

Getting to the I/DD Counts Meeting

By plane

If you booked with HSRI's travel agency, you received reservation details from Heather (hyoung@hsri.org). You may want to download the mobile app for whatever airline you are flying. While we are hopeful there won't be any travel delays or changes, your airline's app often has the most up to date information about your trip. **If you have any issues with your trip, please call (212) 339-2957.** This is the direct number to CIRE, the travel agency that booked your flights. If you are calling **outside regular business hours** (9:00am-5:30pm Eastern Time), please call **(303) 801-2180**.

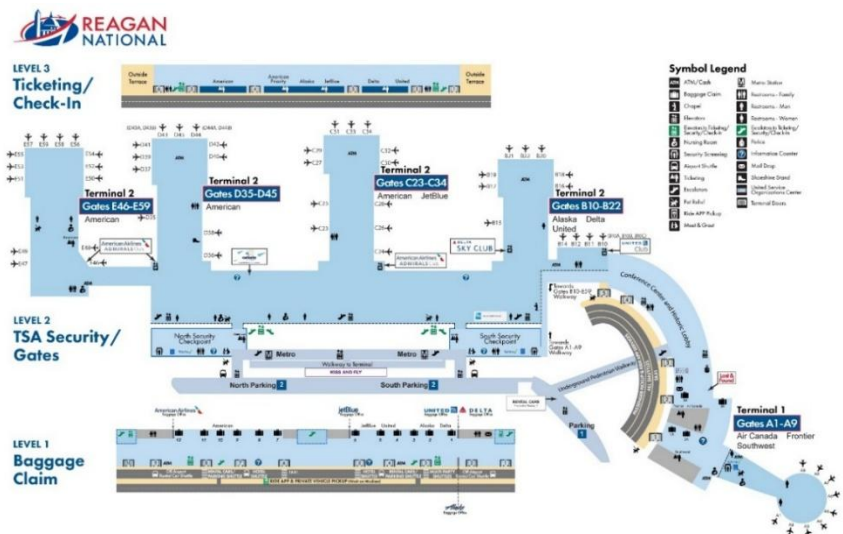
HSRI can reimburse you, or pay you back, for travel-related expenses. This includes:

- Ride share (like Uber or Lyft) or taxi fare to get from your house to the airport
- If you drive your personal vehicle to the airport, we can pay you back for parking costs and your mileage to the airport.
- Costs for checking luggage

To be paid back, please save a receipt and send it to Heather after the Summit.

Navigating the Airport

This is a map of the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (also called DCA). It has 2 terminals (Terminal 1 and Terminal 2). In Terminal 2, there are 4 gate areas or wings (B gates, C gates, D gates, and E gates). Once you get off the plane, follow signs to baggage claim/ground transportation. If you don't see a sign right away, go in the direction where the gate numbers go down (ex: If you are at gate B19, you'll want to walk towards B18).



If you need a companion care or a family bathroom, you can find them in the following areas of DCA:

1. First floor (baggage claim level) – between doors 5 and 6
2. First floor (baggage claim level) - by Door 2
3. Second floor (terminal level) – B gates
 - a. Across from *Lucky Buns*
 - b. Near gate B14
4. Second floor (terminal level) – D gates
 - a. Next to *Chick-fil-A*
 - b. Across from *On The Fly by Capital One Landing*
 - c. Near gate D35
5. Second floor (terminal level) – E gates
 - a. By *Capitol File News*
 - b. Near gate E49
6. Second floor – near *The Café at DCA North*

New: Exit Lane Security Doors to get to baggage claim and Metro

The picture to the right shows you an image of one-way exit doors that are becoming more common in many airports. To get to the Metro (and baggage claim areas), you must use these. The first door will open, and you'll walk into the exit lane area. The doors behind you will close as you walk forward to the next doors.



Taking the Metro from DCA to the hotel

Taking the Metro is often the easiest way to get to the hotel. The Metro is a subway train that has different stops through Washington, DC. It is also very low cost. You can get to the Metro from the Terminal Level of DCA. There are 2 entrances to the Metro (South Security Checkpoint and North Security Checkpoint). The ride should take about 20 minutes.

Paying for your ride

The cost of the ride from DCA to the hotel should be \$2.40. We will reimburse you \$4.80 for the cost of a round-trip Metro ride after the Summit if you took the Metro. **You do not need to save your receipts if you are taking the Metro only.**

You have a few different options to pay for your fare:

1. SmarTrip card
2. [Contactless payment \(credit card, debit card, phone or smartwatch with payment enabled\)](#)
 - a. Tap your card, phone, or watch on the faregate. The gate will open to let you through.



***Important note:** When you exit the Metro through a faregate, you must use the same form of payment.

Taking the Metro from DCA to the Hotel

1. You want to be at the platform that is closer to the airport terminals.
2. You can take either the Yellow line – towards Mt Vernon Square OR Greenbelt, or you can take the Blue line towards Downtown Largo.
3. You will get off your train at L'Enfant Plaza.
 - a. If you took the Yellow line, you'll be on the upper level platform at L'Enfant.
 - b. If you took the Blue line, you'll be on the lower level platform at L'Enfant.
4. Follow the signs towards Exit A.

