

Committee on Community-Engaged Learning at Brandeis University
Notes on Transportation

Transportation is one of the major issues that we will have to address in order to successfully develop partnerships and integrate CEL in the curriculum. Although we have yet to invest in transportation specifically for the CEL program, students for now could utilize the current transportation services, which are provided by the Waltham Crystal Shuttle Service and Public Safety (Bran Van). The former functions throughout the day until the afternoon while the latter runs from the afternoon until late in the evening. Students could utilize any of these transportation services at anytime in order to reach various partner sites.

These services, however, have many drawbacks for students. The van and bus services only follow a route that encompasses the area from South St, along Main St., to Moody and Crescent St., and a few streets located within. Some of our key partners for the Waltham Group and CEL courses are outside this area which means that students would either have to walk the rest of the way from the nearest van stop or find another means of transportation. One of the key issues is the time it takes to go back and forth to a site because of the often tight schedules of student classes and co-curricular activities. In addition, the schedule of the vans is subject to traffic hours, reliability of drivers, and occasional accidents. Students who function on a schedule might find these circumstances unacceptable as they could be late not only for scheduled activities in the Waltham community but also within Brandeis. These are some of the challenges that need to be addressed in the next academic year.

List of Current Partners:

1. Breaking Barriers
 - a. 517 Moody St. Waltham, MA 02453
2. REACH*
 - a. REACH does not disclose its physical address so as to protect families that have been threatened and/or abused. If you would like to visit REACH, you will have to contact someone from within the organization to make arrangements and provide the reasons for visiting, and then an address could be provided. Call 781-891-0724 for a directory which provides the names and contact information of agency staff.
3. GWARC, Inc.
 - a. 56 Chestnut St. Waltham, MA 02453
4. Sandra's Lodge*
 - a. 200 Trapelo Rd. Waltham, MA 02452
5. Teen LEEP

- a. 376 Moody St. Waltham, MA 02453
- 6. WATCH CDC
 - a. 517 Moody St. Waltham, MA 02453
- 7. Waltham Family School
 - a. 510 Moody St. Waltham, MA 02454
- 8. Waltham Public Schools*
 - a. 617 Lexington St. Waltham, MA 02452
- 9. Waltham Partnership for Youth
 - a. 119 School St. Waltham, MA 02451
- 10. YMCA Waltham*
 - a. 725 Lexington St. Waltham, MA 02452

**Community agencies that are unreachable via university transportation services*

Waltham Crystal Shuttle Service 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

LOCATION	am					TIMES	pm					
Theater Lot (rear of Spingold)	8:00	8:40	9:20	10:00	10:40	11:20	12:00	12:40	1:20	2:00	2:40	3:20
Highland St. at Hope Ave	8:03	8:43	9:23	10:03	10:43	11:23	12:03	12:43	1:23	2:03	2:43	3:23
Crescent St. at Cherry St. (in front of Watch Factory)	8:05	8:45	9:25	10:05	10:45	11:25	12:05	12:45	1:25	2:05	2:45	3:25
Crescent St. at Moody St. (near Burger King)	8:07	8:47	9:27	10:07	10:47	11:27	12:07	12:47	1:27	2:07	2:47	3:27
Moody St. at Maple St./High St.	8:09	8:49	9:29	10:09	10:49	11:29	12:09	12:49	1:29	2:09	2:49	3:29
140 Moody St. at Enterprise Rental Car	8:11	8:51	9:31	10:11	10:51	11:31	12:11	12:51	1:31	2:11	2:51	3:31

Main St. at Exchange St. (near Waltham Public Library)	8:14	8:54	9:34	10:14	10:54	11:34	12:14	12:54	1:34	2:14	2:54	3:34
Main St. across from CVS	8:17	8:57	9:37	10:17	10:57	11:37	12:17	12:57	1:37	2:17	2:57	3:37
Charles St. at intersection with South St.	8:20	9:00	9:40	10:20	11:00	11:40	12:20	1:00	1:40	2:20	3:00	3:40
South St. at Shakespeare Rd.	8:22	9:02	9:42	10:22	11:02	11:42	12:22	1:02	1:42	2:22	3:02	3:42
Spingold Intersection at Shapiro Campus Center (DROP OFF ONLY)	8:25	9:05	9:45	10:25	11:05	11:45	12:25	1:05	1:45	2:25	3:05	3:45

