

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Q1. From the following options, please select the *one* that best describes your relationship with Virginia Tech

Response Options	N	%
1. Faculty	895	11%
2. Staff	1291	16%
3. Graduate Student	648	8%
4. Undergraduate Resident	1431	18%
5. Undergraduate Commuter	3770	47%
Totals	8035	100%

Q2. What type of parking permit do you currently use?

Response Options	N	%
1. Faculty/Staff	2093	26%
2. Commuter	3706	46%
3. Graduate Student	574	7%
4. Resident	1261	16%
5. N/A (I don't have a permit)	400	5%
Totals	8034	100%

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Q3. What is your MOST FREQUENT means of transportation to/from campus?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Car – single occupant	633	44%	2323	62%	460	71%	1116	87%	784	88%
2. Car – carpool	299	21%	733	19%	55	8%	135	10%	53	6%
3. Blacksburg Transit (BT) Bus	126	9%	456	12%	59	9%	14	1%	9	1%
4. Bicycle	35	2%	69	2%	30	5%	7	1%	21	2%
5. Walk	332	23%	166	4%	41	6%	13	1%	25	3%
6. Motorcycle	1	0%	17	0%	1	0%	1	0%	0	0%
7. Other	4	0%	4	0%	2	0%	4	0%	1	0%
Totals	1430	100%	3768	100%	648	100%	1290	100%	893	100%

Q4. What is your SECOND most frequent means of transportation to/from campus?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Car – single occupant	320	22%	807	21%	137	21%	297	23%	140	16%
2. Car – carpool	350	24%	1186	32%	116	18%	200	16%	115	13%
3. Blacksburg Transit (BT) Bus	306	21%	984	26%	145	22%	52	4%	66	7%
4. Bicycle	67	5%	180	5%	55	9%	22	2%	57	6%
5. Walk	223	16%	244	6%	58	9%	60	5%	89	10%
6. Motorcycle	5	0%	23	1%	7	1%	9	1%	10	1%
7. None, always use method in #3	148	10%	331	9%	126	19%	635	49%	410	46%
8. Other	10	1%	10	0%	3	0%	14	1%	4	0%
Totals	1429	100%	3765	100%	647	100%	1289	100%	891	100%

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Q5. Where on campus do you work, or spend the majority of your time?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. A residence hall	898	63%	38	1%	32	5%	5	0%	9	1%
2. Vet Med area (Region 2)	11	1%	26	1%	34	5%	62	5%	45	5%
3. North Drillfield area (Region 3)	103	7%	2033	54%	312	48%	307	25%	336	38%
4. Upper Quad area (Region 4)	104	7%	115	3%	34	5%	73	6%	77	9%
5. Library-Squires area (Region 5)	38	3%	264	7%	49	8%	145	12%	70	8%
6. South Drillfield area (Region 6)	173	12%	328	9%	89	14%	213	17%	172	20%
7. Wallace-Litton Reaves area (Region 7)	35	2%	468	12%	54	8%	92	7%	98	11%
8. Southgate-Stadium area (Region 8)	16	1%	53	1%	6	1%	227	18%	40	5%
9. Off-campus leased space	13	1%	300	8%	15	2%	101	8%	28	3%
10. Other	38	3%	133	4%	20	3%	16	1%	1	0%
Totals	1429	100%	3758	100%	645	100%	1241	100%	876	100%

Q6. How far do you live from the edge of campus?

Response Options	Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Less than ½ mile	323	9%	46	7%	20	2%	29	3%
2. Between ½ and 1 mile	827	22%	102	16%	58	5%	61	7%
3. Between 1 and 2 miles	1373	37%	173	27%	115	9%	164	18%
4. Between 2 and 5 miles	978	26%	170	26%	234	18%	297	33%
5. Between 5 and 10 miles	118	3%	51	8%	270	21%	188	21%
6. More than 10 miles	120	3%	70	11%	588	46%	148	17%
7. Live on campus	19	1%	34	5%	2	0%	7	1%
Totals	3758	100%	646	100%	1287	100%	894	100%

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Q7. How far do you live from the nearest Blacksburg Transit (BT) stop?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. 1 block	665	47%	2143	57%	269	42%	133	10%	115	13%
2. 2 blocks	235	16%	696	18%	84	13%	62	5%	78	9%
3. 3 blocks	96	7%	311	8%	55	9%	33	3%	59	7%
4. Between 3 and 4 blocks	54	4%	176	5%	41	6%	58	4%	70	8%
5. More than 4 blocks	6	0%	167	4%	59	9%	154	12%	235	26%
6. N/A – I do not live in Blacksburg	31	2%	154	4%	90	14%	804	62%	291	33%
7. I don't know	343	24%	120	3%	49	8%	46	4%	46	5%
Totals	1430	100%	3767	100%	647	100%	1290	100%	894	100%

