

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 2, 2020

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FROM: Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board (FWA00000572, expires October 29, 2024)

PROTOCOL TITLE: Working and Commuting Study

IRB NUMBER: 19-913

Effective June 2, 2020, the Virginia Tech Institution Review Board (IRB) approved the Amendment request for the above-mentioned research protocol.

This approval provides permission to begin the human subject activities outlined in the IRB-approved protocol and supporting documents.

Plans to deviate from the approved protocol and/or supporting documents must be submitted to the IRB as an amendment request and approved by the IRB prior to the implementation of any changes, regardless of how minor, except where necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subjects. Report within 5 business days to the IRB any injuries or other unanticipated or adverse events involving risks or harms to human research subjects or others.

All investigators (listed above) are required to comply with the researcher requirements outlined at: <https://secure.research.vt.edu/external/irb/responsibilities.htm>

(Please review responsibilities before beginning your research.)

PROTOCOL INFORMATION:

Approved As: **Expedited, under 45 CFR 46.110 category(ies) 6,7**
Protocol Approval Date: **February 4, 2020**
Progress Review Date: **February 3, 2021**

ASSOCIATED FUNDING:

The table on the following page indicates whether grant proposals are related to this protocol, and which of the listed proposals, if any, have been compared to this protocol, if required.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

***Please note that your study has not yet received permission to resume in-person human subjects research (HSR) activities. When you are ready to resume, please submit the template found at https://www.research.vt.edu/content/dam/research_vt_edu/covid-19/sirc/covid-19-resumption-of-hsr-template.docx Do not resume in-person HSR activities until you receive notification from the HRPP that you may implement your plan.

This amendment, submitted May 28, 2020, updates research protocol to include an online version of the study in light of alterations in in-person human subjects research in response to COVID-19. Recruitment materials were updated to fit requested format and reflect what Prolific participants expect to see from study recruitment materials. Consent forms were updated. Data collection instruments were updated to include a question about job industry due to the altered landscape of commuting employees during the pandemic, as well as a means to request email reminders that was formerly done in person and end-of-workday survey no longer includes the computer-based attention task due to limited computer access among essential workers. A Protocol Letter is included to explain the reasoning and nature of the requested changes.

Date*	OSP Number	Sponsor	Grant Comparison Conducted?

* Date this proposal number was compared, assessed as not requiring comparison, or comparison information was revised.

If this protocol is to cover any other grant proposals, please contact the HRPP office (irb@vt.edu) immediately.