

# Ground Transportation Charter Operations

Driver Manual



SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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## WELCOME!

Ground Transportation at Sea-Tac Airport has three major components: Airport customers, Ground Transportation Operators, and Airport employees.

For a majority of the Airport's customers, their first and last impression of the Northwest may be formed by their experience with the Airport Ground Transportation services.

Each Ground Transportation operator should offer the highest level of customer service while acting in a courteous and professional manner. Together we will continue to function as one of the best Ground Transportation operations in the country.

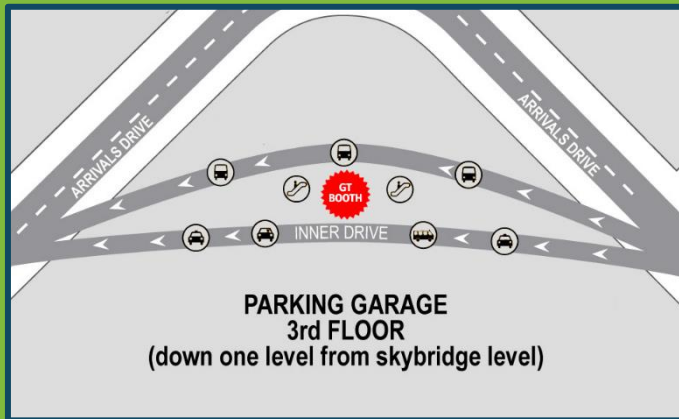


## PORT OF SEATTLE GROUND TRANSPORTATION TEAM

The purpose of the Ground Transportation Department at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is to promote high quality, safe and convenient ground transportation services for the traveling public.

Through our combined customer service, we will ensure that we offer a high-quality product that is in accordance with the rules and regulations imposed by the Washington State Department of Licensing, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, City of Seattle, King County, and the Port of Seattle Airport Operations Department.

### LOCATION



The Ground Transportation (GT) Booth is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport parking garage.

The GT Staff are available to answer your questions seven days per week between the hours of 5:00 am – 2:00 am. Contact info on page 20.

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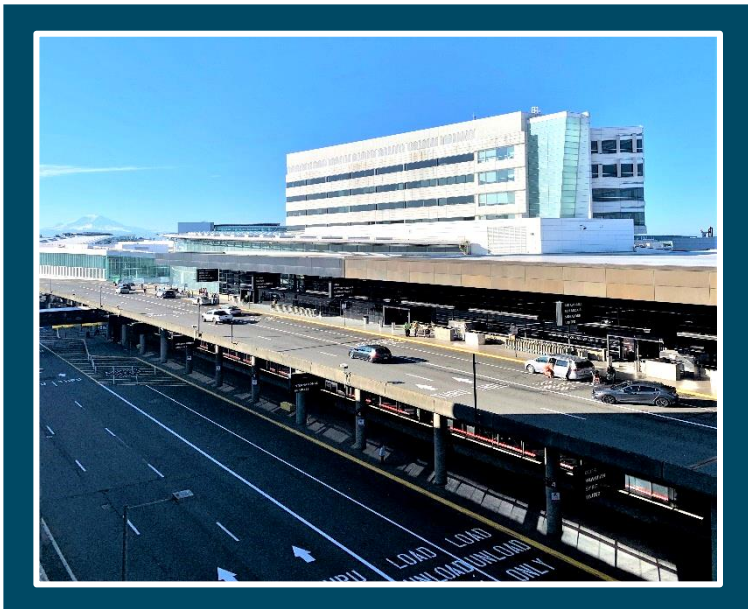
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## OPERATION AGREEMENT

[www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators](http://www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators)

### USE OF PREMISES

- A. The Port will designate and identify all loading/unloading, staging, and holding areas and reserves the right to change, designate, relocate or abolish these areas at any time. Operators must promptly comply with instructions regarding vehicle use from Ground Transportation Staff.
- B. Passengers may be loaded or unloaded only in designated locations. Those locations are generally designated in this Operating Rules Instructions but may be changed, at any time, by the direction of the Manager, Airport Operations.
- C. Operator shall not solicit or engage in any activities at the Airport intended to persuade members of the public to utilize Operator's vehicles and/or services.
- D. Operator shall not restrict, block, or impede the movement of any vehicular or pedestrian traffic at the Airport



## Welcome to the Port of Seattle

The following documents are required on file in order to be in compliance to operate at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle, Washington:

- Charter Bus Operating Agreement
- Current Certificate of Insurance (see agreement for specific requirements).
- Vehicle Registration for each vehicle showing the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and vehicle license plate number.
- The dimension of each vehicle including weight, height and overall dimension, including a unique vehicle number (if so designated in your operation) for each vehicle.
- Completed Information Form
- Authorized with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Coach Carrier Safety Administration

Below are methods in which you may submit your agreement/documents:

**Mail:** Port of Seattle  
Attn: GT - Krista  
PO Box 68727  
Seattle, WA 98168

**Email:** [crosby.k@portseattle.org](mailto:crosby.k@portseattle.org)  
[anderson.j2@portseattle.org](mailto:anderson.j2@portseattle.org)

Each time your company picks up passengers we charge a fee. An invoice will be mailed to the company for payment the month after the trip(s) is completed. Please note, we do not charge a fee to submit the agreement paperwork nor for dropping off passengers.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and are thankful for your cooperation in this effort.

