

The USCG Offices in the Ballston Commons Plaza are located above the [Ballston Common Mall](#) in [Arlington, VA](#). It can be reached by driving and is conveniently located next to the [Ballston Metro Station](#).

## **Airports**

There are three primary airports that individuals can reach the Washington DC area. In order of convenience for travel to the Ballston Offices are:

1. [Reagan National Airport](#)
2. [Dulles International Airport](#)
3. [Baltimore/Washington International \(BWI\) Airport](#)

[BWI](#) is located near Baltimore approximately 50 minutes drive (without traffic). While some carriers offer lower costs to [BWI](#), for the purposes of traveling to Ballston the savings will most likely be offset by ground transportation costs.

[Reagan National](#) has the convenience of having a metro station located at the airport, while [Dulles](#) has the ability to receive more nonstop flights from around the nation.

## **Train**

[AMTRAK](#) and commuter rail services ([VRE](#) & [MARC](#)) provide train service to [Union Station](#) in Washington, DC. There is a [metro station](#) located there for further travel to the Ballston Offices.

## **Driving**

The Washington DC metro area has some of the worst traffic in the nation with the worst times being the morning and evening rush hour and Friday afternoons/evenings. There are many directions to approach the Ballston area and a [map](#) should be consulted to plan the route. Of critical note, while Ballston is located off an exit of Interstate 66, that portion of I-66 is HOV-2 (minimum of two occupants per vehicle) at certain times. [HOV-2 rules](#) are active heading east into the city from 0630 to 0900 and westbound out of the city from 1600 to 1830.

A [Parking Garage](#) is located at the [Ballston Common Mall](#) and additional parking options are readily available in the neighboring buildings.

**From the North:** Take I-495 South to Route 66 East, exit 71 (Fairfax Drive/Glebe Road). Stay in the right hand lane and follow Glebe Road. Ballston Common Mall will be on your left where Glebe Road and Wilson Boulevard intersect.

*or*

Take I-495 (the Beltway) to Route 50 East (Arlington Boulevard). Go several miles, until you've passed Seven Corners and Patrick Henry Drive. Take the right exit for Carlin Springs Drive. At the end of the exit ramp, turn left. Follow Carlin Springs until it ends in the [Ballston Parking Garage](#).

**From the South:** Take I-95 North to I-395 North, exit 7B (Glebe Road/Route 120 North). Continue for approximately 3 miles. Ballston Common Mall will be on your right, just past Randolph Street.

**From the West:** Take Route 66 East, exit 71 (Fairfax Drive/Glebe Road). Stay in the right hand lane and follow Glebe Road. Ballston Common Mall will be on your left where Glebe Road and Wilson Boulevard intersect.

**From the East/Washington, DC:** Take Route 66 West, exit 71 (Glebe Road). Turn left onto Glebe Road South and continue on for about 1 mile. Ballston Common Mall will be on your left where Glebe Road and Wilson Boulevard intersect.

*or*

Take I-395 south out of Washington DC (Do not use the HOV lanes on I-395 because they will not allow you to exit near Glebe Road.) Take Exit 7B onto Glebe Road. Go for about 3 miles; Ballston Common Mall will be on your right after you pass Randolph Street. Turn right into the [Ballston Parking Garage](#).

### **Metro**

[Metro](#) is the DC area transit rail and is the recommended method of travel through the DC area and to the Ballston Offices. Take the orange line to [Ballston-MU Station](#).

Detailed Directions to the Ballston Offices from the Metro can be found on CGPC's home page.

### **Hotels**

See a list of [hotels](#) closest to the Ballston Offices.