Q8. How many hours do you normally spend on campus during a typical work/school day?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. 1 hour or less	13	1%	34	1%	5	1%	65	5%	11	1%
2. Between 1 and 2 hours	18	1%	68	2%	17	3%	9	1%	1	0%
3. Between 2 and 4 hours	57	4%	1021	27%	86	13%	12	1%	9	1%
4. Between 4 and 6 hours	103	7%	1693	45%	133	21%	26	2%	48	5%
5. Between 6 and 8 hours	72	5%	675	18%	199	31%	281	22%	213	24%
6. More than 8 hours	1150	81%	268	7%	208	32%	890	69%	610	68%
Totals	1413	100%	3759	100%	648	100%	1283	100%	894	100%

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Q9. From the time you leave home, how long does it typically take you to travel to the edge of campus?

Response Options	Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Less than 1 minute	65	2%	17	3%	7	1%	9	1%
2. Between 1 and 2 minutes	358	10%	37	6%	21	2%	27	3%
3. Between 2 and 5 minutes	1577	42%	161	25%	124	10%	145	16%
4. Between 5 and 10 minutes	1217	32%	220	34%	224	17%	310	35%
5. Between 10 and 20 minutes	375	10%	116	18%	334	26%	251	28%
6. Between 20 and 30 minutes	81	2%	32	5%	322	25%	81	9%
7. More than 30 minutes	59	2%	38	6%	239	19%	61	7%
8. N/A – I usually don't drive to campus	28	1%	23	4%	16	1%	9	1%
Totals	3760	100%	644	100%	1287	100%	893	100%

Q10. How long does it typically take you to find a parking space if you arrive on campus between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.?

Response Options	Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Less than 1 minute	203	5%	81	13%	454	35%	322	36%
2. Between 1 and 2 minutes	320	9%	77	12%	203	16%	161	18%
3. Between 2 and 5 minutes	659	18%	111	17%	241	19%	165	19%
4. Between 5 and 10 minutes	1078	29%	137	21%	179	14%	144	16%
5. Between 10 and 20 minutes	887	24%	109	17%	100	8%	41	5%
6. Between 20 and 30 minutes	282	7%	35	5%	16	1%	13	1%
7. More than 30 minutes	107	3%	21	3%	15	1%	1	0%
8. N/A – I usually don't drive to campus	225	6%	72	11%	78	6%	43	5%
Totals	3761	100%	643	100%	1286	100%	890	100%

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Q11. How long does it typically take you to find a parking space if you arrive on campus between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.?

Response Options	Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Less than 1 minute	40	1%	23	4%	127	10%	64	7%
2. Between 1 and 2 minutes	78	2%	33	5%	118	9%	78	9%
3. Between 2 and 5 minutes	224	6%	50	8%	195	15%	189	21%
4. Between 5 and 10 minutes	609	16%	112	17%	256	20%	228	26%
5. Between 10 and 20 minutes	1224	33%	179	28%	295	23%	195	22%
6. Between 20 and 30 minutes	852	23%	97	15%	137	11%	60	7%
7. More than 30 minutes	487	13%	68	11%	84	7%	31	3%
8. N/A – I usually don't drive to campus	249	7%	80	12%	73	6%	44	5%
Totals	3763	100%	642	100%	1285	100%	889	100%

Q12. In general, how long does it take you to get from your parking space to you office, job, or class?

Response Options	Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Less than 1 minute	33	1%	15	2%	171	13%	106	12%
2. Between 1 and 2 minutes	86	2%	40	6%	250	19%	156	17%
3. Between 2 and 5 minutes	661	18%	185	29%	562	44%	403	45%
4. Between 5 and 10 minutes	1870	50%	237	37%	243	19%	180	20%
5. Between 10 and 20 minutes	885	24%	98	15%	21	2%	26	3%
6. Between 20 and 30 minutes	69	2%	12	2%	1	0%	1	0%
7. More than 30 minutes	18	0%	7	1%	2	0%	2	0%
8. N/A – I don't commute	143	4%	50	8%	39	3%	19	2%
Totals	3765	100%	644	100%	1289	100%	893	100%

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Q13. How often do you use Blacksburg Transit (BT) to get to campus?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. None	716	50%	1150	31%	322	50%	1153	89%	714	80%
2. Once every 6 months	93	7%	455	12%	71	11%	77	6%	112	13%
3. Once every month	157	11%	593	16%	89	14%	26	2%	36	4%
4. Once a week	271	19%	610	16%	67	10%	15	1%	15	2%
5. Several times per week	184	13%	949	25%	96	15%	18	1%	15	2%
Totals	1421	100%	3757	100%	645	100%	1289	100%	892	100%

FUTURE ISSUES

Next we ask you to answer some questions about what you think should happen in the future at Virginia Tech regarding Transportation and Parking. But first, here are some background facts. At the present time, the ratio of parking spaces to permit holders is favorable when compared to most other Universities. Additionally, the cost of a parking permit at Virginia Tech is low compared to the cost at most other Universities. However, the total population on campus has grown somewhat in recent years, with no increase in available parking spaces. A number of new buildings have and are being built with no new parking. In some cases the new buildings actually cause a reduction in available parking spaces.

