

## **Commuter Parking System**

Ten years ago, after a significant loss of main campus parking, the commuter parking system was changed from a series of reserved lots to an all-campus commuter permit. A limited number of reserved (A-zone) spaces are available within this system. Both staff and students are eligible to purchase a commuter permit. Commuter parking capacity is monitored on an ongoing basis and sales are closed when the system reaches capacity (commuter sales have been closed effective late last semester).

Advantages of this system are that we have been able to meet more customer demand with fewer available spaces, permit cost is less expensive, and commuters may park in more areas on campus. Disadvantages include less assurance of finding a space in a specific area, and the potential that an available space may be further away from a customer's work or class destination.

## **Parking Space Allocation**

The university has a variety of customers and parking is allocated to meet the needs of our diverse customer base. We operate five, essentially, distinct parking systems: Commuter spaces, reserved spaces, metered spaces, north campus residence halls, and south campus residence halls. Our current allocation is: commuter (33%), residence hall (56%), meter (4%), disabled (2%), and short term (2%).

Space allocation is fluid, with changes made when warranted. For example, an underused metered lot north of Home Ec was converted to commuter parking earlier this year.

## **Projected permit cost**

- 08-09: \$123/yr
- 09-10: \$125/yr
- 10-11: 130/yr
- 11-12 \$132/yr
- 12-13: 135/yr
- 13-14: \$140/yr

## **Impact of future projects**

As we have seen as recently as the Jarvis Hall project, campus development projects can have a major impact on parking facilities. This impact may be felt as temporary, construction-related reductions, or permanent loss of parking spaces. For example, we are experiencing both impacts due to the Jarvis project.

Projects in the near future that will affect parking facilities include the Bowman Hall Welcome Center, the Harvey Hall Theater remodel, replacement of the Heating Plant's electrical substation, and construction of the north campus dining facility. Recent and near-term loss totals 170 spaces.