

# Transportation



### Roads

Montgomery County is approximately bisected north-south by Interstate 270, a connector linking Interstate 70 with Washington. Roughly paralleling 270 is Maryland State Highway 355, a 20+ mile long stretch of road starting in Georgetown (DC) where it is known as Wisconsin Ave. and ending in Germantown where it is known as Frederick Rd. In between, its two other names are Rockville Pike and Hugerford Drive.

DC City streets are organized primarily in a grid-like fashion with their origin at the US Capitol. The north-south roads are primarily named with numbers, while the east-west roads are primarily named with letters. The diagonal roads are named after specific states. Within this grid, all streets are a part of one of the four quadrants, the center being the Capitol Building. There are Northeast (NE), Northwest (NW), Southeast (SE), and Southwest (SW). All roads end with this suffix at the end of their title.

### Bus

The Washington area is served by the Washington Metro public transportation system, which operates public buses (Metrobus). A public-private partnership operates the DC Circulator buses downtown. Montgomery County operates its own bus public transit system, known as Ride On. For information, call the Transit Information Center (240)777-RIDE or TTY (240)777-5869.

Major routes are also covered by WMATA's Metrobus service.

### Rail

Both DC and Montgomery County are served by three passenger rail systems: Amtrak, MetroRail, and MARC. The Brunswick line of the MARC commuter rail system makes stops at Silver Spring, Kensington, Garrett Park, Rockville, Washington Grove, Gaithersburg, Metropolitan Grove,

Germantown, Boyds, Barnesville, and Dickerson, where the line splits into its Frederick and Martinsburg branches.

DC's subway system is MetroRail (often called simply, The Metro). The Metro system map is on the facing page. See [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) for more information. MARC information can be found at [www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc](http://www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc)

### Airports

Dulles International Airport (IAD) is approximately 13 miles west of I-495.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is just across the Potomac River and only a short drive from DC.

Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) is 32 miles from downtown DC.

### Car Sharing

In December 2001 Metro initiated a relationship with Flexcar, a private company which operates car sharing networks in several North American cities. A competitor, Zipcar, began service in the region as well. With either service, cars are parked at major Metrorail stations and made available for rental on an hourly basis, with the goal of reducing car dependency and increasing transit ridership.

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