

Fleet Vehicle Guidelines

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In an effort to reduce travel expenditures and become more fiscally responsible, the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) is implementing a new Travel Policy and reinstating the use of fleet vehicles for business related travel purposes. These vehicles will be placed in high travel areas but can be relocated at any time if not utilized.

Prior to utilizing the vehicle, you must have confirmed that you have read all policies related to travel and have meet all requirements of a driver through the statewide Fleet Management Coordinator. Use of the fleet vehicle is **required** unless it is unavailable.

Best Practices:

- 1. The vehicle should be used in the most cost-effective way (ex: if two people are trying to schedule the vehicle at the same time, the person with the costliest expense should receive preference).
- 2. When the vehicle is requested by two people at the same time, the local fleet coordinator will make the decision on the best utilization of the vehicle. Therefore, you must contact the local fleet coordinator in the event you request use of the vehicle and it is already reserved.
- 3. If you are unable to use the vehicle, you will complete a Vehicle Cost Comparison form to determine the most cost effective transportation rental or personal vehicle. The local fleet coordinator will notify you of any cancellations.

Assigned Vehicles:

- 1. Each fleet vehicle comes with an assigned fuel card.
- 2. When you are approved as a driver, you will be given a PIN number to use when purchasing fuel for the vehicle with this assigned card. (You will be required to review Wright Express Card Usage Procedures and Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) Statewide Fuel Card Standards & Guidelines prior to being approved as a driver. Please reach out to Fleet@gvs.ga.gov to be added as an approved driver.

A local fleet coordinator will be assigned at each vehicle location to assist with scheduling, collection and distribution of keys, fuel cards, and oversee the use of the vehicle.

Local Fleet Coordinator responsibilities:

- Assist local staff with vehicle scheduling in Outlook
- If multiple requestors, determine most effective use of vehicle
- If multiple requestors, notify others of cancellations and availability



- Retain keys and fuel card and disperse to drivers
- Maintain and update vehicle logs with the following: mileage log, secure place for fuel card, receptacle for receipts, these guidelines, state liability card, accident instructions, Wright Express Card Usage Procedure and DOAS Statewide Fuel Card Standards & Guidelines
- Ensure drivers are completing log book (in the vehicle) and adding fuel receipts to the pouch located in the log book
- Check log's enclosed pouch for gas receipts and remove when full
- Create and maintain a file record of receipts; you may do this electronically or by keeping paper copies with the original attached(log must be scanned and sent to Fleet@gvs.ga.gov by the last business day of every month)
- Coordinate monthly automatic wash of vehicle with drivers
- Report all damage to the statewide Fleet Management Coordinator(Report to <u>Fleet@gvs.ga.gov</u>)

Driver responsibilities:

- Schedule use of vehicle through Outlook (if unavailable, check with local fleet coordinator to determine which trip receives precedence and then, if necessary, complete Vehicle Cost Comparison form to determine the most cost effective alternative option)
- After approval, retrieve keys from Local Fleet Coordinator
- Record beginning trip mileage on the mileage log in vehicle
- Return vehicle with a full tank of fuel
- Insert fuel receipt into receptacle
- Record end trip mileage on the mileage log in vehicle
- Ensure vehicle is clean and void of trash
- Return keys to Local Fleet Coordinator

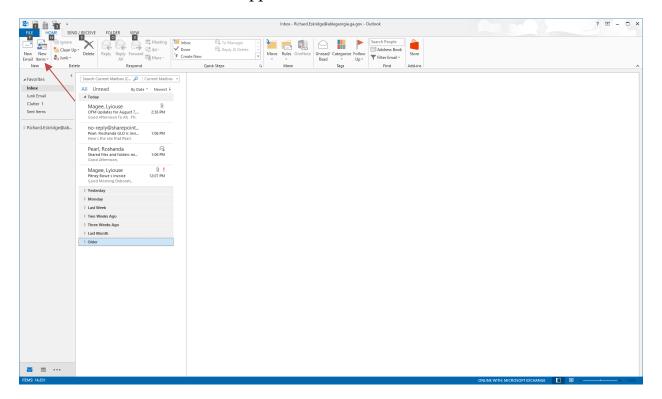
Please remember:

