

Please refer to the map on the reverse side to find convenient short-term and long-term parking options in downtown Palo Alto.

### ■ Free Parking

Parking is provided for visitors and customers in the downtown area on the street, in off-street parking lots and in parking garages.

- Two-hour parking is provided in on-street spaces and in surface lots.
- Three-hour parking is provided in parking garages except in designated permit areas.

Enforcement of parking regulations is conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Enforcement is NOT in effect before and after those times and on weekends and holidays. Restricted areas such as red curbs, spaces designated for persons with disabilities and any other locations prohibited by law are always in effect.

Parking outside the color zone? Parking time limits are also enforced in signed two-hour on-street parking areas outside the Color Zone starting from the south side of Forest Avenue.

### ■ Color Zone Parking

The core business district of downtown Palo Alto is divided into four color-coded parking zones:

- Purple, Coral, Lime and Blue.
- Parking enforcement in effect Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Once the time limit expires in a given color zone you must move your vehicle out of that zone.
- Vehicles will be ticketed if they are reparked in the same color zone within the same enforcement day.

Example: You park in a 2-hour space on the street in the Lime Zone at noon. (You may

repark within the Lime Zone only during your initial two hours should you need to.) However, if you leave before the 2 hours are up, you cannot repark later that same day. Your car must leave the Lime Zone by 2 p.m. You may park in any other Color Zone except the Lime Zone, which you are now leaving.

Thirty-minute green parking zones, yellow commercial loading zones, white passenger loading zones and blue disability designated spaces are exempt from the color zone reparking requirement.

### ■ All Day Visitor Parking

If the two-hour or three-hour time zones aren't sufficient, visitors may purchase a one-day permit. Permits are valid in all off-street parking lots and garages. All-day permits are not valid for on-street parking spaces. Members of the parking assessment district may purchase daily permits in advance for visitors and guests to the downtown.

All permits may be purchased at Palo Alto Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue on the first floor at Revenue Collections.

A privately owned pay garage is located at 525 University Avenue.

Construction worker vehicles require a special permit that can be purchased at the City of Palo Alto Development Center, 285 Hamilton Avenue.

### ■ Permit Parking for Employers and Employees

Employees of businesses in the downtown parking assessment district may purchase quarterly or annual permits for long-term parking in any of the nine off-street parking lots and garages. Parking permits are issued for these locations (see map) – Civic Center

Garage (CC), High/Alma South Garage (R), High/Alma North Garage (Q), Bryant/Lytton Garage (S/L), Webster/Cowper Garage (W/C) and the following surface lots – Gilman/Bryant Lot (E), Gilman/Waverley Lot (G), Lytton/Waverley Lot (K), Lytton/Kipling Lot (T). Permits are also available at a reduced rate the Sheraton Lot (X) in signed permit parking area.

Transferable Permits are also available for the following garages: Webster Cowper (WC), Bryant Lytton (S/L), and Civic Center (CC). Transferable permits are sold to one individual and can be used on multiple vehicles. Transferable permits are sold at a two-quarter maximum.

Permits are sold on the first floor of Palo Alto Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue at the Revenue Collection Counter.

### ■ Public Transportation

Palo Alto is served by several transit agencies including Caltrain commuter rail, Samtrans busses, Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) busses, Dumbarton Express busses and the Marguerite and Palo Alto Shuttles. The University Avenue Transit Center is a popular destination for many transit riders.

Transit schedules are available at Palo Alto Civic Center, at the Caltrain Depot and on the internet at [www.511.org](http://www.511.org). Transit, rideshare, traffic and bicycling information can be obtained by dialing 511 on the telephone.

The Marguerite and Palo Alto Shuttle systems are free. The Marguerite Shuttle serves the Stanford University Campus and surrounding locale. The Palo Alto Shuttle runs two routes in Palo Alto and serves many popular destinations.

- Shuttle information:  
Palo Alto Shuttle: 650-329-2520 or [www.cityofpaloalto.org/transportation/shuttle](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/transportation/shuttle)  
Marguerite Shuttle: 650-723-9362  
<http://transportation.stanford.edu>

- Ridesharing information:  
Ridesharing information for carpool or vanpool services can also be obtained at [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) or by calling 511.

- Bicycling:  
Ample bicycle parking is available throughout the downtown business district. Local bicycling information is available on the Internet at [www.cityofpaloalto.org/bike](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/bike).

### ■ Q & A

***I come downtown several times a day. Is there short-term parking available?***

Yes, there are several 30-minute parking spaces throughout the downtown area (see map). These parking spaces are exempt from color-zone enforcement, which means you may repark in a 30-minute parking space.

***How much do parking citations cost?***

Parking citations cost a minimum \$27. That means that one ticket a month will cost more than an annual parking permit.

***I work downtown.***

***How can I get a parking permit?***

Just visit or call Revenue Collections on the first floor of Palo Alto Civic Center. Check with Revenue Collections 650-329-2317 for current permit pricing. Less expensive permits are available at the Sheraton Hotel (Lot X).