5. Once you are out of the Metro at the street level, you'll want to walk down Maryland St and head towards The US Capitol Building (see image).



6. Turn right onto 6th St SW.

7. The Holiday Inn Washington Capital National Mall is at the intersection of 6th street and C Street. See image to right.



Taking the Metro from the hotel to DCA

1. To take the Metro back to the hotel, you will want to reverse these directions. Once in the L'Enfant stations, you will be taking the Metro South (see picture to right).

The elevator from the street takes you to the entrance level of the station. A separate elevator will take you to the different platform levels at L'Enfant (see image).

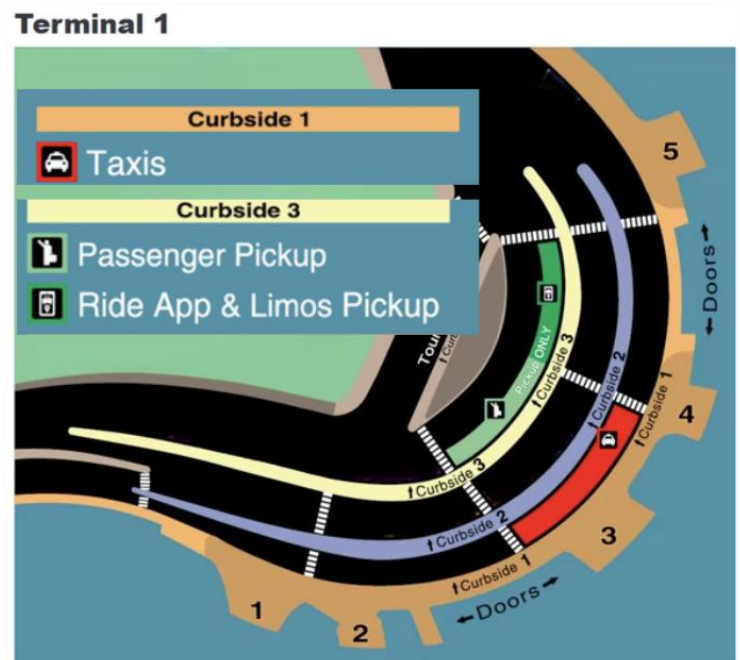


Taking a taxi or a rideshare from DCA to the hotel

The map below shows the taxi, ride share, and passenger pick up locations in Terminal 1 and Terminal 2:

1. Taxi

- The taxi stand will be at curbside 1 in both Terminals 1 and 2.
- The cost of a taxi should be \$20-\$25. You will need to save your receipt to be reimbursed.
- If you need an accessible taxi, it is recommended that you book ahead of time.



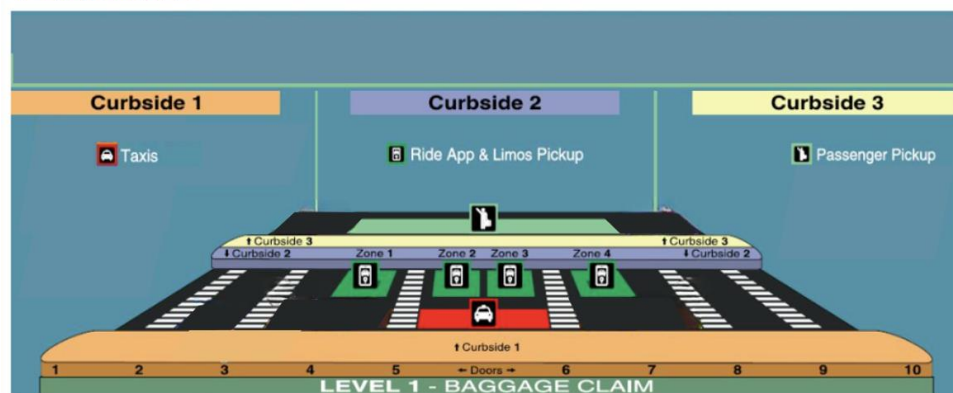
2. Rideshare (Uber or Lyft)

- Ride App pick up is at curbside 3 in Terminal 1. It is at curbside 2 in Terminal 2.
- The cost of a Lyft or Uber can vary depending on how many people are trying to get a ride at that time. The average cost is around \$20-\$30. You need to use the app on your phone to schedule a ride.

3. Passenger pickup

- Some people have friends or family in the area who might give them a ride to or from the airport. They will get picked up at curbside 3 in both Terminals 1 and 2.

Terminal 2



Scheduling an accessible taxi from DCA to the hotel

To reserve a trip on a wheelchair accessible taxi, you can either:

1. Call the taxi companies that offer accessible taxis in DC:
 - a. Royal Taxi: 202-398-0500
 - b. Yellow Cab: 202-544-1212
2. Reserve your accessible taxi ahead of time with [Yellow Cab](#)
 - a. You may need to put in some information before you can get to the booking page.
 - b. The option for a wheelchair accessible taxi will only show up once you have put in the pick up and drop off locations.

