

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Winter 2004 UPDATE

The Transportation Update is published throughout the year to keep you informed of services, changes and improvements in the world of transportation at Virginia Tech. For more information or comments, please contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737 or email sducker@vt.edu web site: www.ot.vt.edu



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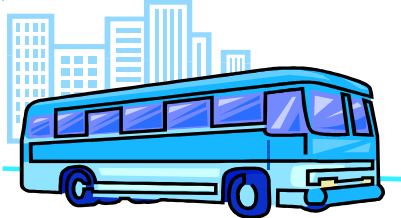
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Blacksburg – Roanoke Shuttle



Need to get to the airport, but don't have a lift? Or, do you live in Roanoke and want to relax on your way to Virginia Tech?

Starting this summer, a new shuttle service, provided by Valley Metro, will connect Virginia Tech with Salem and Roanoke. For just \$3 each way you will be able to take a bus from campus to the Roanoke Airport, the Park and Ride lots at exits 118A and 140 on Route 81, the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center/Higher Education Center and to Campbell Court.

Initially, the service is expected to run Monday through Saturday with hours convenient for commuting and trips throughout the day. Extended hours will be offered for Friday and Saturday evenings.

Schedules and further information will be available this spring.

Transit Facility Update

Blacksburg Transit has hired HNTB Architects, Engineers and Planners to complete a concept plan and feasibility analysis for a transit facility on

Virginia Tech's campus. This facility would act as the new transit hub on campus for BT buses, Homeride buses, campus shuttles, airport shuttles, and other future transportation services. The study was made feasible through a grant by the State. Once completed, BT hopes to be able to apply for additional Federal and State dollars for possible design and construction of the facility.

Utility Upgrade on Campus

Plans are underway for a major upgrade of the existing sewer line that runs through the eastern side of campus. Construction may begin as early as mid-May with ground disturbance occurring around the Donaldson Brown Hotel, Kent Street and the eastern side of the Drillfield.



Look for additional details with a map and time-line for construction in the next Transportation Update and other campus publications in the spring. Please contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737 if you have any concerns or questions.

More information on other side



Parking Services
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BT Coordination
Transportation Planning & Design
Alternative Transportation

Site and Infrastructure Development

New On-line Rideshare Service

Virginia Tech has teamed up with AlterNetRides to bring a new rideshare service to campus. This web-based service is easy to use, fast and free. It is completely automated and allows you to become a member, set up your ride requirements and find someone to ride with all from the convenience of your own computer. It also protects your privacy by never displaying your last name or home address and giving you the option of revealing your phone number or email address.

If you're looking for a ride or willing to share one, visit our website at <http://www.ot.vt.edu> and click on the AlterNetRides grey button. Once inside the AlterNetRides site, follow the directions to become a member and get on your way to carpooling!

Carpooling



Don't forget that Virginia Tech now has a Faculty/Staff Carpool program with reduced parking permit fees, reserved carpool parking spaces, 5 free daily passes/person/semester and access to emergency ride home service. So, once

you find a person to share the ride with, don't forget to take advantage of the perks with our new carpool program.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737.

New BT Advertisement Policy

This past January, Blacksburg Transit (BT) initiated a new policy for bus interior and exterior advertising space. The new policy restricts the type of advertisements allowed and also sets a fee for that advertisement. The policy is designed to help off-set the costs of operating the BT by charging for advertising space.



The new policy allows only commercial ads and does not accept advertisements for political campaigns, political issues, issue advocacy, public interest, public service campaigns, tobacco or tobacco related products or for alcohol or alcohol related products.

For additional information, please contact Blacksburg Transit at 961- 1185.

Mailing Label