

TRANSIT, PARKING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2013 3:00 PM

Members Present: Mohamed Boudhoum, Josh Bowen, Jered Guist, Katie Helms, Mikey King, David Martinson, Felisha Perrodin, Kate Shoulders, Gary Smith, and Matt Trantham.

Note taker: Sherry Williams

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes: Mikey King made the motion to approve the minutes from April 23, 2013, after amendment. The motion was seconded by Katie Helms; motion passed unanimously.

Report on Current Status of Parking at U of A:

Gary briefed the committee on the following:

- Transit ridership topped the 2 million passenger mark for FY13.
- Charter hours have increased 11% over the same time last year. Since the charter program started in FY10, it has saved the U of A an estimated \$486,000 over commercial charter rates.
- All buses are equipped with cameras as well as a Zonar GPS system.
- Annual permit sales were up .3% for FY13 over FY12.

New Construction:

- Lot 75, north of the Housing Administration building site will become a gravel faculty/staff parking area.
- Two sorority houses are scheduled to be built on Maple Street - one should begin construction during the summer 2014.
- An executive hotel and conference center (150 rooms needing 270 parking spaces) is being planned for the area east of the Reynolds Center. This will remove some scooter parking. We anticipate the guest and staff will park in the Harmon Garage. Discussions are being held regarding a pedestrian bridge from the Harmon Garage. Discussions will also be held regarding expanding the Garage.

A Transportation Study including road closings, delivery vehicle options, and traffic around the Harmon Avenue Garage will begin in the spring.

Transit and Parking will send an email to students to remind them of the recently constructed 163 scooter parking spaces in lot 35.

Lot 40A, on Hall Street north of the Maple Hill Residence Hall, is a gravel parking lot for resident reserved permit holder with 160 spaces available.

Razorback Road Construction:

- Phase I – widening of Razorback Road (4 lanes) from MLK to Leroy Pond. Scheduled to be completed during the spring of 2015.
- Phase II – Maple Street from Garland to Razorback Road – recently received federal funding (4 lanes with sidewalks on both sides). No projected construction date yet.
- Phase III – Maple Street to Leroy Pond Road – no timeline on this portion. Funding has not been procured yet.

Lot 17 (by botany greenhouse) has been closed for the construction of Champion Hall.

Lots 18 and 19 will be closed in January as a staging area for the new generator in the heating plant.

There have been recent complaints on the tan bus route being on schedule. The delays are caused by traffic on Weddington Avenue. We are reevaluating and will have a new schedule in January.

Lot 55 will have 1/3 or fewer parking spots for the next several months beginning next week through January 1.

The new Athletic Academic and Dining Facility will be completed by late spring or summer 2015. This will cause a loss of parts of lot 55 and 64 and all of lot 54.

A new basketball practice facility will be constructed beginning December 7. Lot 56C will be eliminated. Lot 62 will be closed from December 9 – January 1 (31 spaces) for utility work. Leroy Pond will be closed and there will no through traffic.

Lot 53 – metered city lot. There is a contract with the City of Fayetteville. UA has the lot from 7 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday and the City has the lot from 5 pm -2 am Monday through Friday and from 2 pm -2 am on the weekends.

Old Business: Nothing to Report.

New Business:

Elect a Chairperson: Mikey King nominated Katie Helms as the new chairperson. Matt Trantham seconded the nomination. Matt Trantham made the motion that Katie Helms be the chairperson of the Committee. Felisha Perrodin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reserved scooter parking: After discussion of scooter parking, Katie Helms made a motion for a new designation of scooter parking to be known as “reserved” scooter parking to begin with the fall 2015 semester. Matt Trantham seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. The new scooter permits will have a security slit to reduce the number of thefts of the permits.

Other Items:

A discussion was held regarding vendors/visitors on campus during construction projects. Gary explained that someone from the parking department attends all pre-construction meetings and a decision is made as to how many permits are issued on a limited basis at that time. The number of vendor/visitor permits granted depends on the sight and parking availability in the area.

Please email Sherry the best day and time for you to attend the TPT meetings. We may rotate the days of the meetings so everyone can have an opportunity to participate.

Mikey King made a motion to adjourn; Matt Trantham seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.