The population on campus is projected to increase in the next few years. While we cannot predict the future, it is quite reasonable to expect that there will be more people competing for the same number of parking spaces unless some action is taken. There is currently no available land near the main section of Campus that is suitable for new parking lots, unless significant green spaces were converted to parking.

Given the information above, the following potential options are presented for your consideration: Parking Garages, Satellite Parking, Designated Parking Lots, Car/Van Pooling, Enhanced Blacksburg Transit Service, and Enhanced Walking/Biking Trails.

PARKING GARAGES: One possible way to increase the number of available parking spaces on campus is to build one or more Parking Garages. At today's cost, a typical Parking Garage has about 500 spaces and costs about \$7 Million. This means an annual debt service of between \$500,000 and \$700,000. Compare this to the current annual revenue from parking permits of about \$700,000. Thus the total revenue would need to double if even one parking garage were constructed. Please consider this information and respond to the following questions:

Q14. Three locations have been studied for a possible Parking Garage. If a Garage were to be built, at which location would you prefer?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Stranger Street Lot	446	31%	2352	63%	375	59%	425	34%	311	36%
2. Schultz Dining Facility Lot	233	16%	399	11%	73	11%	145	11%	102	12%
3. Donaldson Brown Hotel Parking Lot	737	52%	979	26%	192	30%	692	55%	447	52%
Totals	1416	100%	3730	100%	640	100%	1262	100%	861	100%

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Q 15. If a Parking Garage is built, how should it be paid for?

Response Options	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Spread the cost to the whole parking community by raising all parking permit fees (Permit cost could rise to \$100-\$120 to cover cost)	455	32%	1618	44%	186	29%	189	15%	180	21%
2. Only direct users of the Garage should pay costs (Daily rate could be as much as \$3-\$5. Permit holder would have to pay to use garage)	456	32%	964	26%	239	37%	652	52%	355	41%
3. Use a combination of both permit increase (possibly increase to \$60 to \$90) and daily fee for direct Garage users (possibly \$2-\$5)	499	35%	1118	30%	214	33%	396	32%	334	38%
Totals	1410	100%	3700	100%	639	100%	1237	100%	869	100%

Q 16. Parking Garage(s) should be built at Virginia Tech

Response Option	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	483	34%	1550	41%	210	32%	306	24%	203	23%
2. Agree	396	28%	1036	28%	163	25%	277	21%	187	21%
3. Slightly Agree	320	22%	659	18%	117	18%	294	23%	165	19%
4. Slightly Disagree	75	5%	193	5%	52	8%	96	7%	82	9%
5. Disagree	78	5%	171	5%	49	8%	132	10%	114	13%
6. Strongly Disagree	77	5%	151	4%	57	9%	185	14%	139	16%
Totals	1429	100%	3760	100%	648	100%	1290	100%	890	100%
Response Mean	2.37		2.16		2.60		3.02		3.15	
Response Standard Deviation	1.41		1.35		1.60		1.71		1.76	

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SATELLITE PARKING (*Park & Ride*): Another way to increase the availability of parking is to provide shuttle service from satellite parking lots (perhaps near the Stadium or the Airport). A typical scenario would be a shuttle that runs every 10 minutes during workdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and every 30 minutes on the off-hours, taking 15 minutes to reach most destinations on Campus. The annual operating expense for such a system might be \$100,000, resulting in a \$15 increase in permit cost. With a satellite parking system, while you would need to spend time on the shuttle, you would not need to spend time finding a parking space. Satellite Parking permits would likely be cheaper than regular campus parking permits.

Q 17. A Satellite Parking System should be created at Virginia Tech

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	263	18%	633	17%	142	22%	146	11%	113	13%
2. Agree	410	29%	818	22%	140	22%	259	20%	175	20%
3. Slightly Agree	398	28%	985	26%	161	25%	320	25%	200	22%
4. Slightly Disagree	142	10%	478	13%	55	9%	148	12%	110	12%
5. Disagree	97	7%	434	12%	67	10%	189	15%	130	15%
6. Strongly Disagree	118	8%	415	11%	82	13%	224	17%	162	18%
Totals	1428	100%	3763	100%	647	100%	1286	100%	890	100%
Response Mean	2.83		3.13		3.02		3.51		3.51	
Response Standard Deviation	1.45		1.57		1.65		1.64		1.67	

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Q 18. I would be willing to use the Satellite Parking

