

Eligibility and Lottery Process

- **Who is eligible to participate?** All federal employees whose official duty station is DOT Headquarters are eligible to participate in the parking lottery. **FAA employees are not eligible.**
- **I am moving from the FAA building to DOT HQ; can I enter the lottery?**
No. Employees assigned to the FAA are not eligible to participate in the DOT Headquarters parking lottery.
- **How do I enter and how are selections made?** You can enter by submitting a parking application during the specified timeframe, and winners will be pulled randomly.
- **What happens if I do not win?** Your name will be placed on a waiting list.
- **Can I decline a parking space if selected?** Yes, you can decline by notifying the Parking Office at Parking.TransitOffice@dot.gov.
- **Is my space guaranteed for future cycles?** No, parking privileges are only for the current lottery cycle.

Timeline and Requirements

- **How long is the cycle and when does it begin?** The new parking cycle is for one year, beginning for new winners on October 1, 2026. Current parking access expires at the close of business on September 30, 2026, and does not carry over automatically.
- **What if I am enrolled in Transit Benefits?** Before your parking is approved, you must submit a transit benefit withdrawal at <https://transitapp.ost.dot.gov>.

Garage Access, Permits, and Cost

- **How much is parking?** Parking in the HQ parking garage is free for Federal employees.
- **Do I need a physical permit?** No physical permit is issued; winners access the garage using their PIV card.
- **Can someone else use my parking permit?** No, you cannot let someone else use your permit.

- **What happens if I lose my PIV card?** You must contact the PIV office (<https://dotnet.dot.gov/technology/piv/piv-get-it>) to report the loss and submit a new application, and then contact the Parking Office.
- **What are the garage access hours?** The DOT HQ garage is open 24 hours. Off-hour parking is defined as 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM Monday through Friday, and 6:00 AM to 12:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday.

Vehicles, Carpools, and Parking Rules

- **Can I park overnight?** Overnight parking is strictly prohibited unless authorized for work-related or official travel. If you are on official travel, you must notify the Parking Office before leaving your vehicle overnight.
- **Can I register multiple vehicles or get a new vehicle?** Yes, you are encouraged to register any vehicles you might drive to the headquarters. You can update your vehicle information at any time by submitting an updated parking application at <https://parkingapp.ost.dot.gov>.
- **Do these rules apply to motorcycles and bicycles?** Yes, all vehicles must be registered, including motorcycles, bicycles, and personal electronic vehicles (PEVs).
- **How does access work for carpools?** Only the approved primary permit holder in a carpool will be granted PIV-enabled garage access.

Support

- **Who should I contact with questions?** You should contact the Parking Office at Parking.TransitOffice@dot.gov for any parking-related questions.