Present: Carolyne Dudding, Patrick Donohoe, Edward Lener, Richard McCoy, Steve Mouras, Hesham Rakha, Elizabeth Reed, Wyatt Sasser, Lisa Schweitzer, James Tyger

Patrick Donohoe called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members introduced themselves. Steve Mouras briefly reviewed the history of the Transportation and Parking Committee and its reporting structure and purpose.

The May 3, 2005 minutes were approved.

Old Business:
- Patrick Donohoe updated everyone on plans to formally change the makeup of the committee. This will go through the Commission on University Support, which had been suspended for some time but was recently reconstituted. The addition of the Parking Manager to the committee will reflect long standing practice. Plans also call for a representative from the VT Police Department to be added.

- Steve Mouras gave an update on issues related to visitor parking. The committee’s recommendation from last May to install automated dispensing machines is moving forward and has the full support of the University administration. Current plans are for a total of four machines to be installed at approximate cost of $15,000 - 20,000 each depending on features and the amount of site preparation required. Three will be located near the large maps at entrances to campus on Southgate Drive, West Campus Drive, and the University Mall. The fourth will be placed at the Inn at Virginia. The cost for visitor parking has yet to be determined and will recoup expenses over a multi-year period. Parking during nights and weekends will continue to be free.

- Richard McCoy reviewed changes made in the Squires Lot over the summer. He and Steve Mouras met with the major stakeholders in an attempt to balance needs appropriately before deciding how to reallocate the 110 spaces formerly reserved for guests at the Donaldson Brown Hotel. Of this number there were 25 two-hour meter spaces created along with 14 one-hour spaces for any University parking permit holder. The remaining spaces were all changed to commuter/graduate student parking. In addition the circular entrance in front of the Graduate Life Center has been reserved for faculty/staff and graduate parking. Some residents of the new center have expressed a desire for further enhancing their parking privileges and an initial discussion of this issue was undertaken by the committee.

- Richard McCoy reported that the Parking Appeals Committee has had several new people who have expressed interest but that they still need more student volunteers if possible. James Tyger offered to assist with student recruitment efforts.
New Business:

- Patrick Donohoe raised the issue of the routing of the Hokie Express service. Steve Mouras indicated that the route is determined by the Blackburg Transit officials and was selected to provide service to most of the campus along with the Oak Lane Community. Blacksburg Transit has hired a consultant and will be doing a detailed analysis of all routes that should be completed later this Fall.

- James Tyger asked about the new roundabout and the crosswalks located there. Steve Mouras responded that the arrangement was designed to maximize safety and closely followed established practices for roundabout layout. James also raised a question about the rise in parking fees. Steve Mouras indicated that all budget information is available online (See http://www.parking.vt.edu/budget.htm) and that a portion of the increase will go towards a reserve fund to be used for the construction of a parking deck on campus.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Next meeting scheduled for October 14th at 8:30 in the Sterrett Center, Room 90R.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Lener, Recorder