Committee name: Gail announced that the official name of the committee was changed from the Parking/Transportation Advisory Committee to the Transportation and Parking Committee. The committee continues to report to the Commission on University Support and there has been no change in its charge.

Pro-rating parking fees: Curtis Lynch discussed the issue of pro-rating parking fees and stated that now was not a good time to implement such a program. Their office is using a new system of hand-held units and he stated that perhaps this could be looked into for the 1996/97 year. Curtis agreed to report back to the committee this fall with a proposal for pro-rating parking fees. In other business he added that a 2 year parking permit might be available for 1996/97 and believes that there will not be a parking fee increase for 1995/96. He added that the payroll deduction has been working well and that this option needs to be better advertised to faculty and staff.

Carpooling: The issue of carpooling was discussed once again with the committee referring to recommendations at Penn State (a peer institution). Though not yet adopted, Penn State has an incentive program that would reduce the price of a parking permit for carpoolers: 2 riders 50%, 3 riders 75% and 4 riders 100%. Penn State is concerned about loss income if the plan is implemented, however the Director of University Parking, Bruce Kline, did indicate that a projected 10% reduction in parking could potentially save not building a future parking garage costing $6-10 million.

Courtney Beamon expressed concern about whether there would be enough incentive for carpooling with reduced rates and suggested better parking spaces for those that carpool. Curtis Lynch suggested that he would look into adding questions to the parking permit request form such as: 1. Would you be interested in carpooling if a reduced fee is implemented? and 2. Do you now currently carpool? Gail suggested that it might be appropriate having an article in the Spectrum and/or sending out a questionnaire by e-mail. A point was made that some insurance companies offer a reduction in their premiums for those that carpool. It was decided that this issue would be placed on the next agenda as old business.

Bus stop at Southgate: Gene Reed reported that he, Mike Connolly and J.B. Sutphin had visited the site and decided that the bus stop location would stay where it is at the present time. The bus stop is a timed stop according to Mike Connolly and the relocation of the stop on the road to the maintenance building is considered unsafe due to traffic coming and going into the maintenance complex. The parking area where the bus stop is presently located will be paved sometime in the future and the design of the waiting area would be addressed at that time.
Stanger St. Safety: This issue was brought up at the last meeting due to a bicyclist and a two car accident at the entrance of B lot. Patrick Donohoe suggested that appropriate signs be placed on the street to warn motorists of pedestrian crossings and to "slow down." Patrick also contacted Blacksburg Public Works about adding appropriate signage at the intersection of Stanger/Toms Creek and Prices Fork due to the amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic coming from Terrace View and other apartment complexes. This issue was placed on the town's Traffic Committee agenda. Curtis Lynch commented that he had sent a note to Mike Jones of the Campus Police in regards to this matter.

Other business: Due to the absence of the graduate student representative, graduate teaching assistant parking and lighting in Wallace parking lot was tabled until the next meeting.

As a matter of information, Curtis Lynch stated that 2300 bicycles are registered on campus and that it is mandatory for students, faculty and staff to register bicycles. Registration is free. A registration day was recently held on the drill field and those registering won items such as helmets, locks and tune-ups. 40 tickets were also issued that day to cyclists for reasons such as traveling the wrong way, unregistered bicycles and riding on sidewalks.

Next meeting: Unless additional issues come up, this is the last meeting until the fall. Meeting adjourned at 4:15.