Waltham Van Service (Bran Van) 4:00 pm – 2:30 am

LOCATION		TIMES
Rabb (bus stop)	:00	:30
Main Entrance	:02	:32
Lower Charles River Road (Bus Stop between 150 and 164)	:05	:35
Waltham	:10-25	:40-55

The Waltham Van Service runs in a 30 minute interval. As demonstrated in the chart located above, students only have two opportunities to have access to van transportation services within an hour. At the top of the hour until 5 minutes past, students can have the access to the van while on campus. From 10 minutes until 25 minutes past the hour, the van is progressing on its Waltham route until it arrives back at Brandeis at half past the hour. The schedule repeats itself in the following half hour.

The van follows a similar path to the Waltham Crystal Shuttle Service, however, it follows a Northerly route along Main St, Moody St and then around to Crescent St whereas the Shuttle follows a Southerly route along Highland St, Prospect St., Crescent St., and then to Moody St. Students can call van services at 781-736-4999 to be picked up from any location along the route which the van follows. Students should also be sure to call van services at least an hour before departure to reserve a seat in the van. The van will stop upon student request along its regular route.

Other Services:

Waltham Group Van

The Waltham Group, a student led volunteer service organization, utilizes two vans for its community programs. As a courtesy, faculty are allowed to utilize the vans for educational purposes. Waltham Group clubs normally use vans between 3-6 PM from Monday to Friday. Occasionally, they are used on week-ends.

To use the vans, a van request form must be filled out and turned in to Diane Hannan at the Student Life Office in the Shapiro Campus Center. It is recommended that van request forms be turned in at least 2-3 weeks before day of use. If van(s) are to be used weekly on specific day(s) and time, inform Dianne Hannan in order to be placed on the van schedule, that way the van(s) will be reserved for you on those days during a whole semester.

Gasoline costs are not covered by the Waltham Group or the Student Life Office. When van(s) are used, be sure to replace the amount of gasoline that was used, as it is again a courtesy of the Waltham Group that faculty are able to use those vans at no rental cost.

Also, vans can only be driven by those who have completed the public safety course and have approval of the community service director (Diane Hannan).

Public Safety Course Contact:

Officer James Quinlan
Public Safety/Campus Police
quinlan@brandeis.edu (*quinlan*)
781-736-5000 (Office)
[Stoneman](#) 1

Diane Hannan, Director of Community Service

hannan@brandeis.edu (*hannan*)

781-736-3237 (Office)

781-736-3579

[Shapiro Campus Center](#) 210

Brandeis BranVan (RENTAL)

For this service faculty ave to pay a rental fee to use the van. Once again the costs can be covered by the E-L Office through the reimbursement process or a chargeline can be provided to pay for the fee.

To obtain a Bran Van follow these steps:

1. Contact Chief Ed Callahan and provide him with as much information as possible so that Public Safety can get an idea of how to best serve the department/faculty (*dates, times, number of persons, location(s) of event(s).*)
2. Chief Callahan will then decide if Public Safety will be able to accommodate van(s) for faculty.
3. If everything is agreed upon, the Head Coordinator of the Brandeis Escort Service will contact you.
4. He will provide a driver that knows your destination area best.
5. The rent fee is normally \$135 for a whole day and includes gas.

The Bran Vans are normally used for the Waltham Escort Service which starts at 4 PM. Thus, it would be best if faculty request vans for use before that time.

Chief Ed Callahan

Public Safety/Campus Police

781-736-4240 (Office)

ecallaha@brandeis.edu (*ecallaha*)

[Stoneman](#) 109

David Braun

Head Coordinator of the Brandeis Escort Service

781-529-4436

dbraun@brandeis.edu

Crystal Transport Service (RENTAL)

Faculty will have to use the Crystal Bus for trips outside the Greater Boston Area or overnight trips.

Costs depend on distance and number of days

Crystal Transport Service Contact:

David Fallman

617-787-1544

For Procurement contact:

Hellen David

Procurement Services

781-736-4510 (Office)

hdavid@brandeis.edu