

# Tips for Getting Around at Congress



## Taxis

NSDAR is working with the JW Marriott Hotel and local taxi companies to provide additional taxi service at both the hotel and headquarters. Taxis are a quick and effective way to travel between the two locations. However, because they are in high demand, it is wise to leave for your destination early.

The fare finder below should help you estimate costs.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/special/local/dc-taxi-fare-calculator/>

Most taxis will allow you to pay by credit card, but paying by cash is usually faster and easier if you are splitting the fare with other passengers. Please also have the exact addresses available to your destination as there are many convention halls and hotels in the area.

Some helpful tips on traveling between the JW Marriott Hotel and NSDAR Headquarters:

- **Estimated Time:** 5 - 10 minutes in normal traffic; longer in heavier traffic.
- **Estimated Cost:** \$7 in normal traffic conditions; \$15+ in heavy traffic.

NSDAR recommends that you familiarize yourself with DC taxi rates before arriving to Congress to avoid surprising or confusing charges. A full list of taxi rates can be found within every licensed DC cab, as well as at the following link:

<https://dfhv.dc.gov/page/taxicab-fares>

Additionally, please be aware that DC is a crowded city and traffic should be anticipated during rush hours. Due to Continental Congress's proximity to the White House, please also keep in mind that traffic may increase due to motorcades or road closures by the Secret Service.



## **Ride Share Apps**

Ride share apps like Uber and Lyft are a good and sometimes cheaper alternative to taxis. Payment is cashless and tied to your registered credit card. Additionally, you will receive an email receipt for every ride. If you are not already registered for one of these apps, search for Uber or Lyft in the Apple or Google Play Store, download, and follow the instructions to get started.

When using a ride share app, please note the following safety tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience: <https://www.uber.com/ride/safety/>

**Tip:** When leaving NSDAR Headquarters at busy times (i.e. after an evening ceremony or business session), traffic increases and it might be difficult and time consuming for your driver to get to your specific location. After evening ceremonies, only official taxis – not Ubers or Lyfts – are allowed on the D Street ramp outside of Constitution Hall. If you choose to use a ride share app during one of these busy times, we suggest you walk half a block or so and request your ride from there. For example, you could walk to the Department of Interior (18 & C Streets) or the American Red Cross building (17<sup>th</sup> and E Streets) for an easier and more convenient pickup location.

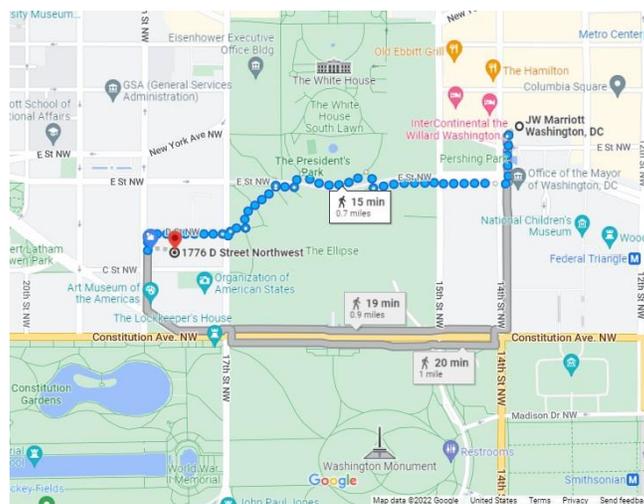


## Walking

One of the most convenient and direct ways to travel between the JW Marriott Hotel and NSDAR Headquarters is to walk across the Ellipse and then down 17<sup>th</sup> Street to NSDAR Headquarters. This walk is about 0.7 miles. The shortest walking route between DAR Constitution Hall and the JW Marriott Hotel is shown in the map linked below.

View for map:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/5cQ43uwnRuV3swH56>



Washington, DC is frequently named one of the most walkable cities in America due to its beautiful historic buildings and accessible neighborhoods. Why not take advantage of the scenery while visiting your nation's capital?

**Estimated Time:** 15 minutes

**Things to look out for:** Please be advised that portions of Pennsylvania Avenue close from time to time according to White House activities and security procedures, including motorcades. Closure of Pennsylvania Avenue would be indicated by blocked foot traffic on the street and increased security personnel, who would direct pedestrians to a different route.