

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

10/13/2023

Via Zoom

Members Present: Alexa Frankel, Emma Gaughan, Paul Hanley, Pamella Hughes, Natalie Kehrli, Colin Nelson-Pinkston, Debra Trusty, John Wadsworth, Rebecca Wilson
Staff/Others Present: Warren Boe, Mia Brunelli, Brian McClatchey, Michelle Ribble, Greg Schmitt, April Wells, Derek Timmerman, Mike Wilson, Debby Zumbach and Carrie Brus
Members/Staff Absent: Ken Friedhoff and Carol Scott-Conner

Meeting began at 3:32pm

Carrie took roll call based on Zoom attendance

Introductions

- Several members of the Parking and Transportation leadership team have joined us this meeting to introduce themselves and their units
- Committee member introductions first
- Mike Wilson – Fleet Services
 - 608 vehicles managed, both rental and lease vehicles
 - Vehicle maintenance
 - Fuel island on campus
 - Buy and sell all vehicles on campus
- Mia Brunelli – CAMBUS Operations Manager
 - Service planning and supervise student employees
- Derek Timmerman – Special Events Coordinator
 - Handles all the event planning here on campus
- Michelle Ribble – Commuter Programs Manager
 - Alternative modes of transportation
 - Van Pool
 - Bus Pass
 - Bicycles
 - Ride matching
- Greg Schmitt – Project Manager
 - Oversee institutional roads program
 - Construction projects
- Brian McClatchey – CAMBUS Manager
 - Fixed-route service on campus
 - Bionic Bus services
 - Special services for special events
 - State and federal funding
- April Wells – Communications Manager
 - Small team of three now
 - Both internal and external communications
- Fun fact - Deb Trusty can help if horses are involved

Committee charge and member responsibilities

- <https://opsmanual.uiowa.edu/governance/university-iowa/advisory-bodies/committee-parking-and-transportation-charter>
- Walk through the committee charge
- Reminder to the committee members to bring forward ideas for agenda topics
- Can always reach out to Becky Wilson with any of those ideas

Hawkeye Ramp

- Presentation from Greg Schmitt
- Currently in construction on the west campus
- 985 parking stalls
- Consist of 3 bays and 5 levels
- North of the West Campus Transportation Center
- Hawkeye Ramp Drive has been widened
- Crane was installed this week
- Coming up next
 - Permanent retaining wall
 - Elevator shafts
 - Storm water detention
- Pedestrian pathways
 - Temporary crosswalk in place
 - Several additional pathways are in place once construction is complete
- Skyway connection to current skyway system

- Connection point is in the SE corner of the ramp
- Question regarding a sidewalk connecting the current sidewalk near Duane Banks to the light at Hawkins, crossing over to Lot 40
 - Could be a future improvement
 - Baseball project or an institutional roads project
 - More to come on this one
- Who will get to park in this ramp?
 - Staff facility
 - Ability to support special events in this area of campus
- Parking and Transportation website details
 - <https://transportation.uiowa.edu/west-campus-and-reassignments>
- Reassignment of staff to other parking lots to accommodate construction activities
- Lot 53 – used to be a grass lot – now it is paved – added 145 spaces
- Lot 48 expansion– added 100 spaces
- Lot 73 expansion – added 250 spaces
- Only have 100 permit holders that need to be moved back
- Initially moved about 1,300 permit holders to accommodate construction projects on the west campus

CAMBUS Maintenance Facility modernization

- Study conducted of the existing facility
- Highlights of the modernization project
 - Modernize vehicle maintenance operations
 - Evaluate infrastructure needs for bus electrification
 - Improvement and consolidation of staff offices
 - Move Fleet Services into an actual building
 - Dedicate maintenance bays
 - Remove that space from bus storage
 - Incorporate vehicle lifts for safety and more efficient maintenance
 - Design space for incorporation of electric buses
 - Separate Fleet Service maintenance from bus storage area
 - Provide indoor storage space
 - Electrical service to the facility
 - Incorporation of charging equipment
 - Ceiling and door height adequate to accommodate electric buses
 - Consolidate all CAMBUS operations into the facility to improve efficiencies
 - Dispatch and maintenance in same location
 - Improve driver training
 - Improve coordination and communication
- Facility concept image
- Cost and next steps
 - Estimated total cost of \$17 million
 - CAMBUS portion is \$13 million
 - CAMBUS will apply for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant
 - Grant would cover 80%
- Steps for CAMBUS
 - Complete an electrification transition plan
 - Coordinate with bus manufacturer (Gillig)
 - Prepare a grant application due in April 2024
- Board of Regents have approved the project moving forward
- Project should move relatively quickly
 - Projected to take 12-18 months once the funding is in place
- Can include funding request for electric buses in the grant application
- Electric buses are currently running at about \$1 million each
- Current buses are running at about 600k now
- Grants are highly competitive
 - Same grant type as what Iowa City just received
- Fleet Services impact
 - Tornado took out their facility in 2006
 - Maintenance and rental operation are in separate locations right now
 - This facility would combine those operations
 - Two prep bays for rental fleet – move cleaning operation inside
 - Will add a car wash – hopeful for cars, trucks and buses
 - Allow the install of a self-service kiosk for rental fleet
 - Would allow Fleet Services to move out of their trailer
- Expansion would move directly north of CMF
- What about the remaining 20%?
 - Grant would cover 80%
 - Some funding would come from Parking

- Fleet Services would contribute some funding
- Concern is more towards the 80% - getting that grant would be so beneficial

E-scooter policy and future plans

- Influx of e-scooters on campus right now
- Will work on improving the policy
- Seeing the scooters on the sidewalks when they should really be on the street instead
- Come to the next meeting with some ideas
 - What are the pros/cons?
 - What ideas do you have?
- Focus on personal use of e-scooters
- Moratorium on companies is still in place
- Is there any activity with Iowa City or Coralville?
 - Not aware of anything
- E-skateboards are also an issue
- Speed differential is the issue with pedestrians
- Would be difficult to ban e-scooters, e-skateboards, etc
- Very vulnerable on the roads
- Accessible option for those who can't necessarily walk
- Look at bicycle infrastructure around campus
- Customers have some accountability when it is through personal use
- These devices need to charge and have some storage
 - What will be allowed?

Adjourn

- Next meeting is on Friday, November 10
- Motion to adjourn and seconded
- Meeting ended at 4:30 pm