

# TRANSPORTATIONS

## Getting to the Workshop

### **From Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)**

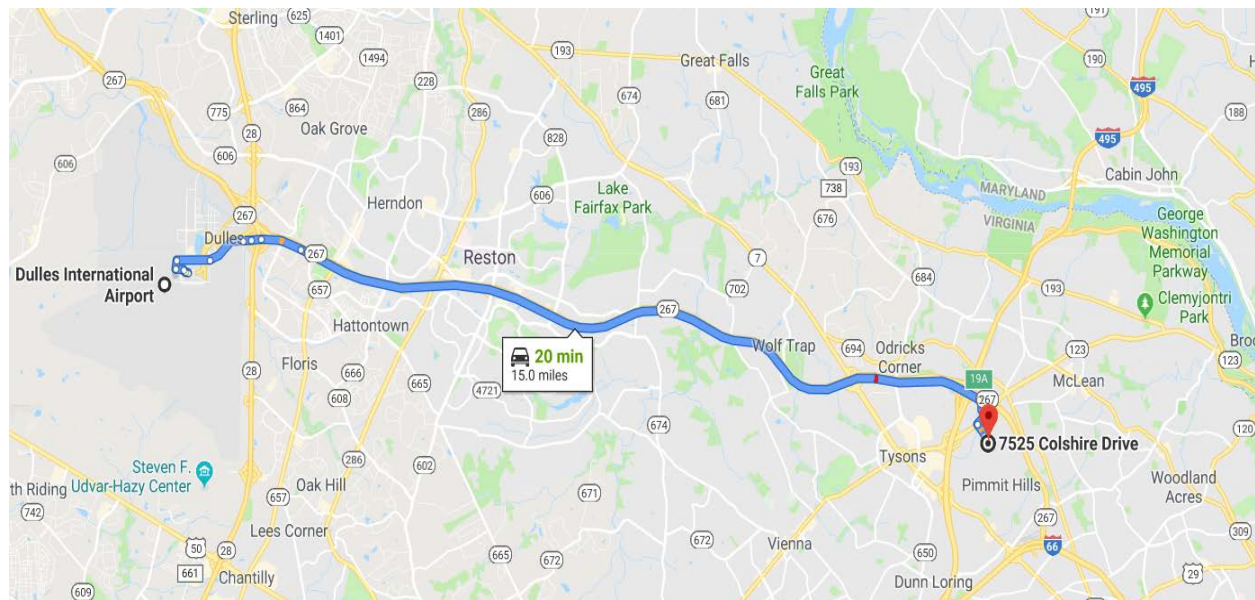
There are a number of options for transportation including metro airport shuttle, rental car, and rideshare (e.g. Uber).

If you're driving:

- Head east on Dulles Airport Access Rd
- Take the Dulles Airport Access and Toll Road to Exit 19 (\*Toll is \$) toward Interstate 495 S/VA 123/Chain Bridge Rd. Merge onto VA-267 E (Toll Road)
- Take Exit 19A, following signs to Route 123 South (also called Dolley Madison Blvd.) toward Tysons Corner
- Keep right at the fork and merge onto Dolley Madison Blvd.
- Turn left onto Colshire Drive. At the traffic circle on Colshire, take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit
- Destination will be on the right
- Parking is available in the East and West parking lots \*to enter the parking lot, press the intercom at the entrance gate and let the guard know that you're attending the ATIEC conference\*

Google Maps:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2kz6hll>



If you're taking the Metro, you can plan your trip using the Planning Tool on <https://www.wmata.com/>. You will be going from *Dulles International Airport* to *McLean Metro Station*. This takes about 80 minutes.

After exiting the fare gate at the McLean Metro Station, stay to the right and follow signs for "South Entrance/Buses/Parking/Kiss and Ride." Cross the pedestrian bridge over Dolley Madison Blvd. (Rt. 123) and then take the escalator/elevator down to street level before walking uphill on Colshire Drive toward the main MITRE campus.

Walking from the fare gates to the MITRE 1 lobby takes about 6 to 10 minutes.

You may also ride the MITRE Metro/Interoffice Shuttle from the kiss-and-ride area of the station. Look for a white van with a red sign on the door that reads "MITRE Metro Shuttle."

Note that the MITRE Metro A shuttle travels to the MITRE 2 and MITRE 4 buildings and returns to the Metro while the MITRE Metro B shuttle travels between the Metro station and the Kiss-n-Ride parking area. Please consult the shuttle schedule to help you board at the right time to minimize your trip. Be prepared to show your MITRE or government ID or related MITRE correspondence (event registration on invitation, etc.). MITRE shuttle information is in section below.

