1. Transportation Options from Los Angeles World Airport (LAX) to the Wilshire Grand Hotel

All transportation options at LAX begin on the street in front of the baggage claim area. You must go to the baggage claim area in your arrival terminal even if you do not have checked baggage. Exit the baggage claim area to the street, and there will be a variety of marked areas devoted to various transportation options—just look up and the signs directing you to various areas will be visible.

1. Taxis

Taxis line up in a special area, and there will be a concierge to assist you. A taxi from LAX to the Wilshire Grand Hotel will cost about $45.00.

2. Shuttles

Downtown Shuttles are constantly available, and circulate around the terminal until they have a minimum number of passengers. There is no reason to reserve a seat, as you can simply flag one down at the shuttle area in front of your terminal. Just look for one that says “Downtown.” The cost to downtown should be around $25 to $30.

3. LAX buses/Metro trains

There are two different public transportation options to the hotel. The first is the Metro Train system. In order to catch a train, you must first board the LAX bus labeled “Aviation Station” for a short ride to the train station. Then catch the Green line east, and change trains at the Imperial/Wilmington Station for the Blue line north to the 7th Street Metro Center. This is the cheapest option (under $3.00) and the one unaffected by Los Angeles traffic (!!!).

The other option is the “Flyaway Bus.” These buses—which are large and comfortable travel coaches—will take you to Union Station, where you can then take the Metro Red or Purple Line to the 7th Street Metro Center. These buses cost $7.00 one way and are a relaxing ride, although they can get caught in freeway traffic during the week.

4. Rental cars.

All rental cars are located at lots off-site, and are accessed by rental car company vans. From these lots, the most direct route to the Wilshire Grand Hotel is to drive north on Airport to La Tijera, make a right turn, and follow La Tijera northeast to La Cienega. Make a left turn onto La Cienega and follow it over the hills (covered by oil wells) to the 10 Freeway. Take the 10 east (ramp will be on the left) to the 110 north, and then take the W9th Street exit. Make a left on S. Figueroa St., and follow it up to the hotel, which will be on the left. The hotel parking area is accessed off of W7th Street. See Maps 1 and 2 for directions.
II. Transportation Options from Union Station to the Wilshire Grand Hotel

Both the Red and Purple Metro trains go from Union Station to the 7th Street Metro Center. The local DASH buses also go to the Center (look for the purple bus stop placards), but not after 6pm, and they are intermittent on weekends. Taxis are also available.

III. Transportation Options from The Wilshire Grand Hotel to UCLA

Take the Wilshire Rapid bus (720 or 920) west from the 7th Street Metro Center to Westwood Blvd. Change buses to the “Big Blue Bus” numbers 1, 2, 3, 8, or 12, and take them up the hill to UCLA. From the bus stop, it’s an easy walk to the Schoenberg Music Building. The Wilshire Rapid bus does not offer transfers to any other buses, so taking the Big Blue Bus from Westwood Blvd up to campus saves money. Just reverse the process to return to the Hotel.

IV. Parking information at the Wilshire Grand Hotel and vicinity

Parking at the Wilshire Grand runs $35.00 per 24-hour period. For daily commuters the Wilshire Grand has agreed to provide daily parking in the amount of $15/vehicle/day. To receive this rate, commuters need to bring her/his dispenser stub to the SEM Conference desk located at the Group Registration area on the Ballroom Level, and there the stub will be stamped. This stamp will indicate that vehicle is to receive the discounted rate.

There are other parking options if you are willing to walk a few blocks. For outdoor daily parking (not overnight), there is a lot that costs $5 per day located on South Bixel Street, across the 110 (Harbor) FWY between 7th street and Wilshire Boulevard. This lot is about three blocks from the hotel. For overnight, covered parking, there is a lot on South Flower Street (next to the Milner Hotel) between W. 8th and W. 9th Street with parking costs of $10 per 24 hours. This lot is about three and a half blocks from the hotel. See parking lot locations on Map 2.