

FINDING THE S.C.T. OFFICE IN ZAPOPAN

The S.C.T. is at #477 Avenida Tesistan at the corner of Constitución in Zapopan. Here are four ways to get there from the Chapala lakeside area.

1. The safest and easiest way is to hire a cab for the entire journey. The Spring 2001 fare for the trip there, back, and in between was 600 pesos. A San Antonio cabbie who knows the entire process is Cruz Moreida. He speaks and can translate English. His phone is 766-0769.
2. If expense is a consideration as well as safety, another choice is to go by bus and city taxi. Take any local bus to the Chapala bus station. Buy a ticket for the Plus, or Directo, to Guadalajara. The ticket will have the bus number and your reserved seat number. The busses leave every half hour. Relax and enjoy the movie. The end of the line is at the old bus station. Outside, get a cab to the S.C.T. Return by hailing a cab outside the S.C.T. Take it to the old bus station, called "Camion Central Viejo." Find the ticket booth marked Chapala, and buy a return ticket back. The day's cab and bus fares will total about 240 pesos.
3. The driving route with least city traffic is by the Anillo Periferico around Guadalajara. From Chapala, take the highway to Guadalajara. Go under the Periferico overpass and turn right onto the clover leaf to enter the Periferico. Take the Periferico west, then north, and finally northeast around Guadalajara. Pass the Major intersections of Mariano Otero, Avenida Vallarta (to Tepic), and Aquaducto. Exit at the next ramp after Aquaducto and continue on the frontage road parallel to the Periferico. Turn right at the first stop light. This will be Margarita, which passes under the Periferico on the left. Proceed south east on Margarita to the next stoplight, and turn oblique right onto Avenida Tesistan. Watch for the many antennas of the high brown fenced S.C.T. complex on the right. Turn right onto Constitución. Drive into the complex by turning right through the brown wood gate and park. To return, take Tesistan to Margarita, go under the Periferico, and then immediately turn left onto the frontage road. Proceed to the stop lighted intersection, and angle right onto the Periferico. Follow the signs to Chapala.
4. The most direct driving route is through Guadalajara. Here is one slightly elongated but negotiable for those unfamiliar with the city. It might serve ex-taxi drivers well. First, check your insurance, and then proceed as above until the Periferico intersects Lopez Mateo. Exit right and stay on Lopez Mateo most of the way through Guadalajara. You will pass the Plaza del Sol shopping center on the right and eventually go through a long tunnel. After emerging, watch for the Intersection with Avenida Mexico as a guide. After Mexico, continue on Mateo until the intersection with Avenida de las Americas, and turn left. Americas passes both a country club and then Plaza Patria on the right. It curves somewhat left, right, left, and then considerably to the right. At the center of Zapopan, there is a large intersection where Avila Camacho enters from the right and joins Americas. You will see the Zapopan plaza and Basilica on the left. Go through the Camacho intersection and immediately get into the left turn lane. Turn left onto Hidalgo at the light and will pass along side the Basilica. Hidalgo's name then changes to Gonzales Ortega. It swings right onto Bella Vista. Stay with it. You will shortly come to a corner where you are forced to turn right. You will be on Constitución. The S.C.T. antennas will quickly become visible on the left. Turn left into the S.C.T. compound and park.