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Transportation & Parking Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

11:00 AM

Via Zoom

Present: Jenn Million, Kayla Dean, April Williams, Carrie Cox, Diane Agud, Pamela Tate, Joseph Cooley, AJ Prussin, Alan Munshower, Brock Burroughs, David Tribble, Ginny Wagg, Jacob Lahne, Lydia Qualls, Mike Dunn, Nick Quint, Sonya Shelor

1. Adoption of Agenda

Meeting called to order by Kayla Dean at 11:00 AM. Agenda was adopted without objection.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were previously approved via email.

3. New Business

a. Citation Increase Proposals

April Williams proposed raising fines for parking in faculty/staff spaces to \$65 to deter student misuse. She noted that students have been parking in other areas with lower fines. The committee discussed the proposal and agreed that all fines should be at least \$65. Diane Agud suggested tiered penalties for repeat offenders and potentially denying repeat offenders parking passes. Carrie Cox noted enforcement challenges due to vehicle-based citations and discussed a future move to virtual permits.

b. Mobility Framework Update

Mike Dunn shared an update on the mobility framework, part of the broader campus master plan. Data collection will occur over the coming months, and the process will consider speed reduction and look at all aspects of getting around campus. A website will be made available where suggestions can be made. The process is expected to take 16-18 months and the importance of involving the Disability caucus was discussed.

c. Planned West Campus Drive Closure

Mike announced the upcoming VDOT paving project that will close part of West Campus Drive for approximately one week after graduation. A <u>campus-wide announcement</u> was

sent, and flaggers will help manage traffic during the work. Carrie noted that BT would still maintain operations by shifting a few routes to the Maroon Loop.

d. Crosswalk Lighting and Upgrades

Diane Agud reiterated concerns about poor lighting near crosswalks. Carrie suggested that the Campus Safety Walk would be a good opportunity to address these issues. David Tribble will include the committee in future Campus Safety Walks. Mike noted that VDOT will be restriping the crosswalk and area around Hitt Hall, improving traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

e. North End Parking Garage Issues

Pamela Tate raised concerns about inadequate signage and U-turn logistics in the North End garage. Parking Services will review the layout. Carrie Cox explained that parking in the area is not building-specific and on a first come, first served, basis. It was also noted that the Perry Street garage has ample space, and the campus shuttle is a good option to arrive closer to the NEC.

f. Parking Garage Needs

Diane asked about the possibility of a new parking structure. Carrie explained current capital planning doesn't account for increased parking demand, and that the cost of building a garage space is significantly higher that the state-generated rate received for each space, making building a new garage a challenge. Carrie mentioned that the Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services, Lynsay Belshe, is committed to making an informed decision about when and where a garage should be built if one is constructed, and the mobility framework will address this.

g. Committee Chair Transition

Kayla Dean announced that Jenn Million will serve as the new committee chair beginning in August. Pam suggested scheduling a meeting with Jenn before the August meeting to ensure a smooth transition and answer any questions about the rules and regulations of the committee. Carrie thanked Kayla for her service to the committee and the sentiment was echoed by committee members.

4. Updates and Other Items

Carrie proposed including the mobility framework update in the August meeting and suggested members brainstorm topics over the summer.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:40 AM.