Monthly TCP Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2023 | Meeting called to order by A.J. Prussin

In Attendance

A.J. Prussin, Carrie Cox, Carrie Mayer, Diane Agud, O’Brien Martin, April Williams, James Cooley, Nick Quint, Paul Avey, Brock Burroughs, Kayla Dean, and Jaden Ringley

New Business

Q.-Compact Car signs in the corners of the garage, because it makes the other space unusable.
- April Williams stated that the Compact car sign have been ordered for the corners of the North End garage. We do not have a timetable when the signs will be up.

Q.-Prorating parking passes mid-semester. Our peer institution, such as JMU and UVA prorate permits
- Carrie Cox stated she would have to research the other institutions to see if they offer as many permit types as we do. We offer so many different options, such as dailies, monthly, quartiles, semesters and a full year. We are also looking into a monthly option for students. We think that might be a bigger win.
- A.J. Prussin asked about the process of exchanging one permit for the other. (sample: evening only for a full permit)
- April Williams stated it depends on each person’s circumstances, the permit and what payment method they used. One of our most common one is residents exchanging for a commuter in May when they are no longer living on campus. It is an even exchange at that point. We no longer have a refund schedule amount on the permits. If someone has chosen payroll deduction and they return a permit, we just stop payroll at that point. If a person purchases a remote and they use the permit 4 or 5 times they have gotten their money out of it, because daily permits are $8.00 per day.
- Carrie Cox is looking into the graduate student permits. We would need to pull the numbers to see about later permit sales.

Q.-Add signs to ADA spots saying a VT parking pass (or ParkMobile) is required.
- A.J. Prussin states that you can park in ADA in the Town of Blacksburg without paying for 4 hrs. He asked if you needed a permit to parking in ADA on campus.
- Carrie Cox stated that yes, you need a permit to park in ADA spaces. A person can park in a metered space for 4 hrs. on campus with no permit, that’s code.
- A.J. Prussin stated in was in Parking Services and someone was in the office with a remote permit and an ADA permit and was wondering if they could park in any ADA space or only remote. The cashier did not have a clear answer for them.
- Carrie Cox mentioned that we have new staff and they should ask someone to get a clear answer. But, if you purchase a remote permit for $36.00, you cannot use it to park in ADA spaces on campus. Our rules and regs do emphasize you have to have a permit with an ADA.

Q.-The entrance to chicken Hill Lot says “Any university Permit”, does it include Student remote permits?
- April shared that the back of the remote permit tells a person where they cannot park.
Carrie Cox shared that Auxiliary Business Services is doing a Parking Signage Committee to look at the entry signage for each lot. How best to identify the lots? Consistency, with a number and a name for every lot. The committee is also coming up with a QR code system, so an individual could scan it and get a lot of information. Some lots have more than one entrance, so it will be a large undertaking. It will be a $600,000.00 project.

Next Meeting

November 14, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., Zoom
Total: 14,255 spaces

- Students 57%: 8,136 Spaces
- Employees 28%: 4,033 Spaces
- Service 4%: 581 Spaces
- ADA 3%: 381 Spaces
- Other 7%: 949 Spaces
- Visitor 1%: 175 Spaces
2016 Parking and Transportation Master Plan and the university wide Campus Master Plan of 2018 set guideposts for the future of parking and transportation on campus.

Plan Elements Include: Roadways /Parking / Transit/ Pedestrians / Bicycles

Goal: enhance mobility while preserving campus character

Goal: prepare for the growth in student enrollment that was expected through 2025.

As campus growth continues to disrupt parking across campus, the effective reassignment of parking will require consistent monitoring and adjustments.
Over the past several years, multiple new facilities and major renovations to existing buildings have taken place throughout the North Academic District.

This construction has, and will continue to, displace a substantial amount of parking in the campus core.

### # of Spaces Displaced - Capital Construction

- **402** - Goodwin Hall (FY14)
- **367** - New Classroom Building (FY16)
- **760** - Multi-Modal Transit Facility (FY21)
- **460** - Data & Decision Sciences (FY21)
- **86** - HiTT Hall (FY22)
- **384** - Undergraduate Science Lab Building (FY22)
- **95** - Mitchell Hall (FY24)
When spaces are leased, F/S are the most impacted by the reduction of options near where they work.

To meet the needs of the entire community, Parking Services continually evaluates space allocation across campus.

Campus Master Plan has a focus on moving parking to the exterior of campus which limits options near our academic buildings, making the allocation of spaces even more challenging.

Construction in the heart of the North Academic District and across campus has greatly impacted space availability.
### Current Dept Leased Spaces

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<th># of spaces</th>
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Space Locations

4 Leased spaces at F/S 24 hr rate in Wallace Lot
Used for Research Participants
1 Leased space at F/S rate in Wallace Lot
Used for Research Participants
2 Leased space at F/S rate in Wallace Lot
Used for Research Participants
2 Leased space at F/S rate in Price Lot
Used for Departmental Visitors
Space Locations

3 Leased space at F/S rate in Duck Pond Road Lot
Used for Vendors/Visitors
2 Leased space at F/S 24 hr rate in 2 hour lot near Davidson
Used for Research Participants
Space Locations

1 Leased space at F/S rate in Upper Stanger Used for Research Participants
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1 Leased space at F/S rate in Upper Stanger Used for Research Participants
Computer Science
1 Leased space at F/S 24 hr rate on Alumni Mall
Used for Department’s State Vehicle
Based on the current parking challenges in our academic areas, leased spaces will not grow.

Our intent is to gather information from stakeholders and then make the often tough decisions to support the entire community.

Thank you to all who shared feedback on their spaces and how they are used.

Still need usage information from ISE and Biomedical Engineering & Mechanics.

Clear Research need for some spaces, but can any be turned back to F/S?

Gain additional feedback from TPC today.

Raise rates for leased spaces.

Other options besides leased spaces:
- Reserve spaces on an as need basis, pay as you use.
- Use dashboard signage for research participants to clearly identify.
- Use of golf carts/state vehicles to transport visitors from other lots.

Next steps
Questions?

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