Response Option	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	218	15%	465	12%	102	16%	85	7%	51	6%
2. Agree	396	28%	809	21%	136	21%	186	14%	100	11%
3. Slightly Agree	402	28%	932	25%	118	18%	215	17%	145	16%
4. Slightly Disagree	137	10%	471	13%	71	11%	151	12%	83	9%
5. Disagree	138	10%	541	14%	93	14%	248	19%	172	19%
6. Strongly Disagree	138	10%	548	15%	128	20%	402	31%	337	38%
Totals	1429	100%	3766	100%	648	100%	1287	100%	888	100%
Response Mean	3.00		3.39		3.46		4.16		4.39	
Response Standard Deviation	1.50		1.60		1.76		1.66		1.64	

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DESIGNATED PARKING LOTS: Another option to increase parking availability is to designate specific permits for specific lots (*i.e.*, blue F/S lot, orange C/G lot, etc.). Virginia Tech would then only issue a specified number of permits for each designated area. The parking lots closest to central campus buildings would cost more than for those further out (*i.e.*, \$120 for the closest lots and \$30 for those further out).

Q 19. Designated Parking Lots for Faculty and Staff should be installed at Virginia Tech

Response Options	Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	240	19%	193	22%
2. Agree	195	15%	172	19%
3. Slightly Agree	212	16%	152	17%
4. Slightly Disagree	111	9%	74	8%
5. Disagree	208	16%	108	12%
6. Strongly Disagree	320	25%	193	22%
Totals	1286	100%	892	100%
Response Mean	3.63		3.35	
Response Standard Deviation	1.87		1.86	

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PARKING GATES: Electronic Parking Gates could be installed on parking lots closest to central campus buildings to deny access to unauthorized users. Authorized users would activate the gate with the Hokie Passport or purchase an electronic sensor to automatically open the gate. The gates would increase the availability of spaces but may also create some congestion at the entrance to the parking lot.

Q 20. I would be willing to have Parking Gates installed on Faculty/Staff Lots

	Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	293	23%	265	30%
2. Agree	276	21%	198	22%
3. Slightly Agree	215	17%	120	13%
4. Slightly Disagree	108	8%	83	9%
5. Disagree	148	12%	94	11%
6. Strongly Disagree	246	19%	131	15%
Totals	1286	100%	891	100%
Response Mean	3.22		2.93	
Response Standard Deviation	1.84		1.80	

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CAR/VAN POOLING: Another way to increase parking availability is to reduce parking demand. One method is to designate several parking lots for carpooling only (2 or more occupants). The Car/Van Pool Permit would be cheaper (~\$20) than a regular permit and regular permits would cost more (~\$10) to pay for the Parking Lot Attendant.

Q 21. Some existing parking lots should be converted to Car/Van Pool lots

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	156	11%	665	18%	114	18%	105	8%	77	9%
2. Agree	271	19%	830	22%	113	17%	222	17%	148	17%
3. Slightly Agree	388	27%	954	25%	153	24%	314	24%	211	24%
4. Slightly Disagree	253	18%	516	14%	84	13%	185	14%	114	13%
5. Disagree	203	14%	418	11%	101	16%	220	17%	158	18%
6. Strongly Disagree	158	11%	377	10%	83	13%	240	19%	180	20%
Totals	1429	100%	3760	100%	648	100%	1286	100%	888	100%
Response Mean	3.38		3.09		3.30		3.71		3.75	
Response Standard Deviation	1.49		1.55		1.64		1.58		1.62	

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Q 22. I would use Car/Van Pool lots

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	161	11%	639	17%	75	12%	54	4%	29	3%
2. Agree	281	20%	895	24%	107	17%	100	8%	48	5%
3. Slightly Agree	317	22%	848	23%	127	20%	169	13%	82	9%
4. Slightly Disagree	245	17%	519	14%	90	14%	167	13%	118	13%
5. Disagree	225	16%	466	12%	126	19%	313	24%	205	23%
6. Strongly Disagree	197	14%	398	11%	123	19%	476	37%	402	45%
Totals	1426	100%	3765	100%	648	100%	1279	100%	884	100%
Response Mean	3.48		3.13		3.70		4.57		4.84	
Response Standard Deviation	1.57		1.58		1.66		1.50		1.40	

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ENHANCED BT SERVICE FOR STUDENTS: Another option to reduce parking demand in student lots is to encourage students to use the BT busses. This could be achieved by using a dual strategy: 1) enhance service so that busses run at 15 minute intervals through major apartment complexes and 2) charge students who live closest to BT stops (within ½ mile), more for parking permits (double or triple the standard student fee). The cost of the permit would incrementally decrease for students who live further away from bus stops. In this way, students who truly have no other way to travel to campus would have greater access to parking spaces.

Q 23. I would be willing to use the BT if service was improved (more routes and 15 minute interval pick-ups)?

