



PARKING TAXI TA-3 SHUTTLE LA BUS PARK AND RIDE

The Laboratory is working on improving parking at TA-3, the Lab's main technical area.

This page contains information on parking areas at TA-3, including information on new **parking garages** and **parking lot construction**, and the **Parking Task Force**.

You can also find information here on where to request parking passes for the Laboratory parking areas, including **private vehicles passes** and **disability parking permits**.

Farther down this page, there is information on transportation services offered to Laboratory employees. Those transportation options include the **KSL taxi**, the **TA-3 Shuttle Service**, the **LA Bus commuter services** from town to the Lab, and the **Northern New Mexico Park and Ride**.

Look to this site in the future for parking maps and updated parking information.

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Parking Structures and Parking Lot Construction

New TA-3 West Parking Structure

Employees at TA-3 can use the new parking garage on West Mercury Road, west of SM-31. This garage now has 337 parking spaces inside. In May, an additional 80 surface parking spaces will be available outside of the garage.

TA-3 NSSB Parking Structure

The TA-3 surface parking lot east of the Otowi Building and north of the Study Center closed April 17 to allow construction to begin on the National Security Sciences Building (NSSB) parking structure. The structure, slated to open in April 2005, will contain 675 parking spaces. The closed Otowi parking lot had 280 parking spaces.

New Diamond Drive Parking Lot

A lower parking lot has also been added to the parking lot southeast of Diamond Drive and West Jemez Road. Also on the south side of that parking lot, the Lab is planning to construct an additional parking structure with 350 parking spaces. This parking structure is slated to be completed in the spring of 2005.

LASO Building Construction

The LASO building construction, on the west side of SM-38, is expected to begin in the September–October 2004 timeframe. This will result in a loss of 240 spaces.

East Otowi Parking Lot

The TA-3 surface parking lot east of the Otowi Building and north of the J. Robert Oppenheimer Study Center closed April 17. The lot closed to allow construction to begin on the National Security Sciences Building parking structure, which will contain 675 parking spaces when it opens in the spring of 2005. The closed Otowi parking lot had 280 parking spaces.

Parking Task Force

A Parking Task Force created by Jim Holt, associate director for Operations, is examining near-term options for adding more surface parking in and around the TA-3 area. The latest parking policies are described in General Administration Policy AM 617 (<http://int.lanl.gov/policies/manual/admin/am617.pdf>).

Parking Passes

Private Vehicle Passes

A private vehicle pass is a pass that allows private vehicle entry through the back gate of the Administration Building (Security Station 411). Any organizational unit can request a pass from the Director's Office; issuance of a pass requires DIR approval. Arrangements can be made for vendors needing access through Security Station 411.

Disability Parking Permits

To park in spaces reserved for the disabled, employees must obtain a motor vehicle license plate or placard for the disabled issued by the State, or they must obtain a Laboratory placard. At the Lab, temporary parking permits are available to employees with temporary impairments and to employees with disabilities who have applied for state-issued license plates or placards. HSR-2 approves and provides temporary Laboratory permits for disability parking. For information at HSR-2, call 7-7839.

Handicapped Parking Considerations

With construction, particularly in the TA-3 area, it has become difficult for individuals with disabilities to find handicapped parking spaces at several facilities. As a result, the number of handicapped parking spaces at the Otowi Building, LANSCE, TA-55 and several other buildings has increased. It has also been necessary to work with individuals on a case-by-case basis to ensure adequate handicapped parking is available at various work sites. Employees, contractors and hosts should work with their respective building managers to address specific parking needs. People can also contact the Laboratory's Disabilities Services Program Coordinator in OEO at 667-7040 or 667-8695 for assistance.

KSL TAXI (7-8294)

The Lab's taxi service can help ease parking woes if people need to get to a shuttle service or have meetings away from TA-3 and fear losing a prime parking spot. The service, operated by KSL, can be reached at 7-TAXI (7-8294).

KSL taxis service all areas beyond TA-3. Only those employees working outside of TA-3 will receive KSL taxi services. KSL will not provide taxi service from a requester for pick-up from TA-3 to the Park and Ride stops. For those pick-ups, LA Bus provides exclusive shuttle service to TA-3 in the mornings and evenings from the Park and Ride parking lot southeast of Diamond Drive and Jemez Road.

TA-3 SHUTTLE SERVICE

LA Bus now transports individuals from the Park and Ride stop and the parking lots southeast of Diamond Drive and Jemez Road to a drop point near their work location at TA-3. KSL will only provide taxi service to those individuals residing in outlying areas beyond TA-3.

The TA-3 routes consist of the following:

- Roads and Grounds (parking lot southeast of Diamond Drive and Jemez Road)
- Otowi Building
- Advanced Computing Laboratory
- Materials Science Laboratory
- S/ESA
- Physics Building/Division
- West SM-38
- Otowi Building, then back to Roads and Grounds

Morning service hours:

- All LA Bus services will depart from Roads and Grounds (1 on the map) from the upper-level designated pick-up/drop-off area. Ridership will determine drop-off areas, i.e., back and forth to Otowi Building/Roads and Grounds or elsewhere.
- One bus operates from 5:45 to 6:30 a.m.; three buses operate from 6:30 to 7 a.m.; four buses operate from 7 to 8:30 a.m., and one bus operates from 8:30 to 9 a.m.
- Seven- to 10-minute service intervals will occur.

Evening service hours:

- LA Bus will operate the loop as shown on the map, starting at Otowi Building; ridership will determine drop-off areas, i.e., back and forth to Otowi/Roads and Grounds or elsewhere.
- Two buses will operate from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.; three buses will operate from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m.
- Seven- to 10-minute service intervals will occur.

The Lab will continue to assess its ability to meet TA-3 commuter demand and will refine shuttle routes as necessary. For more information, contact Dru Price of FWO-FP at 7-4380.

LA BUS

LA Bus System also provides scheduled services to Lab sites from various stops in Los Alamos and in White Rock.

To view its routes and rates go to <http://www.labus.org/>

PARK AND RIDE SCHEDULE

For Park and Ride schedules, access <http://www.nmshtd.state.nm.us/>

People might also want to check out the “Commuter’s Corner” section in the Daily Newsbulletin to find a ride and leave the car at home. The page can be accessed via <http://www.lanl.gov/orgs/pa/newsbulletin/rideshare.shtml>.