## Charter Agreement Requirements

For specific details on the required documents and operating at SEA check out [www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators](http://www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators) for the latest information or contact our Ground Transportation team.

### CHARTER BUS OPERATING AGREEMENT

- Company signed Charter Agreement will be submitted to Senior Management for signature approval to operate at SeaTac Airport.

### CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

- Operator shall, at its own expense, comply with the insurance requirements set forth on Attachment A of the Operating Agreement to these terms and conditions.
- Certificate of insurance showing Port of Seattle as Certificate Holder. Specific details located on Ground Transportation Agreement.

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION

- For each vehicle showing the Vehicle Identification (VIN) and vehicle license plate number.

### DIMENSION FORM

- The dimension of each vehicle including weight, height and overall dimension, including a unique vehicle number (if so designated in your operation) for each vehicle.

### INFORMATION FORM

- All information on form is required

### AUTHORIZED WITH FMCSA

- Authorized with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Coach Carrier Safety Administration

## Transportation Rules and Instructions

# Charter Bus Operating Instructions

Driver required to check-in via QR Code with option to park at the 28th Holding Lot.

## Charter Trip Form

Please scan QR code and fill out trip form in full before submitting.



1. Select camera setting on smart device and bring the QR code (above) into view. Wait for camera to focus and bring up the attached site link.
2. Select link to go to the Charter Trip Form. Tap the button labeled 'Click to Load Entries' to pull up list of Charter Vehicle companies registered with SEA. If the operator company is not registered, please fill out the field below labeled '(Other) Operating Company Name'. An authorized agreement on file required for pick-up.
3. Fill out all the required fields and tap submit. If trip is not marked with specific vehicle size trip will automatically be defaulted and charged Coach (Class 2) rate.

A smartphone screen displaying the 'Charter Bus Trip Form' app. The form includes fields for 'Today's Date', 'Operating Bus Company Name' (with a dropdown menu and a 'Click to Load Entries' button), '(Other) Operating Bus Company Name', 'Bus Number', and 'Group/Tour Name'. Arrows point to the 'Click to Load Entries' button and the '(Other) Operating Bus Company Name' field. The bottom of the screen shows a navigation bar with icons for back, home, and other functions.



Operators are not authorized to pick-up from the Northeast Ground Transportation Lot (NEGTL) without checking-in via QR code and approved by Ground Transportation (GT) Staff.

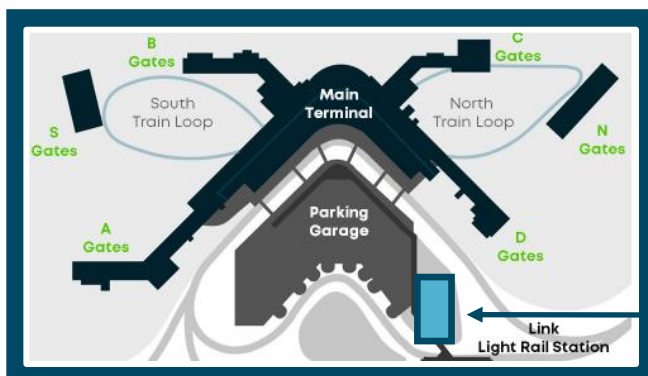
Drivers have option to wait in the 28<sup>th</sup> Street lot until group has contacted either GT or the drivers cell phone. If the group calls the driver the driver will call GT Staff at 206 787-5906 and inform of arrival of group. The driver will then be released to proceed to the NEGTL Lot (directions on page 10) for passenger pick-up.

Once arrive at the gated NEGTL Lot staff will remotely open gate to enter with limited amount of time to load. **Drivers must always remain with their vehicles unless GT staff provides approval.** Self-dispatching to pick up the party may result in a citation issued.