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	392	28%	1187	32%	179	28%	138	11%	110	13%
2. Agree	416	29%	894	24%	163	25%	155	13%	118	14%
3. Slightly Agree	355	25%	779	21%	114	18%	217	18%	127	15%
4. Slightly Disagree	109	8%	325	9%	53	8%	100	8%	99	12%
5. Disagree	73	5%	282	8%	63	10%	225	19%	120	14%
6. Strongly Disagree	78	5%	285	8%	74	11%	374	31%	255	31%
Totals	1423	100%	3752	100%	646	100%	1209	100%	829	100%
Response Mean	2.50		2.59		2.81		4.02		3.92	
Response Standard Deviation	1.39		1.55		1.68		1.78		1.81	

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Q 24. Student Parking Permit cost should be based on access to BT bus stops

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	106	7%	339	9%	95	15%
2. Agree	164	12%	324	9%	69	11%
3. Slightly Agree	293	21%	560	15%	81	13%
4. Slightly Disagree	275	19%	560	15%	70	11%
5. Disagree	238	17%	651	17%	117	18%
6. Strongly Disagree	346	24%	1323	35%	212	33%
Totals	1422	100%	3757	100%	644	100%
Response Mean	3.99		4.29		4.06	
Response Standard Deviation	1.57		1.68		1.84	

Q 25. I am very knowledgeable about BT services

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	124	9%	669	18%	117	18%	102	8%	66	8%
2. Agree	312	22%	1103	29%	170	26%	176	14%	156	18%
3. Slightly Agree	400	28%	979	26%	122	19%	236	19%	172	20%
4. Slightly Disagree	245	17%	471	13%	76	12%	185	15%	122	14%
5. Disagree	204	14%	330	9%	94	15%	255	20%	161	19%
6. Strongly Disagree	140	10%	208	6%	68	11%	301	24%	184	21%
Totals	1425	100%	3760	100%	647	100%	1255	100%	861	100%
Response Mean	3.36		1.63		3.10		3.97		3.82	
Response Standard Deviation	1.44		0.87		1.62		1.63		1.62	

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ENHANCED WALKING AND BIKING: Another method of reducing parking demand is the increased use of walking and biking paths to and from campus. This would require the construction of additional paths on and off campus. Funds for this construction would come from a parking permit fee increase of \$10-\$15 and would take several years to construct.

Q 26. I would be willing to have more walking/biking paths constructed on campus (and pay a higher parking permit fee).

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	142	10%	311	8%	111	17%	108	9%	193	22%
2. Agree	173	12%	419	11%	97	15%	119	9%	178	20%
3. Slightly Agree	295	21%	685	18%	119	18%	167	13%	148	17%
4. Slightly Disagree	297	21%	713	19%	98	15%	156	12%	88	10%
5. Disagree	253	18%	802	21%	106	16%	241	19%	98	11%
6. Strongly Disagree	268	19%	828	22%	115	18%	478	38%	172	20%
Totals	1428	100%	3758	100%	646	100%	1269	100%	877	100%
Response Mean	3.81		4.00		3.52		4.37		3.27	
Response Standard Deviation	1.57		1.57		1.73		1.68		1.82	

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Q 27. I would be willing to use improved walking/biking paths

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	254	18%	478	13%	148	23%	132	10%	167	19%
2. Agree	297	21%	626	17%	113	17%	148	12%	181	21%
3. Slightly Agree	392	27%	862	23%	135	21%	188	15%	183	21%
4. Slightly Disagree	205	14%	599	16%	59	9%	134	11%	80	9%
5. Disagree	147	10%	647	17%	100	15%	245	19%	97	11%
6. Strongly Disagree	133	9%	548	15%	91	14%	415	33%	166	19%
Totals	1428	100%	3760	100%	646	100%	1262	100%	874	100%
Response Mean	3.07		3.52		3.19		4.15		3.29	
Response Standard Deviation	1.52		1.60		1.74		1.75		1.77	

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PARKING PHILOSOPHY

Now that you have considered the above information and thought about some of the possible changes in our future, please give us your opinion on the general philosophy that should be adopted regarding parking on campus.

Q 28. The proper philosophy should be to leave parking permits cheap, not increase the number of spaces to meet increasing demand, and let the situation take care of itself.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	58	4%	114	3%	42	7%	72	6%	59	7%
2. Agree	95	7%	207	6%	41	6%	66	5%	58	7%
3. Slightly Agree	174	12%	393	10%	58	9%	124	10%	70	8%
4. Slightly Disagree	295	21%	566	15%	97	15%	219	17%	146	16%
5. Disagree	363	26%	943	25%	155	24%	326	25%	205	23%
6. Strongly Disagree	438	31%	1537	41%	252	39%	472	37%	349	39%
Totals	1423	100%	3760	100%	645	100%	1279	100%	887	100%
Response Mean	4.49		4.76		4.61		4.62		4.61	
Response Standard Deviation	1.41		1.38		1.54		1.47		1.54	

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Q 29. The University should solve parking problems by raising the permit price until the demand drops to meet the supply. Additional revenues should be spent improving other transportation methods (BT, biking and walking paths, etc.)

