

Parking Problem Statement

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Parking at the University of South Carolina in Columbia is oftentimes convoluted and difficult for many students and faculty, especially those who park in lots rather than garages. Sometimes students and faculty may drive to lots just to find them completely full.

Who is Affected?

Students and faculty that park in lots around the University of South Carolina Columbia are affected by this issue.

What is the Problem?

The problem is the fact that many students and faculty rely on these lots to park. Many times, this results in students and faculty being late to reach their classes/jobs. This results in further issues such as failing grades in classes, less pay from hourly jobs, and even unemployment.

Where does this Problem Present Itself?

The problem presents itself in everyday life. It happens when students or faculty are coming from home to campus, and it happens at all times of the day. It usually occurs in parking lots around campus as many of these lots fill up quickly.

Why does it Matter?

For some people, their only option is to park in a lot. Due to full lots and a lack of information about the lots being full, many students and faculty return to their parking place with no idea if it will be filled or not. Due to that, these people seeking to park experience large losses of time which may affect their academic or economic success.