

CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE February 18, 2022 Minutes Teams 8:30am-10:00am

<u>VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT</u>: Traci Snedden – Chair, Shawn Arneson, Beau Burdett, Alex Frank, Tyler Katzenberger, Bernie Lesieutre, Aaron Levine, Jill Mullen, Christina Pier, Becky Zart

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Ahn, Ian Hardgrove, Ethan Nelson,

NON-VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Patrick Kass,

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Brown

<u>GUESTS</u>: David Berland, Mary Czynszak-Lyne, Susan DeVos, Lauren Hawley, Rob Kennedy, Carey McAndrews, Gabe Mendez, Troy Ruland, Tanara Teal-Tate, Dar Ward,

RECORDER: Anne Bogan

1. Call to Order, Introductions:

- Called to Order: 8:32a.m.
- Approval December 17, 2021, Minutes motion to approve the minutes by Christina Pier and second by Bernie Lesieutre

Approved: Passed

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2. Transportation Services Reports & Updates

- Assistant Vice Chancellor Report: Patrick Kass
 - Reduced Cost Parking Permit Program | Follow-up from the December 17th meeting
 - Took the committee's recommendation to the Office of the VCFA
 - At this time, have not heard back from them
 - Reduced cost parking permit sales are at 625 UW employees and 250 hospital employees and 159 graduate students
 - The subsidy is approaching ³/₄ of \$1 million
 - Not asking for a motion but if campus does not agree to fund this program, we could be looking at 8.5 % rate increase to cover the cost of this program.
 - Question to the committee. Is the program worth and 8.5% increase?
 - This would amount to \$100 annual increase for those parking in the higher tier lots and \$70 annual increase in the lower tier lots.
 - Discussion with CTC members
 - Aaron Levine: Likes it as it adds equity in allowing those people to get to campus and to work as they need to [even if it] means a rate increase. It should stay on the table.
 - Alex Frank: How does the 8.5 % increase compare to the past increases. Is this increase only to cover the cost of the low-cost permit or cover any other cost increased?
 - Patrick Kass: The 8.5 increase only covers the loss of revenue from the reduced cost permit
 program. Rate increase in the past going back to 3:2 conversion were 10% and 3%. After that
 it was a 1% increase until COVID and then we did not increase the cost of permits. We try to
 keep the increase in the 1% to 2% range.

- Traci Snedden: Would this 8.5% increase apply to other permits? Or just annual permit rates?
- Patrick Kass: More discussion on the night and flex rates is needed as they are not set yet; but it
 would be across almost all permit categories
- Aaron Levine: Does that include subsidized bus [pass]?
- Patrick Kass: Not at this point
- Christina Pier: Very supportive of the program but have concerns about how it will affect people that are making just over the \$35,000 [threshold].
- Patrick Kass: It would be around \$7 per month or around \$4 per biweekly paycheck. We are still seeing employee bus pass sales are lower, but we have a lot more flex parking. We are looking at permit revenue right now and will bring the rates to you at a future meeting.

• Flex Parking Presentation- Follow-up: Gabe Mendez

• Refer to Gabe's PowerPoint

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- PowerPoint will be sent to committee members following the meeting
 - Flex parking is designed to allow people the opportunity to have assigned parking location and only
 pay for when they need to park. No upfront cost for it and pay via ParkMobile app.
 - There are three program options to discuss.
 - Keep the current process [ParkMobile]
 - New Value Credential System
 - Contacts & Profiles [with account]
 - At this time only asking for a recommendation from the committee

Motion: Alex Frank made the motion on the value permit approach for the preferred recommendation. Aaron Levine second the motion.

<u>10</u> Yes [approved] <u>0</u> No <u>0</u> Abstain <u>3</u> Members Absents

• Commuter Solutions Update: Dar Ward

- o Metro has released their latest version of their overall network redesign available on their website
- BCycle season to start up in mid-March
 - Overall rate increase
 - Increasing the amount of time you can use a bike
 - University employees and students get a discounted rate, these rates are not increasing
 - Solar Bus Shelters
 - Working with the vendor to make some adjustments to final implementation
- Construction Update: Rob Kennedy construction map handout.
 - Current construction updates can be found on the Transportation Services website
- <u>https://transportation.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2018/03/Campus-Closures-Detour-Map.pdf</u>
 - University Ave and U Bay Drive reconstruction project coming Spring 2022 for a twoyear project that will include a new bridge that aligns with the Campus Drive bike path
 - New utility line though Walnut Street, one way northbound and will happen during the summer
 - Utility project starting in mid-March will turn Observatory Drive to one-way westbound between Bascom Hall & Charter St. and this project will got through the fall and affect Bascom Hall's Lot 11.
 - Utility project to start in mid-March at Park St and Johnson St and bus stop will be relocated
- 3. Chair Discussion: Tracy Snedden
 - Draft 2020-2021 CTC Annual Report
 - Will be presenting at the April 4, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting at 4pm

4. Committee Updates: Campus Planning Committee (CPC) – Aaron Levine

• No updates this month

5. Other Agenda Items

- Aaron Levine: In general, when buildings are designed on campus, who is in that discussion to represent those issues of bike facilities such as locker rooms and showers for bike commuters.
 - Rob Kennedy: it is now the campus standard to add this to new buildings and to retrofit older buildings. It also determined by programmatic needs of the building and what they have for space.
 - Alex Frank: The state has new sustainability guidelines for new construction and sets the minimum requirements. However, it does not directly address showers and bike infrastructure. This is one of the things that the Office of Sustainability is working on.
 - Mary Czynszak-Lyne: Serves on the Design Review Board [DRB] for campus. If there is a concern where people feel they are not be heard please contact Kip McMahan. Christopher McMahan [full name] is the chair of the DRB.
- Becky Zart: Permit holders with dual appointments and it comes out of their university funds and now are getting notices that there wasn't enough money to pay for their parking.
 - David Berland: Replied that our primary issues right now is actually voluntary deductions and that's typically deductions for retirement. People make the assumption that parking comes out before the voluntary deductions, unfortunately this is not the case. People will start contributing the maximum to their retirement accounts and leave nothing left for parking. We currently send out 230-250 missed deductions per month across the 15,500 deductions that we send out on a biweekly basis. We recommend people work with their payroll specialist in their HR department to determine what is coming out of their check and what order so they can determine the best course of action. If they have a dual appointment, we can move it [parking deduction] to the other agency.

6. Future Agenda Items:

- Sustainability Project Update March Meeting | Alex Frank
- Parking Rates -March or April Meeting
- 7. Adjournment: 9:29am | Motion to adjourn made by Aaron Levine and seconded by Bernie Lesieutre

Next meeting: April 15, 2022 8:30a.m. – 10a.m. Teams Virtual Meeting

Handouts:

February 18, 2022 Agenda December 17, 2021 CTC Minutes Construction Map (02-2022) Flex Parking PowerPoint Presentation