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	94	7%	250	7%	52	8%	40	3%	65	7%
2. Agree	151	11%	412	11%	87	13%	82	6%	106	12%
3. Slightly Agree	294	21%	853	23%	144	22%	162	13%	166	19%
4. Slightly Disagree	323	23%	743	20%	100	16%	179	14%	153	17%
5. Disagree	261	18%	755	20%	123	19%	341	27%	158	18%
6. Strongly Disagree	301	21%	747	20%	139	22%	471	37%	240	27%
Totals	1424	100%	3760	100%	645	100%	1275	100%	888	100%
Response Mean	3.99		3.95		3.89		4.66		4.07	
Response Standard Deviation	1.50		1.50		1.59		1.41		1.61	

Q 30. The university should spend the money necessary to provide adequate parking for everyone and adjust permit costs accordingly.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	318	22%	1009	27%	136	21%	179	14%	112	13%
2. Agree	425	30%	1135	30%	172	27%	230	18%	172	19%
3. Slightly Agree	401	28%	910	24%	159	25%	327	26%	215	24%
4. Slightly Disagree	157	11%	327	9%	63	10%	197	15%	142	16%
5. Disagree	58	4%	205	5%	60	9%	161	13%	121	14%
6. Strongly Disagree	63	4%	170	5%	57	9%	181	14%	121	14%
Totals	1422	100%	3756	100%	647	100%	1275	100%	883	100%
Response Mean	2.58		2.49		2.86		3.37		3.40	
Response Standard Deviation	1.30		1.35		1.53		1.59		1.58	

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Q 31. The University should prorate the cost of parking permits to equate to salary amount. For example, an employee with a salary of \$20,000 might pay \$30 a year while an employee with a salary of \$60,000 would pay \$90.

	Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	538	42%	137	15%
2. Agree	224	17%	108	12%
3. Slightly Agree	148	12%	133	15%
4. Slightly Disagree	88	7%	88	10%
5. Disagree	93	7%	99	11%
6. Strongly Disagree	193	15%	325	37%
Totals	1284	100%	890	100%
Response Mean	2.65		3.99	
Response Standard Deviation	1.86		1.90	

Q 32. Before the university considers raising permit cost it should raise the cost of parking violations (tickets) to increase its revenues

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	158	11%	400	11%	95	15%	504	39%	304	34%
2. Agree	262	18%	571	15%	129	20%	319	25%	194	22%
3. Slightly Agree	315	22%	672	18%	126	19%	199	15%	169	19%
4. Slightly Disagree	199	14%	541	14%	76	12%	87	7%	80	9%
5. Disagree	181	13%	580	15%	82	13%	95	7%	60	7%
6. Strongly Disagree	314	22%	998	27%	140	22%	81	6%	83	9%
Totals	1429	100%	3762	100%	648	100%	1285	100%	890	100%
Response Mean	3.65		3.88		3.53		2.37		2.60	
Response Standard Deviation	1.68		1.72		1.76		1.53		1.62	

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Q 33. Parking Garages, as presented in this survey, are a good option for improving parking conditions at Virginia Tech.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	387	27%	1248	33%	167	26%	239	19%	176	20%
2. Agree	433	30%	1112	30%	167	26%	305	24%	198	22%
3. Slightly Agree	343	24%	770	20%	137	21%	339	26%	207	23%
4. Slightly Disagree	116	8%	273	7%	67	10%	131	10%	114	13%
5. Disagree	86	6%	199	5%	51	8%	113	9%	81	9%
6. Strongly Disagree	63	4%	155	4%	57	9%	158	12%	117	13%
Totals	1428	100%	3757	100%	646	100%	1285	100%	893	100%
Response Mean	2.49		2.34		2.75		3.04		3.09	
Response Standard Deviation	1.36		1.36		1.56		1.59		1.64	

Q 34. Satellite Parking, as presented in this survey, is a good option for improving parking conditions at Virginia Tech.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	191	13%	445	12%	94	15%	118	9%	91	10%
2. Agree	360	25%	889	24%	169	26%	259	20%	190	21%
3. Slightly Agree	477	33%	1121	30%	166	26%	374	29%	248	28%
4. Slightly Disagree	202	14%	557	15%	83	13%	189	15%	132	15%
5. Disagree	118	8%	399	11%	58	9%	159	12%	102	11%
6. Strongly Disagree	80	6%	349	9%	77	12%	187	15%	127	14%
Totals	1428	100%	3760	100%	647	100%	1286	100%	890	100%
Response Mean	2.96		3.17		3.11		3.45		3.39	
Response Standard Deviation	1.33		1.45		1.55		1.52		1.54	

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Q 35. Designated Faculty and Staff lots, as presented in this survey, are a good option for improving parking conditions at Virginia Tech.

	Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	202	16%	184	21%
2. Agree	340	27%	221	25%
3. Slightly Agree	319	25%	202	23%
4. Slightly Disagree	179	14%	125	14%
5. Disagree	115	9%	78	9%
6. Strongly Disagree	123	10%	77	9%
Totals	1278	100%	887	100%
Response Mean	3.03		2.91	
Response Standard Deviation	1.51		1.53	

Q 36. Parking lot gates, as presented in this survey, is a good option for improving parking conditions at Virginia Tech.

	Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	209	16%	198	22%
2. Agree	253	20%	185	21%
3. Slightly Agree	267	21%	153	17%
4. Slightly Disagree	147	11%	115	13%
5. Disagree	185	14%	104	12%
6. Strongly Disagree	223	17%	127	14%
Totals	1284	100%	882	100%
Response Mean	3.40		3.14	
Response Standard Deviation	1.72		1.73	

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Q 37. Enhances BT service, as presented in this survey, is a good option for improving parking conditions at Virginia Tech.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	252	18%	811	22%	167	26%	214	17%	188	21%
2. Agree	440	31%	1029	27%	198	31%	379	30%	300	34%
3. Slightly Agree	435	31%	1012	27%	152	23%	386	30%	253	29%
4. Slightly Disagree	175	12%	466	12%	58	9%	140	11%	77	9%
5. Disagree	81	6%	256	7%	41	6%	72	6%	36	4%
6. Strongly Disagree	42	3%	187	5%	32	5%	83	7%	33	4%
Totals	1425	100%	3761	100%	648	100%	1274	100%	887	100%
Response Mean	2.66		2.70		2.54		2.78		2.52	
Response Standard Deviation	1.23		1.38		1.38		1.36		1.24	

Q 38. Car/Van Pooling, as presented in this survey, is a good option for improving parking conditions at Virginia Tech.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	169	12%	619	16%	87	13%	91	7%	57	6%
2. Agree	275	19%	890	24%	135	21%	232	18%	154	17%
3. Slightly Agree	450	32%	1117	30%	190	29%	418	33%	262	30%
4. Slightly Disagree	296	21%	549	15%	109	17%	235	18%	181	20%
5. Disagree	150	11%	348	9%	69	11%	161	13%	111	13%
6. Strongly Disagree	87	6%	237	6%	57	9%	147	11%	119	13%
Totals	1427	100%	3760	100%	647	100%	1284	100%	884	100%
Response Mean	3.17		2.95		3.17		3.45		3.56	
Response Standard Deviation	1.35		1.41		1.45		1.40		1.43	

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Q 39. Enhanced Walking/Biking Paths, as presented in this survey, are a good option for improving parking conditions at Virginia Tech.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	171	12%	364	10%	112	17%	116	9%	156	18%
2. Agree	245	17%	605	16%	128	20%	182	14%	202	23%
3. Slightly Agree	420	29%	980	26%	175	27%	327	26%	233	26%
4. Slightly Disagree	290	20%	795	21%	91	14%	260	20%	123	14%
5. Disagree	187	13%	611	16%	80	12%	200	16%	86	10%
6. Strongly Disagree	113	8%	405	11%	61	9%	196	15%	90	10%
Totals	1426	100%	3760	100%	647	100%	1281	100%	890	100%
Response Mean	3.29		3.51		3.13		3.65		3.06	
Response Standard Deviation	1.42		1.46		1.54		1.51		1.54	

THE CURRENT PARKING SITUATION

Q 40. I am satisfied with the current parking situation at Virginia Tech

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	61	4%	102	3%	29	4%	119	9%	116	13%
2. Agree	125	9%	239	6%	82	13%	243	19%	245	28%
3. Slightly Agree	306	22%	501	13%	108	17%	267	21%	152	17%
4. Slightly Disagree	320	23%	641	17%	100	15%	216	17%	152	17%
5. Disagree	294	21%	859	23%	143	22%	221	17%	107	12%
6. Strongly Disagree	315	22%	1417	38%	185	29%	213	17%	118	13%
Totals	1421	100%	3759	100%	647	100%	1279	100%	890	100%
Response Mean	4.13		4.64		4.24		3.64		3.27	
Response Standard Deviation	1.43		1.40		1.55		1.59		1.60	

Q 41. Parking rules should be enforced more frequently.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	84	6%	283	8%	93	14%	589	46%	396	45%
2. Agree	175	12%	502	13%	125	19%	330	26%	224	25%
3. Slightly Agree	338	24%	900	24%	141	22%	215	17%	161	18%
4. Slightly Disagree	379	27%	927	25%	139	22%	75	6%	64	7%
5. Disagree	244	17%	628	17%	86	13%	37	3%	23	3%
6. Strongly Disagree	200	14%	516	14%	62	10%	27	2%	18	2%
Totals	1420	100%	3756	100%	646	100%	1273	100%	886	100%
Response Mean	3.79		3.71		3.29		2.00		2.04	
Response Standard Deviation	1.40		1.44		1.52		1.21		1.22	