- NO smoking in vehicle
- NO alcohol, narcotics, illegal drugs in vehicle
- NO use of cell phone unless hands free per state law
- NO personal use of vehicle

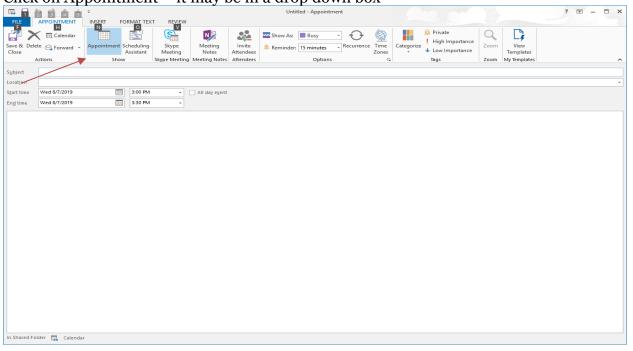
Instructions for reserving a vehicle in Outlook email:



Click on New Items Icon in the upper left hand corner

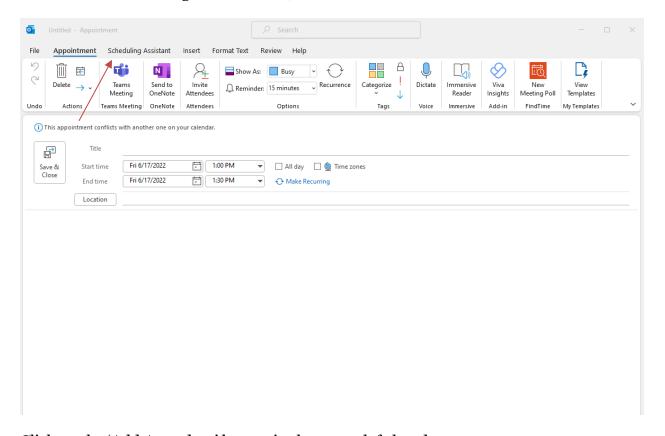


Click on Appointment – it may be in a drop down box

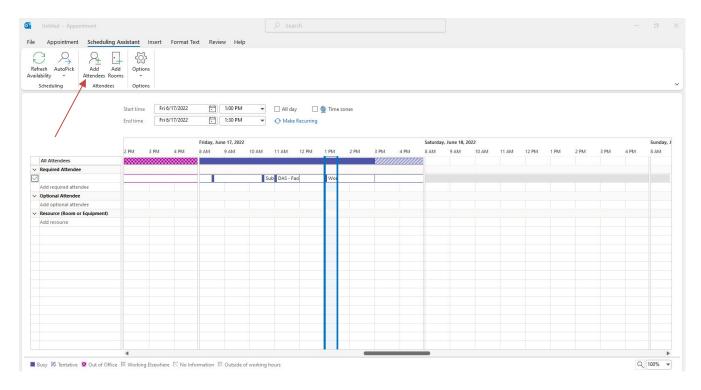




Click on the 'Scheduling Assistant' tab,

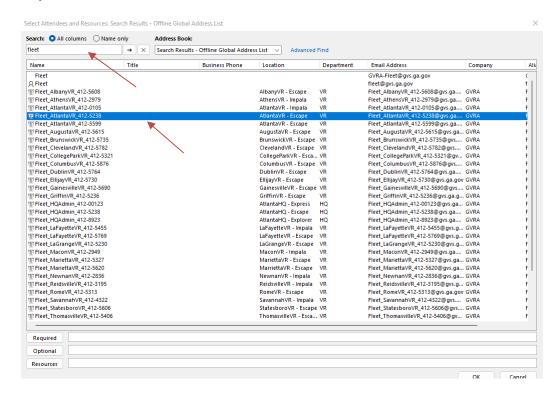


Click on the 'Add Attendees' button in the upper left-hand corner

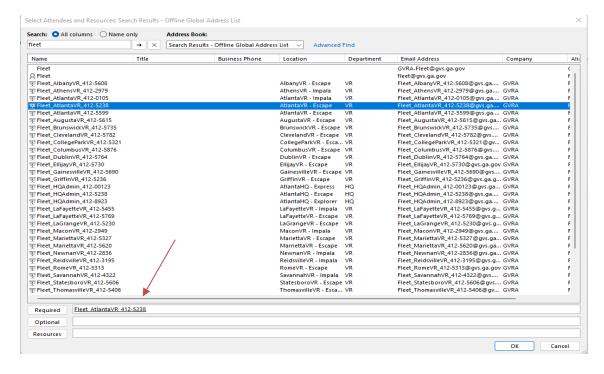




Search the word "Fleet", the list of vehicles will appear; double click on the vehicle that is located closest to you

