Stanford Neurodiversity Summit
Getting Here

This packet contains information for parking, public transit options, and general navigation once you get to the Stanford campus.

Stanford Mobile App
The Stanford Mobile app is a great resource for all things Stanford. You can access the Stanford Searchable Map, Marguerite live-tracking information, and parking information. It is free to download the Stanford Mobile app.

Parking
Parking on weekends is free and posted time limits are not enforced. We recommend parking in either Parking Structure 2 or in the Stanford Parking Lots 17 and 18 (L-17, L-18). Both parking locations are about the same distance from Li Ka Shing Center.

Parking Structure 2:
Parking Structure 2 is located at 285 Panama Street, on the corner of Panama Street and Via Ortega. The easiest way to get to Li Ka Shing Center from Parking Center 2 is to take Via Ortega. This is about a 7-minute walk (.3 mile).

Directions:
- Head north on Via Ortega until you come to Campus Drive (.2 mile)
- Cross Campus Drive and enter the pedestrian path, heading north towards Discovery Walk (262 feet)
- Turn left onto Discovery Walk (197 feet)

*Directions are from Google Maps, so distances may not be exact.*
Stanford Parking Lots 17 and 18:
The entrance to lots 17 and 18 is on Welch Road, between Campus Drive and Oak Road. The address for these lots shows up as ‘Unnamed Road’ in Google Maps, but if you search ‘Stanford Parking Lot 17’ (or 18), Google Maps will show you where it is and provide directions. It is about a 7- to 8-minute walk (.4 mile) from lots 17 and 18 to Li Ka Shing Center.

Directions:
• Head south through the parking lots towards Campus Drive (670 feet)
• Turn left onto Campus Drive (.1 mile)
• Turn left towards Discovery Walk (246 feet)
• Turn right onto Discovery Walk (350 feet)
*Directions are from Google Maps, so distances may not be exact.

Parking for People with Disability Placards
Each of the parking lots/garages has designated parking for disability placard holders. The routes to Li Ka Shing Center from Parking Structure 2 and Lots 17 and 18 are paved and mostly flat. Additionally, we are setting aside Lot 15 as accessible parking. This lot is located right across from Li Ka Shing Center, a 3-minute walk according to Google Maps.
Public Transit

Trip Planning:
Google Maps is a great resource for planning your trip via public transportation. Detailed directions for planning your route with Google Maps are provided below:

1. Go to maps.google.com
2. Enter “291 Campus Drive, Stanford CA” in the search field
3. Click the blue icon with the arrow above the word “Directions”
4. Enter your starting address in the first line
5. Click the icon that looks like a train to get transit directions

The Google Maps directions will tell you both the transit system and the bus/train number to take. Once you know that, you can also look at the transit system websites for more information. Apps with real-time departure information are available for most transit systems, which are a fantastic resource.

Local Transit Systems:
The main transit systems near Stanford are Caltrain, SamTrans (bus), and VTA (bus). All three transit systems have stops at the Palo Alto Transit Center (PATC). PATC is the closest stop to campus for public transit. Each system has its own website with schedules, maps, and trip planners. Here are links to the PATC map and the Caltrain, SamTrans, and VTA websites:

- Palo Alto Transit Center map
- Caltrain:
  - Caltrain weekend schedule
  - Caltrain mobile app
- SamTrans:
  - SamTrans homepage
  - SamTrans mobile app
- VTA:
  - VTA homepage
  - VTA mobile app

Stanford Marguerite:
The Stanford Marguerite is a free shuttle that services campus and a few off-campus locations. On weekends, the only line running is the Shopping Express (SE) line. You can take this shuttle between the Palo Alto Transit Center and campus; there is a stop near Li Ka Shing Center. Information about the schedule and map can be found on the Stanford Transportation website. Live-tracking information can be found in the Stanford Mobile app.

Note that the Marguerite (like many transit systems) serves more stops than just the ones listed in the timetable. The stop for Li Ka Shing Center is between the Medical Center (Quarry Road) and Searsville Lot (Campus Drive) stops.
Paying Fares on Public Transit:
For all three of the transit systems listed above (Caltrain, SamTrans, and VTA), you have the option of using a Clipper card or paying with cash. When you tag a Clipper card, the card reader will beep and a green light will appear to let you know it was successful.

The websites for each transit system have more information, but here is a basic overview:

- **Caltrain:**
  - Tickets may be purchased from machines on the train platform, using either a credit/debit card or cash. You can also add money to your Clipper card from the kiosks on the platform.
  - You can also use the Caltrain mobile app to purchase tickets. The ticket is only good for that day and can be activated as soon as it is purchased. You must have a credit/debit or prepaid card to use this method.
  - If you are using a Clipper card, tag the card reader before boarding the train, and then tag off once you exit.
  - Caltrain has a proof-of-payment system such that occasionally you may be asked to show proof of your ticket. If you have a paper ticket, show that to the conductor or fare inspector when asked. If you used you Clipper card, the conductor or fare inspector will scan it to make sure you tagged on. Similarly, if you purchased a ticket through the app, the conductor will scan the QR code on your phone.

- **SamTrans:**
  - Similar to Caltrain, you can use the SamTrans app to purchase tickets.
  - When you board the bus, either tag your Clipper card, pay the cash fare, or show your mobile ticket to the driver. If you pay with cash, have exact change ready when you board, as the machine does not give you change.

- **VTA:**
  - When you board the bus, either tag your Clipper card or pay the cash fare. If you pay with cash, have exact change ready when you board, as the machine does not give you change.

Getting from Public Transit to Li Ka Shing Center:
If you are taking public transportation, you should take it to the Palo Alto Transit Center. From there, there are three main options for how to get to the conference on campus.

1. Arrive at Palo Alto Transit Center, then walk (about 20 min) or bike (about 8 min) to Li Ka Shing Center.
2. Arrive at Palo Alto Transit Center, then take a rideshare (Uber, Lyft) to Li Ka Shing Center.
3. Arrive at Palo Alto Transit Center, then take Marguerite (the free Stanford Shuttle) to Li Ka Shing Center. **Please note:** the first Marguerite leaves PATC at 9:00AM and departs hourly. If you are planning to come to the morning sessions, this may not be the best option for you.
Navigation Assistance

We are planning to have volunteers stationed at each of the parking locations mentioned in this packet, as well as at the Palo Alto Transit Center to help you get to Li Ka Shing Center. There will be plenty of signs along the routes from parking and the Marguerite stop near Li Ka Shing Center to point you in the right direction. Volunteers will be wearing t-shirts identifying them as such, and any of the volunteers will be more than happy to help direct you.