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Q 42. I spend too much time trying to find a place to park on campus.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	391	28%	1839	49%	201	31%	186	15%	99	11%
2. Agree	344	24%	879	23%	152	24%	197	15%	99	11%
3. Slightly Agree	348	25%	608	16%	141	22%	298	23%	190	21%
4. Slightly Disagree	194	14%	222	6%	58	9%	223	18%	168	19%
5. Disagree	85	6%	123	3%	58	9%	227	18%	197	22%
6. Strongly Disagree	56	4%	79	2%	33	5%	141	11%	135	15%
Totals	1418	100%	3750	100%	643	100%	1272	100%	888	100%
Response Mean	2.58		1.97		2.56		3.42		3.75	
Response Standard Deviation	1.38		1.23		1.49		1.57		1.56	

Q 43. Parking rules are enforced fairly.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	145	10%	348	9%	47	7%	111	9%	84	10%
2. Agree	343	24%	978	26%	198	31%	280	22%	267	31%
3. Slightly Agree	474	33%	1126	30%	191	30%	340	27%	259	30%
4. Slightly Disagree	196	14%	582	16%	91	14%	207	16%	120	14%
5. Disagree	149	11%	360	10%	72	11%	170	13%	68	8%
6. Strongly Disagree	111	8%	359	10%	45	7%	165	13%	66	8%
Totals	1418	100%	3753	100%	644	100%	1273	100%	864	100%
Response Mean	3.14		3.19		3.12		3.42		3.02	
Response Standard Deviation	1.38		1.41		1.34		1.50		1.36	

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F/S LOTS AFTER BUSINESS HOURS: Currently, most F/S lots are available to all permit holders after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, and at all times on the weekends. It is possible that this leads to difficulty for F/S permit holders who want to park in these lots after regular business hours. One possible change is to reserve some F/S spaces for F/S permit holders at all times.

Q 44. A few F/S spaces should be reserved for F/S permit holders at all times.

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. Strongly Agree	128	9%	251	7%	67	10%	456	36%	393	44%
2. Agree	249	18%	534	14%	94	15%	318	25%	169	19%
3. Slightly Agree	351	25%	693	18%	100	16%	213	17%	117	13%
4. Slightly Disagree	176	12%	478	13%	69	11%	103	8%	77	9%
5. Disagree	201	14%	508	14%	95	15%	79	6%	67	8%
6. Strongly Disagree	316	22%	1285	34%	219	34%	105	8%	62	7%
Totals	1421	100%	3749	100%	644	100%	1274	100%	885	100%
Response Mean	3.72		4.15		4.07		2.49		2.37	
Response Standard Deviation	1.65		1.69		1.78		1.58		1.61	

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PARKING METERS:

Q 45. Do we currently have the right number of parking meters on campus?

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. There are too many parking meters now – those spaces should be converted to regular parking	287	20%	757	20%	80	13%	301	24%	93	11%
2. There are somewhat too many parking meters right now.	330	23%	687	18%	94	15%	283	23%	164	19%
3. We have the right number of parking meters right now.	489	35%	1198	32%	212	33%	495	40%	474	55%
4. There are somewhat too few parking meters now.	212	15%	795	21%	183	29%	135	11%	106	12%
5. There are far too few parking meters now – more regular spaces should be converted to parking meters.	91	6%	282	8%	71	11%	32	3%	23	3%
Totals	1409	100%	3719	100%	640	100%	1249	100%	860	100%
Response Mean	2.64		2.77		3.11		2.46		2.77	
Response Standard Deviation	1.15		1.21		1.17		1.06		0.90	

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Q 46. At the present time, most parking meters have a limit of 45 minutes. This is done deliberately to discourage the use of meters for parking while attending a class, since parking meters are intended for short term parking only. What do you think is the proper maximum time allowed for a parking meter?

	Resident		Commuter		Graduate		Staff		Faculty	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1. 30 minutes	65	5%	171	5%	45	7%	357	29%	188	22%
2. 45 minutes	294	21%	743	20%	201	32%	474	39%	427	51%
3. 60 minutes	453	32%	1298	35%	203	32%	260	21%	121	14%
4. 90 minutes	282	20%	733	20%	81	13%	59	5%	54	6%
5. 120 minutes	196	14%	600	16%	81	13%	50	4%	41	5%
6. 5 hours	108	8%	149	4%	22	3%	29	2%	9	1%
Totals	1398	100%	3694	100%	633	100%	1229	100%	840	100%
Response Mean	3.41		3.35		3.03		2.23		2.24	
Response Standard Deviation	1.30		1.21		1.25		1.18		1.09	

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Multiple data files containing the manual and computerized survey results were imported into MS Excel where the data were combined, parsed, and analyzed using descriptive statistics. These results were then exported and formatted within MS Word.

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