](http://ParkingTicketPayment.com).

**Pay by phone:**  
(866) 890-4982

Larcom City Hall  
301 E. Huron St. 6th Floor,  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
(734) 994-2833

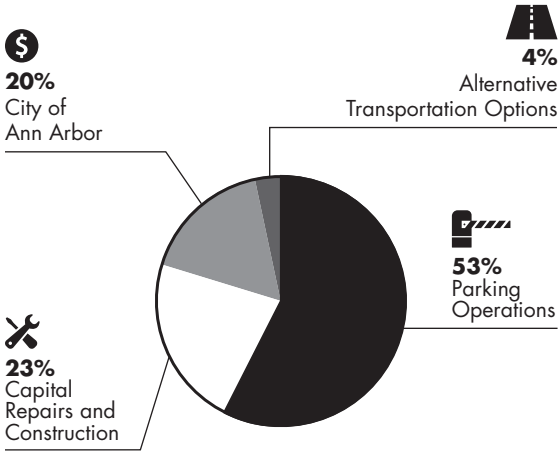
**Pay via 24-hour drop boxes** just inside City Hall (301 E. Huron St./Ann Street entrance) and a drive-up drop box across from Larcom City Hall (northeast corner of Fifth and Ann).

**Pay in person** from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm via the Customer Service Center (first floor of Larcom City Hall, 301 E. Huron St).

## Why We Charge for Parking

Charging for parking gives us the resources to maintain a clean, safe, well-managed parking system. In addition to paying staff living wages and keeping the facilities and equipment in good repair, these funds contribute significantly to the City's general fund and enable us to provide transportation options for downtown employees.

## Where Does the Money Go?



## Community Benefits



### Alternative Transportation Options

Improves options for getting downtown



### City of Ann Arbor

Enables the City to serve its citizens



### Capital Repairs and Construction

Keeps parking structures in good repair



### Parking Operations

Affords a living wage for staff



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