Motor Pool Now Has Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles Available to Rent

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Two wheelchair accessible vehicles are now available in the UA Motor Pool [1] to rent for travel to University-related events.

Facilities Management's [2] Motor Pool is a service offered to students and employees who want to rent a vehicle from the University for the day for field trips or other University related travel. The two added vehicles offer accessibility to drivers and passengers who use wheelchairs or use hand-controls to drive.

The two Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant vehicles available are a minivan with a side ramp and a large van with a lift. They both have multiple seating options to accommodate passengers.

"We work to ensure accessible environments and experiences at UA," said Amanda Kraus, associate director of Disability Resources [3]. "Adding accessible vehicles to Motor Pool provides both disabled drivers and passengers, and those planning accessible events or meetings, the same convenient opportunity to rent vehicles from the UA Motor Pool."

This is the first time that Motor Pool has provided access to ADA-compliant vehicles directly instead of renting them from a private company. Previously, there was a separate process for students and employees who wanted to rent accessible vehicles, but because multiple departments on campus wanted to increase access and convenience, Disability Resources and Facilities Management had a conversation with Student Affairs [4] about purchasing the two vehicles so that there would be direct access from the University.

"It’s given us nice access for folks in wheelchairs to be able to attend class functions," said Christopher Kopach, assistant vice president of Facilities Management. "The partnership that we had with Student Affairs to get this accomplished, everyone ? all the students and employees, are really pleased that we were able to do this."

Including the accessible vehicles, the Motor Pool now has a total of 11 types of vehicles that can be rented.

The process to rent a vehicle is the same for everyone ? renters need to have standard qualifications like a driver's license. To rent some larger vehicles, drivers are required to have High Occupancy Vehicle training.
Rates for renting these vehicles [5] range from $49.41 to $69.81 per day. The rates go up the larger the vehicle is. There is also the option to rent vehicles based on the number of miles that will be driven. These rates include the cost of the gas and insurance but do not include taxes.

Anyone in need of a vehicle for a field trip or University event can visit Motor Pool's website [1] for more information.

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