### **From Reagan National Airport (DCA)**

You can conveniently take the Metro train easily from DCA to MITRE. The airport is directly connected to the Metro station. Once you're at the National Airport Metro station, you can take either Blue Line or the Yellow Line to Rosslyn Metro Station then connect to the Silver Line (towards Wiehle Reston East Station). You will get off at the McLean Metro Station. Exit the station at the South Side Entrance.

Additional planning tool can be found at <https://www.wmata.com/>

*\*NOTE: Through September 8, 2019, there will be platform construction as well as rail improvement activities on both the Blue and Yellow Lines. Please check the website for the latest update on construction and schedule impact\**

If you plan to drive from DCA:

- Take George Washington Parkway North approx. 6 miles to Route 123 South, McLean exit.
- Exit onto Route 123, (also called Dolley Madison Blvd.) follow south for approx. four miles to traffic light at Colshire Drive (on left).
- Turn left onto Colshire Drive and continue through circle on Colshire.

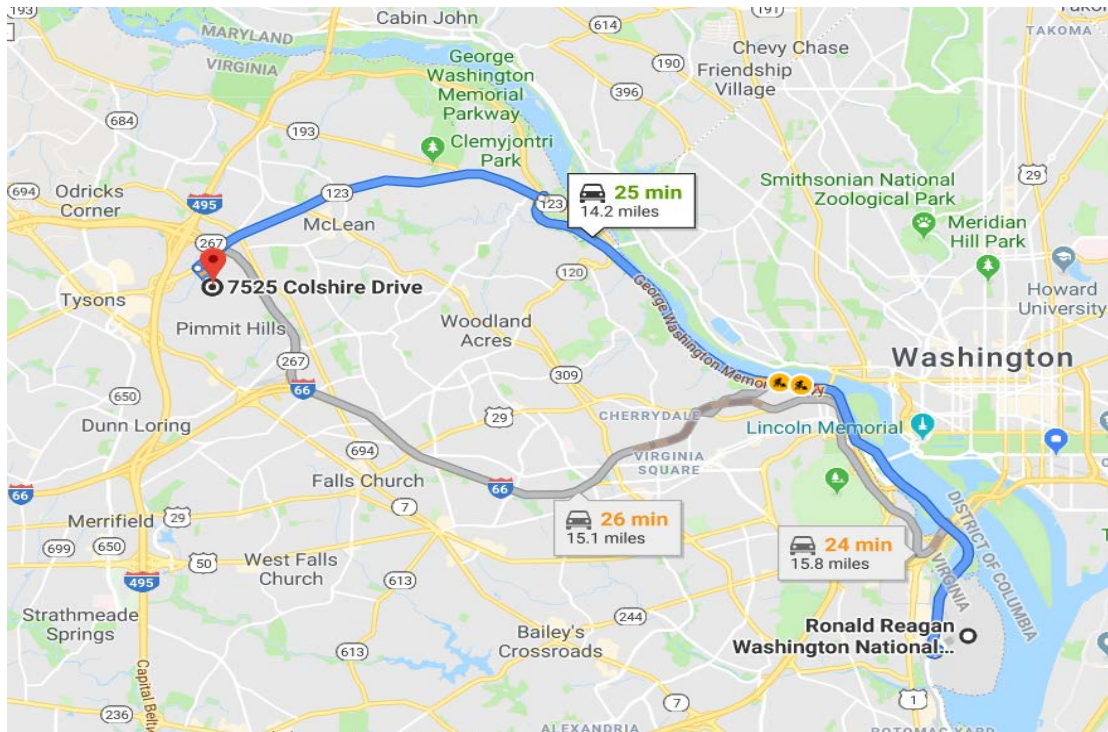
- or -

- Take I-66 West.
- Take Exit 67 to Route 267 (Dulles Toll Road).
- Take Exit 19A, following signs to Route 123 South (also called Dolley Madison Blvd) follow south for approx. 1/4 mile to traffic light at Colshire Drive (on left).

- Turn left onto Colshire Drive and continue through circle on Colshire.
- Parking is available in the East and West parking lots.
- Enter the lobby designated by the point of contact.

Google Maps:

<https://tinyurl.com/y3spx9dr>



### **Shuttle from the Metro**

Visitor with business related activities at MITRE may ride the shuttle to/from the McLean Metro Station.

The shuttle picks up at the Kiss-and-Ride area. Please be prepared to show identification or conference registration email when boarding the vehicle.

