Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
3/26/2021
Via Zoom

Members Present: Anna Correa, Samuel Foster, Pamella 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

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**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

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**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
  o Funding is due to expire in August 2024
  o What happens after that?
• Conversion to LED lighting in parking ramps
• Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
  o Are there any requests for additional stations?
    ▪ Infrequent requests
  o Realization that trends are moving in that direction
  o Three current locations
    ▪ Hospital Ramp 3, North Campus Ramp and Newton Road Ramp
    ▪ All current locations are within parking ramps
  o A future target could be at Hancher
  o Could the stations be located where they are uncovered?
    ▪ Yes, stations are equipped to handle exposure to weather
  o City of Iowa City has an interest on this too
• Continue to hold meetings virtually
• Changes to the Departmental Business Placard program
  o Free placard for departments that hold one placard
  o 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