The screenshot shows a taxi booking interface. At the top, the pickup location is 'Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), Smith ...' and the drop-off location is 'Holiday Inn Washington Capitol - Natl Mall by IHG, C Stree...'. Below these, there is a section for flight information with fields for 'FLIGHT NUMBER', 'ARRIVAL TIME' (16:39), and 'TERMINAL'. There is also a section for 'PASSENGERS' (1), 'SMALL BAGS' (0), and 'LARGE BAGS' (0). The 'PAYMENT METHOD' is set to 'Payment on board'. At the bottom, the 'VEHICLE OPTIONS / NOTE TO DRIVER' section is highlighted with a red circle, showing a 'Wheelchair' option with a car icon.

By car

1. Parking structure has 6ft 6in height restriction
2. Parking is \$65/day. You are allowed to go in and out of the parking garage.
3. There are 9 Wheelchair accessible parking spaces

About the Hotel

1. The Summit is being held at the [Holiday Inn Washington Capitol – National Mall](#).
 - a. Check in is at 3pm. Check out is at 12pm.
 - b. When you check out on Tuesday morning, you can put your luggage in the baggage holding with the hotel. You can also bring it to the ballroom with you and store to the side against a wall.
 - c. Check with hotel about cost for holding luggage. Often it is free, but people often tip a dollar for each piece of luggage stored.
2. The hotel has:
 - a. A rooftop wheelchair accessible outdoor pool. The pool is open 10am – 8pm and a lifeguard is on duty.
 - b. A 24-hour fitness center.
 - c. Two restaurants in the hotel lobby (*Reminder, these costs are not reimbursable*)
 - i. Capitol Bistro is open 6:30am-10am for breakfast.
 - ii. 21st Amendment Bar & Grill is open 4pm-10pm and serves classic American [food and drinks](#).
 - d. A small convenience store
3. Your room has:
 - a. A coffee maker
 - b. A TV
 - c. WiFi
 - d. A hair dryer
 - e. If you need a refrigerator due to medical needs, please contact Heather (hyoung@hsri.org).
4. Nearby Restaurants within a 5-10 minute walk
 - a. McDonald's located at 400 C Street SW
 - b. Potbelly's located at 665 D Street SW
 - c. Subway located at 525 School Street SW
 - d. [Rice Bar](#), a Korean restaurant with rice and noodle bowls located at 600 Maryland Ave SW
 - e. Qdoba located at 441 2nd Street SW

- f. [The Wharf](#) is a waterfront retail and entertainment space that also has [restaurants](#) and [shopping](#). It is a 15-minute walk from the hotel.
5. Coffee
 - a. There is a Starbucks at the hotel
 - b. Coffee will be available in the mornings of both Summit days in the meeting space.
 6. There are two pharmacies within a 15 minute-walk from the hotel.
 - a. CVS: 804 Maine Ave SW
 - b. Safeway (located inside the Safeway grocery store): 11004th St SW

What to Pack for the I/DD Counts Meeting

1. Clothing
 - a. Many meetings have a [business casual dress code](#). This means that you don't need to wear a suit and tie, but you should dress in neat clean clothes with no rips or tears. Graphic T-shirts, crop tops, flip flops, ripped jeans, and baseball caps are typically not appropriate.
 - b. The average temperatures in Washington, DC in late September range from mid-70 or low 80 degrees during the day and 60s at night. You should check a weather app before your trip to see if it will be really hot, really cold, or rainy.
 - c. A light jacket if you plan to go out in the evening.
 - d. Walking shoes would be good to wear if you are taking the Metro or planning to go out after the meeting and sightsee.
 - e. Sometimes meeting spaces can get cold or hot. Bring different layers, like a sweater, to help with this.
2. A small umbrella or a rain jacket.
3. Chargers for your phone, tablet, or laptop.
4. A refillable water bottle is always helpful to have with you but not necessary.
5. Medications or other personal items you need to use every day.
 - a. Hotels typically provide shampoo, conditioner, body soap, and hand soap in your room. If you forget a toothbrush, toothpaste, a comb, or a razor, you can usually get these small items at the front desk.

Things to do

There are lots of things to do while in Washington, DC! Here are some free places to visit nearby:

- a. The [National Mall](#) is a five-minute walk from the hotel. There are many Smithsonian Museums to see:
 - i. [African American History and Culture Museum](#) (free, but a pass is required)
 - ii. [American History Museum](#) (free)
 - iii. [Natural History Museum](#) (free)
 - iv. [American Indian Museum](#) (free)
 - v. [Air and Space Museum](#) (free, but a pass is required)
 - vi. [Hirshhorn Museum](#) (free)
 - vii. [African Art Museum](#) (free)
 - viii. [Asian Art Museum](#) (free)
 - ix. [Smithsonian Gardens](#) (free)
- c. The [U.S. Capitol Visitor Center](#) is a 21-minute walk from the hotel. [Reservations](#) are needed to get a tour. Tours are free.
- d. [U.S. Botanic Garden](#) (free)