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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to inform the Chiefs of Mission that this circular note will replace all other prior policies regarding diplomatic parking policies in effect at Washington, DC area airports.

The Chiefs of Mission are informed that the Congressional, Supreme Court, and Diplomatic parking area at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) remains closed due to continuing construction. As construction continues, vehicles bearing diplomatic "D" license plates and displaying placards issued by the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) (inside the windshield or on the visor, where clearly visible) will remain eligible for free parking in garages A, B, and C. During construction, drivers will find that space in these garages may be limited. If these garages are full, vehicles bearing diplomatic "D" license plates and displaying placards may also park for free at any of the airport's public parking lots, such as the economy Lot. To be exempt from payment at any of the airports' public garages or lots, diplomats are required to sign their parking receipts and

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present their Department-issued diplomatic identification cards to the parking attendant upon exiting the parking facility.

At Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), due to limited facilities, vehicles bearing diplomatic "D" license plates and displaying placards issued by OFM (inside the windshield or on the visor, where clearly visible) are eligible for free parking in the terminal lot and garages 1 and 2. To be exempt from payment at any of the airport's public garages or lots, diplomats are required to sign their parking receipts and present their Department-issued diplomatic identification cards to the parking attendant upon exiting the parking facility.

At Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), due to limited facilities, only Chiefs of Mission in possession of a Department-issued diplomatic identification card which lists their 'Title' as "Ambassador" are eligible for free "VIP" parking. Parking is available in the daily or long-term garages and there is no need to display the aforementioned airport parking placards at BWI.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority has issued a parking map with detailed parking guidance at DCA and IAD for the foreseeable future, which is enclosed for reference. A parking map for BWI is also enclosed. Construction advisories ongoing at DCA may also be found at

<https://www.flyreagan.com/travel-information/construction-project/construction-advisories>. The Department requests that the Chiefs of Mission disseminate this information to all relevant personnel. Inquiries regarding diplomatic airport parking may be directed to OFM at 202-274-1217 or at [OFM-DMV@state.gov](mailto:OFM-DMV@state.gov).

Enclosures:

As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, March 1, 2022.

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## AIRPORT PARKING MAP



## Congressional, Supreme Court and Diplomatic Parking at RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT (DCA) and WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (IAD)

### All Public Parking Garages/Lots:

- **Entering:** Take a ticket from the machine at the entrance.
- **Exiting:** Present the parking lot ticket and the following to the cashier and you will be allowed to exit without payment.
  - **Members of Congress:** display a current Congressional vehicle plate issued by the Sergeants-at-Arms for the House or Senate
  - **Members of the Supreme Court:** display a vehicle dashboard parking placard issued by the Marshal of the Supreme Court.
  - **Members of the Diplomatic Corps:** display a "D" license plate on vehicle and Diplomatic parking placard issued by the U.S. Department of State.

