Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

10/20/2022
Via Zoom

Members Present: Pamella Hughes, Nick Nachtmann, Kara Park, Camden Studer, Debra Trusty, Rebecca Wilson, David Wittenberg
Staff/Others Present: Geneva Guadalupe, Rhianna Lightle, Brian McClatchey, Jacob Odgaard, Riley Post, Erin Shane, Debby Zumbach and Carrie Brus
Members/Staff Absent: Connor French, Paul Hanley, Madeline Wilson

Meeting began at 1:32 pm
Carrie took roll call based on Zoom attendance

Approval of meeting minutes
• March 29, 2022 and September 9, 2022
• Any questions or additions to the minutes?
  o None
• Moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as presented

Graduate Professional Student Government (GPSG) Discussion
• Introduction of special guests, Riley, Geneva and Rhianna
• West campus parking options for graduate students
  o Law students are especially frustrated
    ▪ Not enough parking
    ▪ Not enough accessible parking, both temporary and permanent
    ▪ Bionic Bus services could be an option
    ▪ Check out all the information on accessible parking options
  o Heard about the expansion at Myrtle Lot
  o Met with new Director of Public Safety, Mark Bullock
    ▪ Uptick in crime against students near UIHC
• Projects coming very soon
  o Next three years is going to be a messy situation during several construction projects
    ▪ West Campus Parking Ramp on a portion of Lot 43 (Hawkeye Ramp)
      ▪ Spring 2023 – November 2024
    ▪ Loss of Lot 14 for a new academic building
      ▪ Spring 2023 – November 2024
    ▪ Expansion of Lot 48
      ▪ Summer 2023
    ▪ Oakdale
      ▪ Proposed to add gravel lots to accommodate student storage needs
      ▪ Summer 2023
• Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
  o Demand for parking is extremely high
  o Use of other options
    ▪ All options were impacted by pandemic
    ▪ Starting to see a rebound
  o CAMBUS
  o City bus passes
    ▪ Student bus passes via Coralville and Iowa City Transit systems
  o UI Rideshare network
  o Zipcar
    ▪ Carsharing program
    ▪ No longer here
    ▪ Hope to get a similar program back on campus
  o 380 Express
    ▪ Option in response to the construction project on I-80/I-380
  o Bicycles
    ▪ About 5k bicycle parking spaces across campus
    ▪ Launched use of Bike Index in Fall 2022
    ▪ Registration system that can aid in recovery of lost/stolen bicycles
  o Parking
    ▪ Approximately 17k stalls in system
    ▪ General target for occupancy is about 90% for effective parking supply
    ▪ 2.4 million cashiered transactions in last fiscal year
    ▪ 22k active permits in October
    ▪ Changes every day
    ▪ Parking Waitlist
      ▪ Based on seniority date and working location
      ▪ Student Parking Trends
• 59% increase in student parking permits from 2013 to 2023

• Myrtle Lot – Lot 48
  o Blend of faculty/staff permits and law students

• More cars on campus than ever
  o Making it work as best we can
  o No major gains in terms of inventory yet the demand is soaring

• No student permit waitlists prior to 2019
  o Most often the waitlist works itself out
  o This year, we have almost 500 on the waitlist still in October

• Feedback
  o What incentives for UIHC to not drive
    • Costs less money
  o Can Parking and Transportation incentivize people not to drive and park on the west campus during construction?
  o Last bus is at 6:30pm
    • Iowa City Transit does not offer later schedule options
    • Graduate students are on campus pretty late in the evening
  o Is there anything that we can be doing (GPSG)?
  o Plans for Westlawn?
    • No plans for parking expansion there
  o Potential for changes at Dental Lot
  o Night and weekend permit
    • Why has this permit soared in sales?
    • When safety is more of a concern
    • Need for better lighting and better security in lots that require a walk
  o What is the short-term solution for law students?
    • CAMBUS or public parking facilities
  o CAMBUS has not been able to restore all services specifically to the Cultural Centers
    • Drop-off location for CAMBUS
  o Really is a perfect storm
  o CAMBUS On-Demand
    • Something for the future
  o More to come from this discussion

Hawkeye Ramp update
• Approximately 1,000 spaces
• Project will begin next year
• 18 months to construct
• Road name will change to Hawkeye Ramp Drive (Lot 43 North Drive)
• Using Construction Manager-at-Risk process for the first time
• Overview of facility plans

Parking Rate update
• No rate increases for FY 2024
• Look into the possibility of allowing the first hour free in public facilities
  o Already have first 30 minutes free
  o City of Iowa City does the first hour free
  o More to come on this one

Next meeting
• November 30 at 1:30pm via Zoom
• Future meeting topics
  o Please reach out to any of us if you have ideas
    • Kara, Erin, Debbby or Carrie

Adjourn
• Motion to adjourn and seconded
• Meeting ended at 2:59 pm