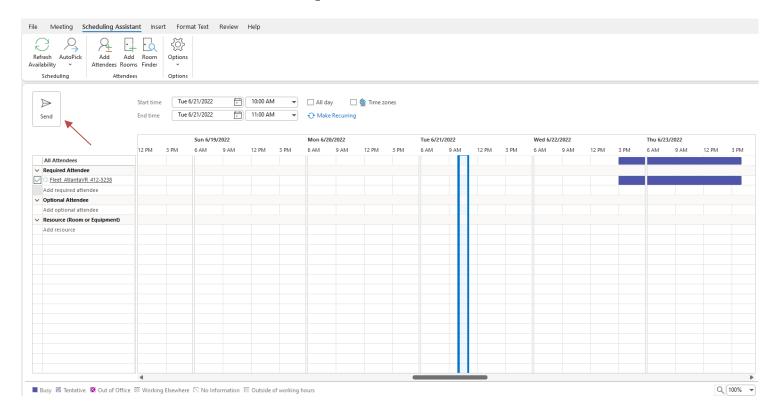


That vehicle will show in the 'Required' section at the bottom of the page Click 'OK'





You will see that the vehicle is available or has been reserved by someone else If available, click the 'Send' button to complete the reservation

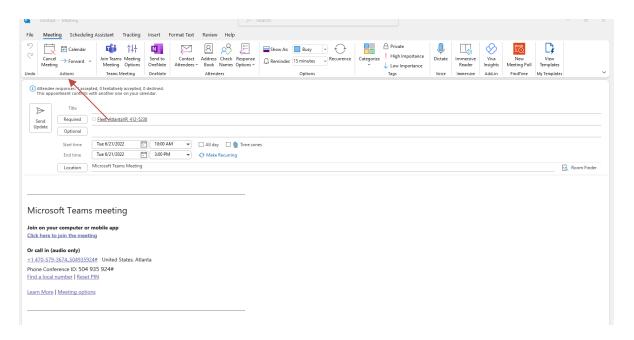


You will receive an email stating "your request was accepted" or "your request was denied" Once accepted, the reservation will appear on your Outlook calendar



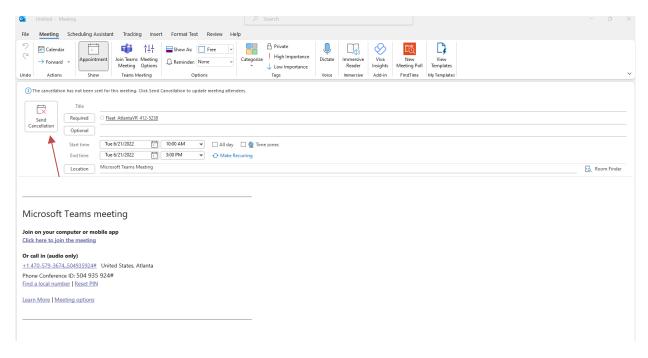
In the event, you need to cancel your reservation:

Double click the reservation on your Outlook calendar and this screen will appear Click 'Cancel Meeting' in the upper left hand corner



Click 'Send Cancellation'

Your reservation is removed from your calendar and the local fleet coordinator receives an email notification of your cancellation





Notes:

- Local fleet coordinator will have the final approval in the event of a scheduling conflict
- If the vehicle is not available when you go to reserve, notify your local fleet coordinator so that she can determine the most cost effective use of the vehicle and also notify requestors of any cancellations
- Logs must be completed in their entirety
- Keys must be returned at the conclusion of the trip
- You must adhere to the times of your reservation as other employees may be waiting to use the vehicle when you return
- Teamwork and communication are extremely important in this process please be mindful of your fellow employees
- For additional information regarding fleet vehicles, please visit http://doas.ga.gov/fleet-management