

Parking and Transportation Committee
November 20, 2015 9am
Hutcheson Hall Room 217

Present: Dr. Leon Geyer, Cheryl Montgomery, Ricky McCoy, Tami Watson, Warren Nooger, Dr. Virgilio Centeno, Annabelle Fuselier, Steve Mouras, Mac Babb

1. Committee discussed issue of Retiree Parking Tags and how they could gain access to gated lots.
 - Ricky McCoy advised that currently the replacements are on a 2 year cycle.
 - Retired faculty can continue to swipe their Hokie Passport or they could purchase the RFI enabled cling tag for \$5.
 - McCoy indicated that he would explore options to get information to retirees about the cling tags by contacting Laura Neff-Henderson and possibly putting something in VT News.

2. Steve Mouras presented information on the Parking and Transportation Master Plan progress.
 - 2nd set of Stakeholder meetings were held last week.
 - 5 sessions, 35 attendees
 - Continuing to seek input through end of semester.
 - www.vt-ptmp.com
 - Tracking app being used. Currently, more bike than pedestrian data.
 - Identifies travel paths.
 - Consultant reported on traffic study.
 - 10 intersections analyzed (Level of service analysis) using 2-3 days data.
 - How long do you have to wait?
 - Analysis based on peak times (morning and 5pm)
 - Beamerway and Washington St currently rated an "E" which is failing.
 - Roundabout was previously proposed to correct the problem.
 - Two-day parking lot assessment.
 - occupancy and duration.
 - reviewed larger external lots.
 - Industry standard is 85-90% full.
 - Any day other than Gameday there are 1,000 empty spaces.
 - Current students appear to have less interest in having car on campus.
 - BT ridership continues to increase.
 - Available spaces in Chicken Hill, Cage, and Smithfield lots.
 - Commuter lots and North End Garage busy.
 - Question posed to Ricky McCoy about possibility of public notice of available spaces.
 - Information is provided when permits are issued.
 - Technology being utilized in new parking structures.
 - Expensive to retrofit parking lots and to monitor individual

spaces.

- Problematic to use technology in gated areas when gates open after 5pm. Data fails when vehicles freely enter/exit after gates go up at night.
- Questions about parking issues near GLC in the evening posed by Cheryl Montgomery.
- Ricky McCoy and Steve Mouras discussed how Drillfield parking came about years ago.
 - Drillfield selected for central proximity to class space.
 - Dedicated spaces in other lots looked at but at the time it was felt that multiple timed areas in the same lot would be too confusing.
- Recommended that proposal to dedicate spaces near the GLC for Graduate Teaching Assistants be directed to the PTMP Consultants for further consideration.
- Steve Mouras advised that he would provide the consultant's presentation (PDF) to the committee chair.
- Steve Mouras commented on the 3 strategies that the University will have to consider as we move from single occupancy vehicles to mass transit.

1. Mandate the move through disincentive programs (force).
2. Encourage the move as consumers on pace through incentive Programs (encourage).
3. Let consumers do what they want (enable).

-Mouras indicated that different schools take various approaches to the problem of parking.

-Next stakeholder meetings with consultants will occur in February (possibly 10th, 11th, or 12th). Attendance is highly encouraged. Mouras emphasized the importance of on-line comments, as well.

-Dr. Geyer recommended that the consultants take a specific look at availability of parking for Faculty/Staff, GTA, etc. who work hours outside the normal work window.

-Cheryl Montgomery encouraged a more robust "on-campus" shuttle which prompted a brief discussion about the vision of the Multi-modal Transit Facility.

-Once completed it is envisioned that large buses will go to MMTF and smaller, quicker shuttles would move rapidly around campus.

3. Police Report – Suspects were arrested by Virginia Tech Police Department in the tire slashing incidents that occurred three weeks ago in VT parking areas. Multiple victims. Suspects were not VT students. Cameras on campus played a major part in the identification of suspects.
4. Parking Report – Ricky McCoy commented on New Gate System/Cling Tags that was recently installed which uses RFI technology.

Comments to the parking consultants at www.VT-PTMP.com are encouraged.

Meeting concluded at 10am.