Transport in Boston and getting around the Harvard campuses:
Harvard University provides free shuttles to and from its campuses; there are clear instructions on the routes and shuttle times, which are different for the weekdays and weekends as well as during peak and slow hours of the day. Students and staff need a Harvard ID to be allowed to use this service.


Public transportation: The Trains and Buses (Boston “T”)
Boston has a great public transportation system, which makes it easy to get around. The city uses the same ticket payment system which can be used interchangeably for both their Trains (subway) or famously known as the “T” and the bus. The normal cost for one route (even if connecting between different “T” lines and/or buses) is $2.00. However, its best advised to purchase the Charlie Card, which is a durable and rechargeable card (like an ATM card). You can top up your card using a MBTA vending machine using both debit/credit cards as well as cash. Using a Charlie card gives one a discount and the price per route becomes $1.70 instead of $2.00. The cards are found at major stations and some convenience stores like 711.

As a student, if you know you will be commuting to school, you are best advised to get either a monthly Charlie card or even better a semester card, which can be provided upon request through the HSPH Office of Student Affairs. The student cards are sold at discounted rates.

Where can I get a Charlie card close to HSPH?

Shaw’s Supermarket
1065 Commonwealth Ave.
Hours: Mon. - Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sat: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Pass Types Sold: Stored Value (up to $100.00) All MBTA Monthly passes (excluding student), All Commuter Rail Tickets including Ten Ride (full and half fare), 1-Day LinkPass, 7-Day LinkPass.
Payment Methods: Cash and Commuter Checks.
This location services CharlieCards and CharlieTickets.
Monthly passes are sold starting the 15th of the prior month until the 14th of the current month.

Commonwealth Ave. Sonoco
850 Commonwealth Ave.
Pass Types Sold: Stored Value (up to $100.00), all MBTA Monthly passes (excluding student), All Commuter Rail Tickets including Ten Ride (full and half fare), 1-Day LinkPass, 7-Day LinkPass.
Payment Methods: Cash and Commuter Checks.
This location services CharlieCards and CharlieTickets.

7 - Eleven
722 Huntington Ave.
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Pass Types Sold: Stored Value (up to $100.00), all Commuter Rail tickets, including Ten and Twelve Ride, 1-Day LinkPass, 7-Day LinkPass.
Payment Methods: Cash and Commuter Checks.
This location services CharlieCards and CharlieTickets. Monthly passes are sold starting the 15th of the prior month until the 14th of the current month.

The Green T Coffee Shop
Address 754 Huntington Ave
(between Fenwood Rd & Wait St)
Boston, MA 02115
Cash only