[Download shuttle schedule](#)

## **GETTING AROUND Washington, DC**

### **AIRPORTS**

#### **Flying into Washington, DC**

There are three major airports in the Washington, DC region that offer multiple US and international flights daily:

- [Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport](#) (airport code: DCA)

- [Washington Dulles International Airport](#) (airport code: IAD)
- [Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport](#) (airport code: BWI)

DCA is the closest to the FIXM Workshop event location.

### Traveling to DC from the airport

**Reagan National Airport** is located just across the Potomac River in Virginia and is the closest airport to DC. It is accessible via its own Metro stop on the Blue and Yellow Lines. To catch a taxi, look for the official taxi stand outside of baggage claim. A ride into downtown DC will cost about \$15-\$20. Visit the [Reagan Airport transportation and parking page](#) for more information.

**Dulles Airport** is located 26 miles from DC in suburban Virginia. It has a dedicated access road for getting into the city efficient via car, taxi or airport shuttle. Depending on the traffic, it can take between 45 minutes to over an hour to get into DC.

Washington Flyer taxi cabs exclusively service Dulles Airport. Taxi stands are located outside the main terminal at Door 2 and Door 6. A ride into DC will cost about \$60-\$68. Washington Flyer also offers a Silver Line Express Bus that drops off at the *Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station* about 15 minutes away. Silver Line Express Bus fare is \$5 for one way. Purchase tickets inside the airport at Arrivals Door 4. Visit the [Dulles Airport transportation and parking page](#) for more information.

**BWI Airport** is a bit further out in Baltimore, but oftentimes that means you can find even better flight deals. BWI Airport is accessible via an Amtrak train route that drops off at DC's Union Station. A reserved seat on the train will cost \$15-\$30. Visit the [BWI Airport ground transportation page](#) for more information.

All three airports also have a variety of car rental desks. Check with your preferred car rental company for more information.

## **Metro Rail**

### How does DC Metro work?

The Washington DC Metro consists of six color-coded lines: Red, Blue, Orange, Yellow, Green, and Silver. The lines are connected to each other via transfer stations and many Metro stops are serviced by more than one color. Popular sightseeing Metro stops include the Smithsonian (Orange, Silver and Blue lines), Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan (Red line) and Gallery Place-Chinatown (Red, Green and Yellow lines).

Each train car has an exterior electronic sign that marks the color and the direction of the train. Direction is indicated by the final station of that line. During peak hours (weekdays, 5-9:30 a.m. and 3-7 p.m.), trains usually arrive every 8 minutes. At stations served by more than one line, trains will arrive every 3-4 minutes. At off-peak times, trains come every 12 minutes, while later trains typically arrive every 15-20 minutes. Trains run Monday-Thursday, 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Friday, 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## How much are Metro fares?

Metro riders must pay via a SmarTrip card. These are plastic, rechargeable fare cards that can be purchased by cash or credit at any Metro station. You can also purchase your SmarTrip card in advance on [wmata.com](http://wmata.com). Fares are calculated by how many stops you travel and vary during peak and off-peak hours. During peak hours, most fares range from \$2.25 to \$6 per trip. During off-peak hours, fares typically range from \$1.85 to \$3.85. You can calculate your fare between two stops using [Metro's Trip Planner](#).

## Parking in DC

It is strongly encouraged that visitors use public transportation options or ride share. Parking in DC is limited and can be costly. Your two best bets for parking in DC are parking garages and street parking. If you choose to park, there are several resources to help you explore the best options.

Visit [godcgo.com](http://godcgo.com) before you arrive to read up on parking options in DC. You can also download [ParkWhiz](#) or [SpotHero](#) to your phone to find a spot for your vehicle around town.

There are many privately owned garages that will cost you roughly \$10 to \$30 or more, depending on how many hours you are parked. Check out [washingtondc.bestparking.com](http://washingtondc.bestparking.com) to find garages and compare prices. [Laz Parking](#) and [Colonial Parking](#) also feature valet services and garages around town.

Many commuters also park in these DC garages, so keep in mind they tend to fill up early. During special events (for instance, during a hockey game at the Verizon Center), prices at nearby garages may go up even higher.

DC also has street parking in most neighborhoods. Pay close attention to posted signs, as most parking spots have restricted hours (during rush hour, for example). Parking restrictions are strictly enforced and violators may find a parking ticket on their windshield (or worse, towed). Most parking is metered and many accept cash or credit cards. Most meters also accept payment via the app [Parkmobile](#). We suggest downloading this prior to your arrival.