

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

3/26/2021

Via Zoom

Members Present: Anna Correa, Samuel Foster, Pamela Hughes, Kara Park, Brian Shanahan, Gregory Shill, David Wittenberg, Kevin Zihlman  
Staff/Others Present: Brian McClatchey, Frank Mitros, Greg Schmitt, Erin Shane, Jim Stoner, Debby Zumbach and Carrie Brus  
Members/Staff Absent: Armando Duarte and Anthony Haughton

Meeting begins at 3:33pm

Carrie took roll call based on Zoom attendance

Meeting Minutes

- Presented meeting minutes from the 2/26/2021 meeting
- Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as presented
- Meeting minutes were approved

Campus Project Updates

- Presentation made by Greg Schmitt, Project Manager in Parking and Transportation
- Stakeholder Projects
  - Projects that are funded by other University departments or outside the University
  - Stanley Museum of Art
    - Front Street lane closure
    - Impacts to Lot 3, Library Lot
    - Current impacts
      - Traffic must enter the lot from Burlington Street
      - Exit is permitted via Front Street or Burlington Street
    - Future impacts
      - Traffic must enter and exit via Madison Street
  - Replace Old Capitol Tunnel
    - Lane closures on Madison Street near Seamans Center
    - Transit detours in place to avoid area
    - Impact to Lot 3, Library Lot
    - Project timeline – March 22 through September 24
  - Iowa City Asphalt Resurfacing
    - Jefferson and Clinton Streets
    - Work includes ADA sidewalk improvements and sewer repairs
    - Impact to several lots on campus including Lots 8, 9, 18, 20, 21, 24, 60
    - Work to be completed by student move-in
  - Iowa City Jordan Well Removal
    - Removal of brick building near Lot 18 entrance
    - Lot 18 will be inaccessible
    - Impact access to Lot 20, North Campus Ramp
    - Project timeline – May 17 – June 4
- Parking and Transportation Projects
  - Projects funded or managed by Parking and Transportation
  - Newton Road Ramp Upgrade Elevators, Phase 1
    - Update existing east elevator by adding second cab to east bank
    - Update lobby lighting to LED
    - Project timeline – May 31 – August 13
  - 2021 Ramp Maintenance
    - Annual project
    - Emphasis on east half of Hospital Ramp 4
      - Three weekend ramp closures required
    - Minor repairs in all other ramps
    - Project to begin May 17 and finish in August
  - 2021 Surface Lot Maintenance
    - Annual project
    - Concrete and asphalt repairs
    - Impact to lots 3, 13, 34, 38, 45, 49, 64, 65 and 75
    - Contractor is permitted a maximum number of parking stalls
    - Project to begin May 17 and finish in August
  - Hawkeye Park Road at Melrose Phase 2
    - Institutional Road Project
    - Reconstruct northbound traffic lane
    - Impact access to lots 39, 45, 71 and 85
    - Contractor has six weeks to complete the work
    - Project timeline is TBD

- 2021 Special Maintenance
  - Annual Project for Institutional Roads
  - Concrete and asphalt repairs
  - Project to begin June 23 and end in August
- Questions
  - Entrance to Lot 65 off Melrose Avenue
    - Line of sight issue when making the left turn
    - City of Iowa City maintain
    - Can use the “report an issue” feature online
    - Greg will report the issue and provide an update
    - This area could see work in the future
  - Ramp/Surface Lot Maintenance
    - Are the curbs included in work scope? Yes they are.
    - Contractor work hours depend on where the repairs are located
    - Work hours have a lower cost when they are during the business day
    - Weekend and night work are possible options
  - Stakeholder Projects
    - Is it possible to recoup what is lost for the good of the project?
    - It is complicated, but it is looked at each time
    - Some revenue is recouped when parking permits are written into a project
    - Other schools do this on larger projects
  - Old Capitol Tunnel
    - Is utility work part of the project?
    - Sewer lines and the repair of steam lines are included
    - Making a better tunnel is included
  - Madison Street
    - Communications Building has come down
    - Restoration of the area to greenspace once current work is done
    - Expansion of bus area to include a pull off space and new shelter
    - Extension of road diet until Washington Street
    - One lane in each direction, bike lanes and a center turn lane
  - Hotel just off Melrose Avenue
    - Hotel has a dedicated parking lot
    - No real impact to Parking and Transportation
    - Request was submitted through MPOJC to restore light at Evashevski/Melrose
      - At this time, the request was denied
      - Will monitor/reevaluate as needed
  - Jefferson and Clinton resurfacing
    - Will there be any changes to bus stops? No changes.
  - Congestion at Melrose and Evashevski
    - Would removal of the median close to the bridge be an option?
    - Could that open up this area from all the activity here?
      - Pedestrians, bicycles, 380 Express, athletic buses, semi-trucks, other vehicles
    - The median does act as a traffic barrier, provides lane separation

#### Fall 2021 CAMBUS plans

- Plans to align with the University plan for Fall 2021
  - Anticipation of in-person classes with the exception of large classes
- Plan is to return to normal service
- Maintain service to all stops
- Continue to monitor commuter lot service and capacity on each bus
  - Will likely see more people on each bus
- Most trips are short in length
- Have the ability to monitor boardings at each stop
- Would masks be required?
  - Current plan is to require masks
  - Currently under a federal mandate to require masks
  - No expiration on the federal mandate right now
- CAMBUS Staffing
  - Typically hire a large number during the Fall semester
  - Due to the pandemic, there were several months where we couldn't hire/train anyone
  - Potential to have staffing issues due to student population on campus
  - Will need to continue to monitor this closely

#### 2020 Sustainability Vision – Target update #4

- Goal is to reduce the carbon impact of Parking and Transportation

- Reduction in vehicle rental miles
- Van Pool
- Carpool
- 380 Express
  - Funding is due to expire in August 2024
  - What happens after that?
- Conversion to LED lighting in parking ramps
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
  - Are there any requests for additional stations?
    - Infrequent requests
  - Realization that trends are moving in that direction
  - Three current locations
    - Hospital Ramp 3, North Campus Ramp and Newton Road Ramp
    - All current locations are within parking ramps
  - A future target could be at Hancher
  - Could the stations be located where they are uncovered?
    - Yes, stations are equipped to handle exposure to weather
  - City of Iowa City has an interest on this too
- Continue to hold meetings virtually
- Changes to the Departmental Business Placard program
  - Free placard for departments that hold one placard
  - For departments that hold multiple placards, the first placard would no longer be free
- Potential for a people mover on campus
- Commitment to changes in behavior
- Need to balance needs vs revenue considerations

#### Meeting Adjourn

- Adjourned at 4:29pm
- Next meeting is April 23, 2021