

Electric Vehicle (EV) FAQs:

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Why did the program change?

The EV program at USC became a victim of its own success; we now have thousands of participants, and cannot successfully manage our parking inventory if we do not know where vehicles are going to be parking on any given day. We therefore eliminated the EV permit as an option, and require EV owners to purchase a normal permit where they want to park when not actively charging, just like everyone else does.

So, you no longer offer EV permits at the lower rate?

That specific *product* is no longer being offered; EV owners can/should go online and purchase whatever normal permit they want through our portal, and then complete the EV discount request form [online here](#). **NOTE:** Only one discount type/rate is allowed per permit (i.e, value permits, evening permits and other discounted permit types are not eligible). EV discount requests will be processed after the semester in question has been completed, in order to avoid mid-semester permit cancellation issues. If you cancel your parking permit at any time during a given semester, you are not eligible for an EV discount, even for the specific/partial months in which you drove an EV before the permit was cancelled.

Can I still park wherever I want?

No; the specific point of making this program change is to require EV owners to make a decision regarding where they want to primarily park, just like everyone else purchasing a permit from USC Transportation. The benefit of an EV owner receiving a lower permit price remains unchanged.

I'm a faculty/staff member whose EV permit expires June 30, 2025, can I renew it?

No; that product does not exist anymore. All EV permit holders will need to purchase a normal permit wherever they want to/are able to, just like everyone else does.

What if the location I want is not available in the portal?

As with every other prospective permit holder at USC, if the location you want is not listed in your options online, that location is sold out or otherwise unavailable. Please choose from the list of available options.

What if the EV chargers at the location I choose aren't available/working/it doesn't have any? How will I charge then?

As always, our entire publically-available EV charging station inventory is available for use by anyone who has purchased **any** USC Transportation parking permit. The permit that you purchase online is where you need to relocate your vehicle when you are **DONE** charging. EV charging station maps are available online here: <https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/ev-charging/>

I still have questions...

Please email us at auxtrans@usc.edu, we're happy to help.