

MINUTES
Transportation & Parking Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 8th, 2025
11:00 AM
Via Zoom

Present: Kayla Dean, AJ Prussin, Pamela Tate, April Williams, Jenn Million, Mike Dunn, Jason Brooks, LaTawnya Burleson, Joseph Cooley, Lydia Qualls, Nick Quint, Jacob Lahne, Alan Munshower

Absent with Notice: Diane Agud

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Kayla Dean noted the minutes from the last meeting are available on the website.

3. New Business

a. Visitor Voids and Failure to Display Warnings

- April Williams explained the current system allows three 'failure to display' warnings per year but efforts are underway to phase this out as the university moves toward a permitless parking system.
- Discussion on technological improvements, enforcement challenges, and historical context for the policy.
- Pamela Tate and April Williams shared insights on virtual permits, enforcement logistics, and audit concerns.

b. Maintenance Vehicles Blocking Curb Cuts

- Jenn Million raised concerns about contractors parking in a way that obstructs accessibility.

- Pamela Tate noted state vehicles can't currently be ticketed, but issues can be reported to Parking Services or the relevant department. Contractor vehicles can be ticketed.
- Joseph Cooley recommended using the barrier reporting tool and offered to help identify responsible parties for follow-up.
- Clarifications were provided on who is permitted to park on sidewalks, with limited exceptions for summer access to landlocked buildings.

c. Car vs. Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Concerns

- AJ Prussin and Jenn Million introduced the topic, highlighting concerns about speed and safety on campus.
- Mike Dunn shared that a mobility framework update is forthcoming and will consider a campus-wide speed limit reduction.
- AJ advocated for quicker action, citing examples from the Town of Blacksburg.
- Jason Brooks from VTPD discussed current enforcement strategies and radar deployment.
- LaTawnya Burleson expressed concerns about e-bike behavior at crosswalks, with Jason Brooks noting risks associated with pursuing fast-moving cyclists.

4. Updates and Other Items

- Kayla Dean provided an update on the ex officio position - no action will be taken until next academic year.
- Jenn Million was announced as the incoming committee chair.
- Discussion about upcoming meeting dates: tentative meeting scheduled for May 13th (second Tuesday).

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:21 AM.