

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

9/9/2022

Via Zoom

Members Present: Connor French, Pamela Hughes, Nick Nachtman, Kara Park, Debra Trusty, Madeline Wilson, Rebecca Wilson, David Wittenberg
Staff/Others Present: Marcus Januario, Brian McClatchey, Jacob Odgaard, Erin Shane, Debby Zumbach and Carrie Brus, Jen Hoffman, Martha Stoakes and Scott Froemming
Members/Staff Absent: Paul Hanley and Camden Studer

Meeting began at 1:05 pm

Carrie took roll call based on Zoom attendance

Parking and Transportation resources

- Departmental website - <https://transportation.uiowa.edu/>
- Charter Committee - <https://president.uiowa.edu/shared-governance/committees>

Introductions

West Campus Traffic Study

- Presentation made by project consultant, Shive Hattery
- 10-year capital plans are the basis for this discussion
 - <https://now.uiowa.edu/2022/01/ui-embark-10-year-facilities-master-plan>
- Parking ramp study came first
- Traffic study became necessary based on potential projects
- Collected data and input from other stakeholders on campus
 - 37 intersections are involved in the data collection process
- How do the changes start to impact traffic on the west campus?
 - Main piece would be vehicular traffic
 - Considerations will go to bicycles, pedestrians and transit as well
 - Do those traffic impacts motivate any changes with traffic signals?
 - Building new ramp on Lot 43
 - Skyway connection in planning
 - Very dense section of campus
 - 700 additional parking spaces (net)
 - Athletics projects
 - Wrestling and baseball
- Feedback from the committee
 - Cell lot for patients using UIHC facilities?
 - How much of a need is there?
 - For families that wish to wait in the vehicle instead of going inside UIHC
 - Transit
 - Does it make sense to move where the buses drop off?
 - Improve experience for bus riders
 - Parking ramp
 - Net increase of 700 once the facility is completed
 - Still working on who will actually park in this new facility
 - Primary use will be for employees
 - Parking lots make great sites for new buildings
 - Potential for losing additional lots
 - Lot 14 specifically
 - Academic building
 - Residence Hall moving in and out
 - Access to emergency rooms
 - Need really good communication
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Additional signals for pedestrian crossings
 - Concerns for parking when you take it away for buildings
 - Need to have as much parking restored as possible
 - For future ideas or feedback
 - Reach out to Erin and she can share with the team
 - Email – erin-shane@uiowa.edu
 - Impact on city streets
 - University and city streets are interwoven
 - Work with their team closely
 - Ponder Grand Avenue, Melrose Avenue and Byington Road section
 - Very active section for CAMBUS
 - Impacts to emergency room access, CAMBUS and Housing

CAMBUS Updates

- Handout and content provided by Brian McClatchey
- Introductory comments
 - Several different communications about the current staffing situation at CAMBUS
 - Started the fall semester, CAMBUS was about 60 drivers short of fully staffed
 - Implemented service reductions to accommodate for staffing shortage
- How did CAMBUS get to this point?
 - Impact of the pandemic
 - Key hiring periods were paused
 - Fewer students seeking employment
 - Students leaving sooner due to a favorable labor market
 - DOT went to pre-scheduled appointments and fewer appointments available
 - No more walk-in appointments
 - Changes to training program
- How has CAMBUS responded?
 - Increase the student wage
 - First to \$16.50
 - To begin this fiscal year, increased to \$17.50
 - Implemented a hiring bonus
 - Started with \$400 in two installments
 - To begin this fiscal year, increased to \$1,000 in three installments
 - Expanded recruiting efforts
 - Collaboration and great support to make all of these changes
 - Third party CDL testing
 - Two full-time trainers will complete training/certification in October
 - Possible to provide on-site testing by November
 - IDOT improvements
 - Priority scheduling for CAMBUS
 - Reserving ten slots per week for CDL testing
 - Hiring of temporary employees approved
 - Those in the area that already have a CDL
 - Seeing several former CAMBUS employees come back to help out with that
- Current status
 - Received 160 student applications since August (previously would have been about 50)
 - 63 interviews and 54 have accepted job offers
 - 21 drivers in training
 - 5 temporary employees have been hired
 - Service restoration
 - Hopefully by November, some service can be restored
 - The hope is by spring semester to be fully staffed and at full-service levels
- Ridership
 - Record low in FY 2021 due to pandemic
 - Recovery began in FY 2022
 - FY 2023 ridership is tracking higher despite the service reductions
- Kudos to Mia Brunelli and the student employees for all the great work they provide every day

Next meeting

- October 20 at 1:30pm via Zoom
- Future meeting topics
 - Please reach out to any of us if you have ideas
 - Kara, Erin, Debby or Carrie
 - Meeting minutes approval from spring semester

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn and seconded
- Meeting ended at 2:02 pm