

Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

11/7/2025

Via Zoom

Members Present: Claire Anonson, Frauke Bleher, Diane Fountain, Brent Hadder, Jacob Payne, Colin Nelson-Pinkston, Alex Swanson and John Wadsworth  
Staff/Others Present: Lori Skoff, Shelton Stromquist, Debby Zumbach and Carrie Brus  
Members/Staff Absent: Sonia Sugg and Kim Volk

Meeting began at 2:32 pm

Carrie took roll call based on Zoom attendance

Meeting Minutes

- Any comments or questions on the minutes from October?
- Emeritus parking
  - Specific to lots included – not inclusive of all lots
- Moved and seconded by the committee
- Meeting minutes have been approved

Financial discussion on parking rates

- Parking and Transportation is a self-supporting entity
- Generate all revenue
  - Permits
  - Public parking
  - Parking violation revenue
    - Very small portion of revenue
- Does not receive any additional funding
- CAMBUS does receive funding from internal and external sources
- Expenses
  - Capital improvements
    - Hawkeye Ramp
    - Maintenance of all parking facilities
    - Creation of Lot 53, 73
    - Expansion at Lot 48
  - Future projects
    - Arena Ramp
    - Plaza Ramp – on the downtown medical campus
    - IMU Ramp – down the road a bit
      - Looking at 2030 or 2032 right now
      - Considering a modernization of this facility
      - Facility itself is in really good shape
- All costs are on the rise
- Need to plan 10 years in advance to accommodate bond stipulations
- Need to maintain a specific debt service ratio on an annual basis
- Goal established last year
  - Look at rates for permits on odd-numbered years
  - Look at rates for hourly parking in even-numbered years
  - Look at simplification of operation
- CAMBUS has exhausted the federal dollars disburse during the pandemic
  - Monitoring those financials related to the transfer to CAMBUS for service for commuters
  - CAMBUS could see an allotment adjustment from MPOJC funding
    - Due to increased ridership by Iowa City Transit
- Question
  - Would the spaces at the modernized IMU Ramp be larger spaces?
    - That would be the goal
  - ADA compliant stairs/elevator
  - Pedestrian traffic flow improvements
- Do you keep statistics on accidents in the parking ramps?
  - Regarding future design decisions
- Need to focus on one year at a time
  - Goals remain the same as they did when rate increases were discussed last year
  - Proximity of parking to your building
  - Student rate lowered by 50% in 2017
    - Shift in parking demand by students
  - Goal is to have minimal increases
  - Is the proposed increase to student storage enough?

- Strategy seems to be working with this level of increase
- Violations
  - Align the towing fee with the barnacle fee
  - Minimal increases
  - Align student violation rates with faculty/staff violation rates
  - Reserved for Handicapped violations are not included in tow policy
  - Collections from violations
    - Is that a significant amount?
    - Not worth pursuing – very small amount
  - License Plate recognition violation explanations
    - Walk through tow policy and the warnings the customer receives via email
  - Bicycle/E-Scooter violations
    - Not allowed to park in university buildings
    - No practical way to enforce e-scooter violations
    - Is a violation increase the right way to address concerns?
      - Could this violation revenue go to pay for some enforcement?
    - Hospital Safety and Security have their own policies related to e-scooters
- Rate information needs to go to the Board Office in January for a board vote in February
- Need to provide any feedback to this group prior to the next meeting

### 380 Express update

- Funding will continue through 2029
- Partnership with ECICOG (East Central Iowa Council of Governments)
- Windstar services those buses
- Provides discounted passes to employees and students
  - Through the Token Transit App
- Open to the general public as well

### Review Parking Charter Mission Statement

- <https://policy.uiowa.edu/governance/university-iowa#Parking>
- Does this content still apply to the committee?
- Feedback from the group
  - Add e-mobility devices
  - Emeritus Faculty participation
    - Two Emeritus Faculty Council members share the committee member duties as liaison members
    - One member will attend each meeting, but not both at the same meeting
    - Report back to the Emeritus Faculty Council
  - Not much advising in this group – focus is more on long-term planning
  - Should it be removed or simply modify the language?
  - Could change advise to review
  - Could add providing feedback
  - Acting more as a liaison
- Provide a draft with changes suggested at a future meeting
- Need to provide changes at the end of spring semester

### Open Discussion items

- Aspire Community members
- Nite ride – could do door-to-door service, on or off campus
  - Now follows a specific route
- CAMBUS On-Demand
  - More information needed
  - Can reserve a ride
  - 8:45pm to 12:30am
  - <https://transportation.uiowa.edu/cambus/cambus-mobile-apps>
  - Can reserve rides in advance – similar to Uber
  - Specific locations for pick-ups
  - Need to see some data from GPSG
  - Some sort of survey circulating now
  - Could certainly do more advertising
  - There is capacity to provide more service as it currently stands
- Red and blue service also service Aspire
- Need to have dispatch and maintenance staff on-site
- Regular bus service to Aspire
- Hawkeye Interdorm
  - Cannot add any service

### Next meeting

- December 5 at 2:30pm
- If you have any items for a future meeting agenda, you can send those to Carrie, Debby or Colin

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm