

Transportation & Parking Committee (TPC)
27 April 2016 Minutes
302 Hutcheson

Present:

Jeri Baker, Virgilio Centeno, Bo Frazier, Leon Geyer, Bruce Harper, Richard McCoy, Cheryl Montgomery, Steve Mouras, Warren Nooger, Ryan Speer, Pam Tate, Tami Watson

Members excused:

Hunter Pittman

AGENDA

Selection of new chair:

Ryan Speer agreed to serve as next year's committee chair

Parking and Transportation update:

Jeri has received a request from the spouse of a deceased emeritus faculty member who requested to continue using the retiree permit for ongoing access to campus. She noted that this would be a policy change within VP Admin, and wanted to consult the committee informally. The committee generally agreed that the request was acceptable; Virgilio also suggested that the Faculty Senate might be another forum for discussion.

Richard provided an update on the Chicken Hill reduced permit pilot. The pilot will go on next year, extending availability to pay band 3 (now 1-3), and so far is a success.

Parking and Transportation Master Plan update:

Steve noted that the final PTMP presentation will go to steering committee in a couple of weeks. At least one project suggested in the master plan is underway: the Western Perimeter Road. But most solutions detailed in the report remain options at this time. Steve also provided an update about ongoing planning for the Drill Field, including the possibility of reverse diagonal parking, and detailed options for reducing cut-through traffic.

Cheryl inquired about the multi-modal transit facility. Steve noted that this project is fully funded though construction, in 30% design phase now and 60% by early fall. This is a federally funded project, and the funds have already been released. We expect groundbreaking in Summer/Fall 2017, and completion in 2019.

Tami inquired about the Perry Street crosswalk issues. These foot traffic issues are mentioned in the PTMP, but funds are not currently available to fund any necessary improvements.

Finally, Steve provided an update on the Duck Pond/Southgate roundabout construction upcoming this summer. On the Monday after graduation that intersection becomes problematic due to the need to reroute traffic May through mid-August.

Virginia Tech Police Department update: None offered

Constituent reports: None offered

Questions and answers:

Access for Moss Center for ticket pick up

Leon inquired about the necessity of having a parking permit to pick up tickets from Moss Center, and wondered if it would be possible for the committee to pursue a solution. Richard pointed out the availability of non-permitted short-term parking elsewhere on campus, and Jeri stated that the Moss Center could make a request to P&T to change the designation of the short term parking spots.

Question about parking permit price to discourage parking

Tami inquired about the likelihood of permit price raises designed to discourage auto travel to central campus. Jeri stated that minimal rate hikes were made this year, that there are no plans for significant increase, that the department offers several parking services at a loss (most often during summer events). Any possible future drastic price increases would only be used to fund the department, and not as a policy tool.

Next meeting:

The committee will reconvene in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Speer
Recorder