### 28th Street Bus Holding Lot Directions

From I-5:

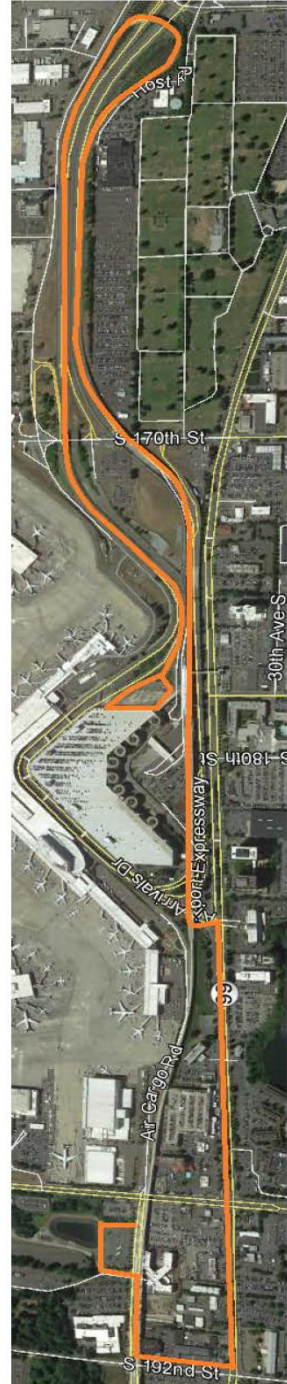
- Take exit #152 / South 188th Street
- Go West on South 188th
- Turn left at 28th Avenue South
- Turn right at South 190th
- Bus lot is on the right
- 2315 South 190th St SeaTac, WA 98188



## Transportation Rules and Instructions

### Directions from 28th St. (staging lot) to NE GT Lot (pick up lot)

- The route takes about 10 minutes
- Turn right from 190th street to 28th Ave South
- Turn left on 92nd street
- Turn left onto International Blvd.
- Drive from 28th street lot to Pacific Highway South
- Turn right from 192nd street to 28th Ave South
- Turn left on 192nd street
- Turn left onto International Blvd
- Turn left on 182nd street to Airport Expressway
- Travel on Airport Expressway and follow the sign to 'Terminal / Parking'
- After going around loop, follow the sign to 'Arrivals / Parking'
- As the roads heads towards the parking garage, the entrance to the NE GT lot is on the right
- Press the intercom on the keypad to access the lot



## Information for Our Customers

To our customers, welcome to SEA



- Our website [www.portseattle.org](http://www.portseattle.org) provides information to our customers traveling through SEA from arrival, to take off, landing and departure. Select 'SeaTac Airport' for airport guidance.
- Within the 'SeaTac Airport' provides option for customers to select 'Ground Transportation' [www.portseattle.org/seatac/groundtransportation/shuttles](http://www.portseattle.org/seatac/groundtransportation/shuttles)
- The above link provides customers details regards to Charter Bus pick-up along with an expanded version of the [SEA Airport Garage and Ground Transportation map](#).
- Download the **Fly SEA** app for navigation assistance, our [interactive map](#) or download the SEA Mobile App for [step-by-step directions](#).

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**SEA Airport App**

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## Information for Our Customers

Once all passengers in group have picked up their baggage, call 206- 787-5906 to have bus dispatched (free phones alongside the escalator banks in baggage claim). Passengers will proceed to the North East Charter Bus Lot located on the North end of the parking garage structure.

- From the baggage claim area, go up escalators or elevator floor 1 and walk across the Skybridge.
- Walk across Skybridge, into the parking garage and take elevator, to Level 1.
- Level 1 on the elevator is where you'll find the "Cruise / Charter Buses" passenger loading area.

"Cruise & Charter Buses." Follow these signs down a white illuminated corridor. You will be on the lowest level of the parking garage at this time.

- Walk for about 2-3 minutes along this corridor and you'll get to an expansive waiting area that's open to the outside. The outside space is the designated loading area for private charter bus and cruise passengers. Even if you're not going on a cruise, this will be your loading area for chartered private transportation.
- When you arrive at this loading area, call the contact number on your reservation and let your driver know that you've arrived. The driver will then be able to pull the vehicle around and load your group up in the loading area.



## Information for Our Customers



ADVENTURE AWAITS

## Charter Rates

Each time your company picks up passengers we charge a fee. An invoice will be mailed to the company for payment the month after the trip(s) is/are completed. Please note, we do not charge a fee to submit the agreement paperwork nor for dropping off passengers.

The Port of Seattle uses a cost recovery based financial model for our Ground Transportation Business and Operations. This means that we recover our costs for facility management, maintenance, and improvements through the permit or trip fees we charge our Ground Transportation operators.

