What About Parking?

Although individuals are responsible for their own vanpools, BIW supports shared commuting by providing reserved vanpool parking. Email biwparking@gdbiw.com to apply for a parking permit for a van.

BIW has dedicated vanpool parking in the following locations:

- Lot D (Shepard St. Lot)
- Lot H (Leeman Hwy and Franklin St)
- Lot G (Washington St. and King St, just north of Lot B)

Benefits of Vanpooling

- Save money on gas.
- Reduce wear and tear on your personal vehicle.
- Make money running your own vanpool.
- Benefit the environment.
- Meet new people.

Additional Resources

- For further information on parking and transportation resources at BIW visit gdbiw.com/employees/parking.
- GOMAINE.org has useful resources on the benefits of vanpooling and has information on rewards programs you can sign up for!
- Some vendors may offer services to support a vanpool. For example: CommutewithEnterprise.com has information on its process for leasing a van. It offers easy ways to start a vanpool and avoid a down payment. If you partner with Enterprise, insurance is provided with liability up to $1 million.

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What do I need to start?

- **Drivers:** To account for absences or unexpected emergencies, consider having at least two eligible drivers.
- **Riders:** To take advantage of BIW's vanpool parking program you need at least seven employees as rider/drivers.
- **Van:** Vanpool parking permits are issued to 12+ passenger vans. If you have a van already, you're a step ahead. If not, leasing a van is an option.
- **Insurance:** Vanpool owners are responsible for their vanpools. Contact your insurance company for coverage. If you lease a van from a vendor, the vendor may provide additional or separate coverage.
- **Research:** Do your research and get any advice you need to make informed decisions related to your own situation.

How do I find riders?

- **People you know:** Recruit friends, family or coworkers.
- **GO MAINE:** Use this travel resource program to find riders in your area.
- **Social media:** Use social media to find riders.
- **Bulletin Boards:** Post a message with your contact information on bulletin boards in your work area or nearby buildings.

Example Cost of 12-Passenger 2022 Mercedes Sprinter Van

**Stats/Assumptions:**
- Total price: $45,000
- Down payment: $10,000
- One way commute: 30 miles
- Estimated MPG: 13 City, 18 Highway
- Fuel cost per gallon: $3.76
- Number of riders: 11 plus driver/owner

**Cost Breakdown**

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**Monthly Total***: $1137.10

*Total monthly profit could be almost $850/month before taxes!

*Note: This total could vary depending upon your financial situation, tax obligations and length of commute and is only provided as a rough estimate for monthly costs.*