

# TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

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### PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

The comment period on the Draft Parking and Transportation Master Plan has closed, with over 400 comments being received. The draft Plan was released at the end of January as a continuation of a process that started over a year ago with a workshop, a customer survey and a transportation fair. Its goal was to address the parking supply and demand concerns on campus throughout the next ten years.

Comments will be evaluated and considered prior to the final Master Plan being released in April/May 2002. Following the release of the Master Plan, the University will develop an implementation Plan.

### HANDS-FREE GATE OPENER

Do you regularly park in the Shultz or Media parking lots? If so, have you considered purchasing a transponder for hands-free ease in entering through the gate? The transponder attaches to the window behind the rear view mirror and automatically sends a signal to open the gate when you drive up. This speeds up your entry into the lot and helps to reduce backups during busy times. Transponders are available to faculty and staff permit holders for a one-time fee of \$25 at Parking Services and stays activated as long as your parking permit is valid.

### PARKING CHANGES ON ALUMNI MALL

Portions of the Mall parking will be temporarily closed for a few months as the sidewalks are renovated.

### ONE DAY PARKING PERMITS

Did you realize that you could buy an unlimited number of one day parking permits? These permits can be used by anyone, and are a great buy at \$1 each. They can be useful to off-campus employees, students or for bikers and transit riders (including CAP participants) who require occasional parking. Scratch off permits are convenient and easy to use. Simply, purchase the permits at Parking Services and then when needed, scratch off the date, status (F/S/R/C/G) and hang on your rear view mirror.

### NEW CARS ARE HERE

The Motor Pool has recently received new Intrepids and Cavaliers for your rental use. In addition, new Malibus are due soon and new Dodge Caravans are due to arrive in May.

One of the New Dodge Intrepids

### MOTOR POOL SAVES \$

In the first six months of fiscal year 01-02, the Motor Pool saved the University over \$33,000 through the half-day rental option. This program gives faculty, staff and students the option of paying half of a full day rental rate for rentals less than four business hours during the day or for overnight rentals. For example, if you pick up a car after 4:00 pm and return it by noon the next day, you are only charged for a half-day rental. Check out the half-day rates on line at [www.mp.vt.edu](http://www.mp.vt.edu).