SEA cost recovery calculations reflect Charters will be broken into two vehicle classes:

- Charter Van - vehicle capacity of less than 30 seats
- Charter Coach - vehicle capacity of 30 seats or greater

For current year rates contact our Ground Transportation Staff or  
[www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators](http://www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators)

## Ground Transportation Denied List

If company does not have completed authorized agreement paperwork on file, owe outstanding fine(s), insignificant insurance paperwork, not authorized with WUTC, POS and/or FMCSA etc. company may be placed on the denied list without notice. Company will not be allowed to pick-up passengers unless issues is resolved. Please contact our office prior to arriving at SEA, call or email to confirm you are authorized for a smooth customer friendly pick-up for our customers.



## Payment Options

### Option 1: Pay Online

[www.portseattle.org/business/pay-your-bills](http://www.portseattle.org/business/pay-your-bills)

Following forms of payment will be accepted: Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

### Pay Your Bills



Login to E-Bill Express  
Pay Your Bill



Contact E-Bill Express  
Complete the Contact Us Form



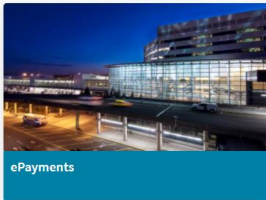
E-Bill Express User Guide  
Read more about E-Bill Express

If you have received an invoice or statement electronically or by mail from the Port of Seattle and would like to pay it click on E-Bill Express.

If you would like to pay your Sea-Tac Airport north lot monthly parking fee click on E-Payments.



E-Bill Express FAQs



ePayments



Maritime Tariffs

### Option 2: Mail Payment



**Port of Seattle**  
**Attn: Accounts Receivable**  
**PO Box 24507**  
**Seattle, WA 98124-0507**

Check, Cashier's Check or Money Order accepted. Provide Company Name, Customer Number and Invoice GRACC Number with payment.

Page 8 provides details regards to the required Trip Receipt the bus driver fills out at the time of pick-up. The selection of size of vehicle 'Van/Shuttle (1)' or 'Charter (2)' will need to be checked. Unchecked box will be automatically charged 'Charter (2)' rate. Receipt is a carbon copy for original submitted to GT office and second is for your company to reference invoice. Options maybe used to pay for GT Citations.

## CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Customer comments taken by Ground Transportation will be forwarded to the Port of Seattle's Customer Relations and the responsible operator.

Airport customer comments or concerns should be forwarded to:

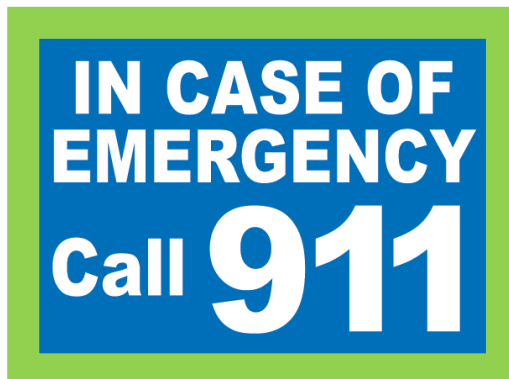
(206) 787-4031 or (800) 894-3505

<http://www.portseattle.org/about/contact>

## EMERGENCIES AT THE AIRPORT

For airport emergencies that require the attention of the airport Police or Fire Department, dial **911** from any phone. Your cooperation in reporting emergencies will help reduce confusion regarding the exact location and nature of the emergency. The precise directions you offer will reduce the response time for the first responders and provide adequate staff to the scene.

The nature of the emergencies you may see will vary. There may be an incident that requires the attention of medical personnel or police personnel. In the event you are a witness to behavior that you believe to be suspicious in nature (theft, security, bodily harm to others, etc.), report the incident to the Port of Seattle Police immediately.







## AIRPORT LOST AND FOUND

Location:	On the Baggage Claim level by Carousel 13
Hours:	Monday to Friday, 8:00am—6:00pm Pacific Standard Time
Closed:	Weekends, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day
Address:	PO Box 68727 Seattle, WA 98166
Phone:	(206) 787-5312
Website:	<a href="http://www.portseattle.org/services-amenities/lost-and-found">www.portseattle.org/services-amenities/lost-and-found</a>

## NOTES

SAFE TRAVELS

# STAY CONNECTED



## Ground Transportation

[www.portseattle.org/sea-tac/ground-transportation](http://www.portseattle.org/sea-tac/ground-transportation)

[www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators](http://www.portseattle.org/page/charter-bus-operators)

## Port of Seattle

[www.portseattle.org](http://www.portseattle.org)

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# QUESTIONS? CONTACT US



## *Ground Transportation Office*

(206) 787-5904

(206) 787-5906

[GroundTransportationSEA@portseattle.org](mailto:GroundTransportationSEA@portseattle.org)

Port of Seattle Ground Transportation  
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

P.O. Box 68727  
Seattle, WA 98168

Keep the Port of Seattle informed of any changes and updates along with your email address so that you continue to receive future communications from Ground Transportation.

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