

## Know Your Parking & Transportation Options

Parking & Transportation (P&T) is a self-funded auxiliary meaning that it receives no tuition dollars nor state funds and must pay its \$16 million expenses annually using parking revenue and student fees. Permit fees are set annually at the lowest point that allows the operation to break even and cover costs. Expenses include \$6 million on debt service of past parking construction, \$3.6 million in parking operations, \$3.5 million in shuttle expenses, and \$1 million in other transportation expenses including the CUE bus subsidy to the City of Fairfax so students and employees can ride for free. A growing cost is maintenance, with over than \$1 million this coming year in garage and surface lot repairs, with a projected \$40 million in repairs over the next decade.

While having to cover costs, P&T strives to offer an array of options from economical parking in West Campus to reserved lot and deck options as well as offering many shuttle options to get to and from campus without a vehicle. Several carpool programs exist where people can share rides and costs to even a rebate program for reserved lot and deck permit holders for carpooling, with up to a 40% rebate each semester.

Parking prices differ in some cases depending on if you are a resident student living on campus or an off-campus student.

The lowest priced parking is the West Campus lot at \$150/yr if an off-campus student or \$195/yr if a resident student. Shuttle service is being considerably increased this fall from West Campus with buses every 15-20 minutes 7am-12am M-F with more frequent service 7am-10am and 3pm-6pm.

[http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2014\\_2015/West%20Campus%20Fall%202015.pdf](http://shuttle.gmu.edu/pdfs/2014_2015/West%20Campus%20Fall%202015.pdf)

Other economical options include the Lot M/P(Field House) permit for off-campus students at \$265/yr, which is \$125 less than a general permit. There is also daily parking at the Field House for \$3/day. The West Campus shuttle stop at the rear of the Field House off Campus Drive.

Another option which is FREE is the Burke Center VRE Garage where there is free shuttle service in the morning and afternoon from the VRE station. <http://shuttle.gmu.edu/13-14%20schedules/burkevre.html>

General permits are available for just the fall semester for \$215 or for the entire year for \$390 if an off-campus student or employee, \$450/yr if a resident student. While general lots are busy, there is enough parking for all permit holders. Advice is given on when and where to look, but after the 1<sup>st</sup> few weeks of each semester, Lot K, PV Lot, and the Field House most always have space.

There are other reserved lot and deck options where the number of permits are tightly controlled to essentially guarantee one a space in that area. However, the lower cost options do have enough parking for everyone and are a great way to save money. The better utilized all the parking options are, the less parking will be needed to be built in the future, holding the price of parking down.

It is important to know your options and make a decision on what suits you based on price and convenience. Feel free to ask P&T for advice at @MasonParking, on Facebook, or by email at [parking@gmu.edu](mailto:parking@gmu.edu).

<b>Permit Type</b>	<b>FY16 Fee</b>
West Campus	\$150/\$195(resident student price)
Lot M/P(n/a for resident students)	\$265
Resident Lite(Lots K,M,O,P)-only available to resident students	\$300
General Student/Faculty-Staff (Fairfax/SciTech)	\$390
Arlington General Student (Metropolitan Garage)	\$425
Resident Student General	\$450
Reserved Lot J	\$500
Reserved Lot I	\$550
Rappahannock River Reserved	\$550
Founders Hall Garage	\$550
Reserved Lot R	\$575
Shenandoah/Mason Pond Deck Reserved	\$675