### ■ For More Information, Call:

City of Palo Alto: .....650-329-2100  
Bicycle: .....650-329-2520  
Parking Enforcement: .....650-329-2687  
Parking Permits: .....650-329-2317  
Police Department  
(Non-Emergency) .....650-329-2413  
Parking Citations .....650-329-2252

Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce .....650-324-3121

Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association .....650-462-1795

Bay Area Transit Information ...511

Palo Alto Shuttle .....650-329-2520

Stanford Marguerite .....650-723-9362

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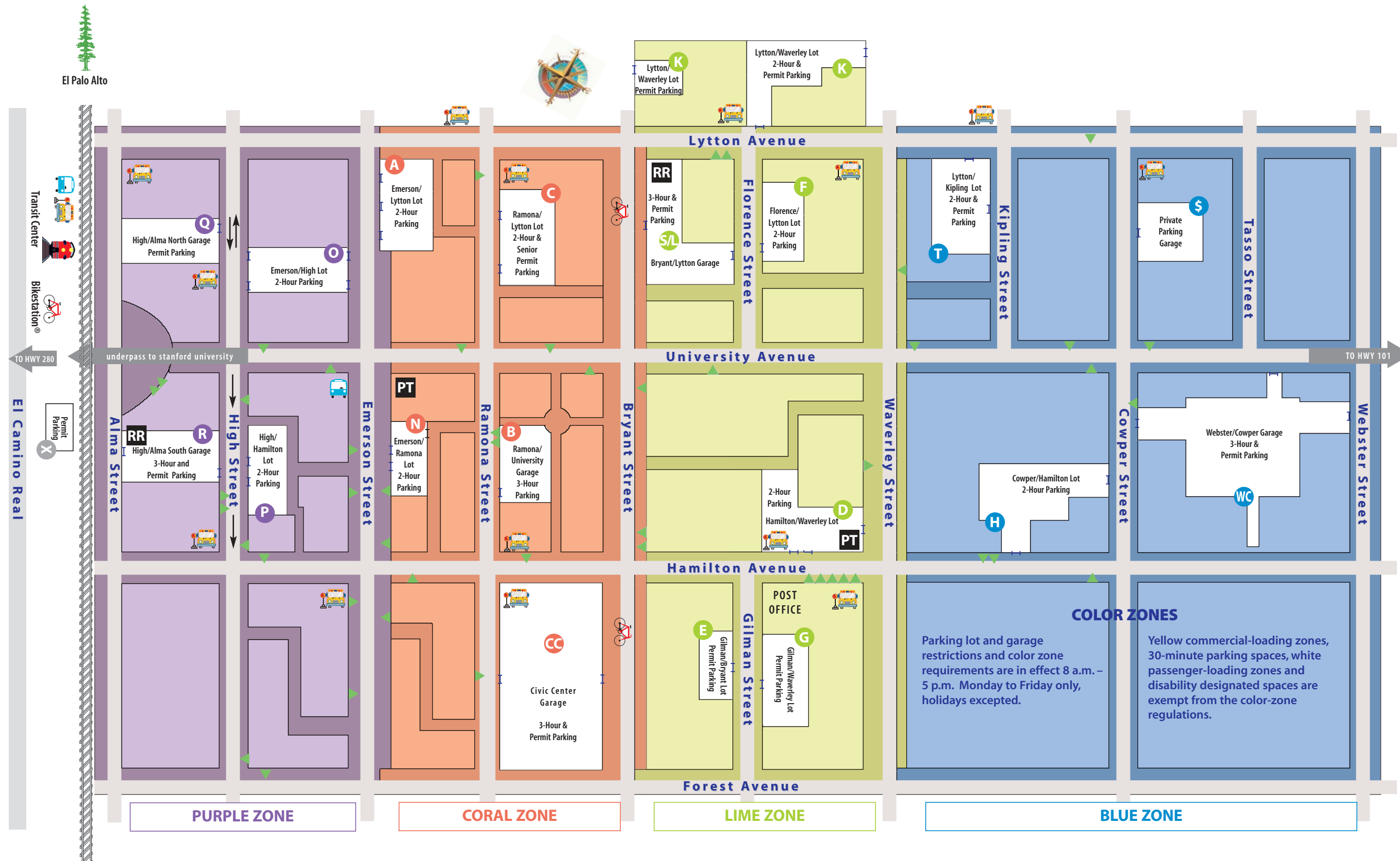
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# PARKING IN DOWNTOWN PALO ALTO



# KEY TO PARKING LOTS AND GARAGES

- A** Emerson/Lytton Lot
- B** Ramona/University Garage
- C** Ramona/Lytton Lot
- CC** Civic Center Garage
- N** Emerson/Ramona Lot
- D** Hamilton/Waverley Lot
- E** Gilman/Bryant Lot
- F** Florence/Lytton Lot
- G** Gilman/Waverley Lot
- K** Lytton/Waverley Lot
- S/L** Bryant/Lytton Garage
- X** Sheraton Hotel Lot
- PT** Pay Toilet
- P** High/Hamilton Lot
- Q** High/Alma North Garage
- R** High/Alma South Garage
- O** Emerson/High Lot
- H** Cowper/Hamilton Lot
- T** Lytton/Kipling Lot
- \$** Private Pay Garage
- WC** Webster/Cowper Garage
-  30-Minute Parking Spaces
-  Train Station
-  Transit Stop
-  Marguerite Shuttle Stop
-  Bicycle Boulevard/Bikestation®
- RR** Public Restroom



**COLOR ZONES**

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