Transportation and Parking (T&P) Committee Meeting
March 13, 2017 10am
Newcomb Hall Room 376

Present: Scott Barker, MaryAnn Himes (via phone), Bill Palmer, Mark Stanis, Rebecca White, Trish Romer, Joel Lehman, Angela Tabler

Absent: Dr. Mary Lee Vance, Jess Wenger, Marge Sidebottom

Guests: Minnette Stroud

P&T Updates:

- Budget/rates have been submitted to VP for approval.
- Bus stop improvements at Scott Stadium and Uhall are underway. The upgrades are partially funded by the Grounds Improvement Fund (GIF).
- Improvements to Emmet Street pedestrian/vehicle/disability access to Central Grounds Garage will be further improved in June. Improvements to the north entrance of Mem Gym will likely happen at the same time.
- Due to ongoing maintenance issues, bike air pumps have been removed from the Bike Fixit Stations and placed in most of the libraries on Grounds.
- TDM Coordinator, Megan McDaniels, has accepted a new position with the World Wildlife Federation. Megan had a tremendous impact on the bike ambassador program and bike workshops. The position will be filled in the coming months.
- There is a proposed GIF project to reconfigure the McCormick Road gates at Monroe/Garrett to enhance pedestrian and transit interactions.
- New brand on buses will unfold one bus at a time with completion in mid-May. Committee members may notice buses in various stages of their branding on the road.
- JMU electric charging for bikes – A four-bike project was piloted in 2012 by the Office of Environmental Stewardship with the intention of providing a bike share type system to reduce vehicle trips on campus. The program did not take off so more recently, the bikes have become departmental bikes for JMU’s Recreation Department (one bike), Library system (two bikes), and School of Engineering (one bike).
- P&T is participating in a few large studies; North Grounds precinct study, Emmet/Ivy corridor study, Brandon Avenue utility infrastructure and new student housing.
- A long and painful UTS detour off Lee Street will end in late March.
- TJPDC will be presenting to the status of the regional transit discussion at the March city/county/university coordination committee (known as PACC). TJPDC’s recommendation is for the region to form a Regional Transit Partnership to test formalizing agreements prior to re-evaluating the potential for an Authority.
- A potential Crozet commuter route is still under discussion with JAUNT. Next steps will be JAUNT proposing stops and time tables.
• Moped parking has been expanded on the north end of Newcomb Road. Two moped areas are in development; Observatory Hill and Newcomb Road South. Goodwin Bridge has surfaced as a problem area for moped/pedestrian/bike conflicts. Renewed communication going out from P&T and stepped up enforcement is planned by UPD.

ADA Discussion:
• An article recently ran in the Cavalier Daily about student access to academic programming through parking and paratransit.
• P&T will complete a review of existing condition for disability parking stalls by April. Action plans will be written by summer.
• Regarding parking, because the policy has not changed, ADA plate/placard does provide access to disability stalls free. One subsequent problem of that is approach is that in high demand areas, the spaces are used all day without any turnover, thus limiting access for others.
• Committee’s previous discussion about the requirement to purchase a UVA parking permit to use the disability stalls was rekindled. The existing approach provides about 20 individual spaces for specific people, about 150 permits for people with various states of documentation into lots they would otherwise have to wait on a waiting list, and an unknown number of people who just use the disability stalls with no UVA permit. Although unknown, the number of people in the third category is estimated to be about 60-70.
• Other committees at UVA are discussing this same issue from various angles including a committee reporting to Marcus Martin that focuses on Advocacy, Wynne Stuart’s committee which focused on the built environment, and the office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights, ADA Coordinator, and Ombudsman.

General Discussion:
• The position of the bus stop and the crosswalk are in conflict. P&T will review.
• P&T will investigate ads on the exterior of buses.

Next Meetings:
• April 10th, 10-11am, Newcomb Hall Boardroom 376
• April 19th from 3:30 to 5, is the annual joint meeting with the General Safety and Security Committee.