

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING UPDATE



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Greetings and welcome to the 7th edition of the Transportation & Parking Update. The Office of Transportation will publish the Transportation & Parking Update once a month to help keep you informed of services, changes and improvements in the world of transportation at Virginia Tech. The Transportation & Parking Update is being distributed to the DDD list. Please post it where others can read it. For more information or comments, please contact Debby Barbour at 231-1737 or email debarbou@vt.edu.

PARKING SERVICES

Parking Gates: A parking gate will be installed on a demonstration basis at the **Architectural Annex/Media Building Lot** (across from DBH), in an effort to increase F/S parking and discourage unauthorized parking. The purpose of the demonstration is to validate the effectiveness and acceptability of parking gates at Virginia Tech. There will be information sessions regarding the use of the gate as the project nears completion. The gate will be operational for the Fall semester, 2000.

Parking registration forms will be mailed out in May. Early parking registration can save time and effort. This fall there will be **two new programs** featured.

- **The Commuter Alternative Program (CAP)** is available to VT employees and students who use alternative transportation methods (riding the BT, walking, or biking) to get to campus. CAP participants will be given 20 *free* daily permits per semester, and access to emergency ride home service (this service provides CAP participants with a ride to one location in case of emergency).
- **The Pre-Tax Permit Purchase Program** will provide faculty and classified staff, who pay for their parking permit using payroll deduction, the opportunity to pay for their permit using pre-tax dollars. Using pre-tax dollars will save over 20% of the cost of a parking permit. This program is subject to Board of Visitors' approval in June.

2-Year permits are available again this year: Purchase a 2-year permit now and you won't have to worry about buying another one for 2 years.

Founder's Day Parking Changes: please make note of these changes and plan accordingly.

- On Friday, April 28th, Pamplin Lot and the Turner Street access to the Burruss loading dock will be reserved all day for Founder's Day parking. These areas will not be open for general parking.
- On Saturday, April 29th, Owens Lot will be reserved all day for Founder's Day Parking.

ACCESS TO RIDES

The Office of Transportation is pleased to present to following information as a public service.

Access to Rides is a community-based transportation program whose mission is to provide free transportation to jobs and job training for low-income passengers. Access to Rides relies upon volunteer drivers to conduct the actual transportation. These members of the community donate their time and automobiles to give their neighbors a lift toward self sufficiency.

If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please contact Michelle Stebner at 231-1535 or accesstorides@hotmail.com.



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