

Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution to Address Parking Concerns

Whereas, Indiana University Bloomington offers three carpool parking programs: the Two Person Carpool, Three+ Person Carpool, and Hoosier Commuter Club. These programs benefit the university by reducing emissions and congestion, and also benefit employees through savings and additional perks such as free Emergency Ride Home and ride-matching services. However, they are currently limited to full-time faculty and staff;

Whereas, graduate and professional students with employee premium permits were historically eligible for the Three+ Person Carpool program until 2013. At this time, they lost eligibility due to employee status restructuring from the Affordable Care Act mandate. Also, the carpool permit eligibility was standardized to focus on 1) employees who park at campus for the full day (eight hours), every weekday, and 2) employees who would otherwise drive alone;

Whereas, graduate students, although not full-time employees, often need to be on campus for the full eight-hour day, and can be required by their programs to be in labs or classrooms even longer. These responsibilities frequently cause students to drive and park their car on or near campus for the full day;

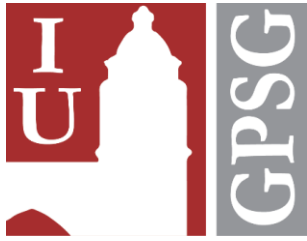
Whereas, the graduate and professional students at the University of Iowa, University of Minnesota Duluth, and Northwestern University are eligible for carpool parking permits;

Whereas, the build-up of a graduate student carpool parking program beginning with Hoosier Commuter Club benefits and Zipcar credits would limit the abuse of the program, which historically occurred through the selling of permits, vacant reserved spaces, and secretly driving alone;

Whereas, carpooling incentives lead to more carpooling by the targeted groups.¹

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¹ Neoh, J.G., et al. 2017. Journal of Transportation. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11116-015-9661-7>; Javid, R.J. et al. 2016. Transportation, Land and Air Quality Conference. <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/308697559> The Environmental Impacts of Carpooling in the United States; Cordillo, J. 2018. BrandeisNOW. <https://www.brandeis.edu/now/2018/january/rideamigos-staff-feature.html>



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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for a two-year freeze on the costs associated with student parking passes.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for an expansion of carpool parking passes to make all appointed graduate students eligible for the permit and all associated benefits.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that we are open to partnering with Parking Operations and the Transportation Policy and Safety Committee to cooperatively develop a benefits program for graduate and professional students who carpool to campus for the full day. We would like to start discussion with making the benefits open to all graduate and professional students who park on campus for the full day during the week, including students eligible for EM-P, EM-S, and Student permits. We support benefits beginning with Hoosier Commuter Club eligibility and Zipcar credits, expanding as the program grows.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for an academic semester equivalent to the Garage Summer (GSU) permit.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for the university to consider establishing student-only parking lots/garages on the Bloomington campus that are within a 5-10-minute walk from the center of campus.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for the creation of temporary EM-S or EM-P parking permits for graduate and professional students attending professional development programs at an IU Campus.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the GPSG advocates for a virtual access option for disabled students to obtain either temporary or permanent parking passes.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on December 4, 2020.

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