

Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC)

Meeting Notes

February 27, 2019, 1:00PM- 2:00PM

Virginia Beach/Portsmouth Rooms- Webb Center

ATTENDANCE (15):

Scott Silsdorf	Megan Gribble	Dan Campbell	Jarin Cornish
Tommy Evans	Joedian Morris	Scott Harrison	Debra Howard
Vijay Kalburgi	Jean Kennedy-Sleeman	Bryan Porter	Coulson Thomas
Aleshay Sheppard	Wendell Cruz	Roberto Westbrook	

Meeting Summary:

Scott Silsdorf welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone for coming and mentioned the new dates and locations for fall TPAC meetings. He then began the meeting and presentation on departmental updates.

Department Updates:

1) TPS Updates

a) Annual Report

- i) TPS is still being audited so we have not had time to do this. It will be shared by our next meeting in April.

b) Garage Assessments

- i) Draft Report Received
- ii) Cost estimates include recommended maintenance for three years
- iii) Next phase – developing funding and implementation plans
 - Most likely will be a multi-year plan, at least 3
 - Nothing critical, but some items are high priority than others
 - Hopefully starting this summer, but we have to figure out how to do what when so we don't disrupt campus too much. Garages have been partially or completely closed before due to maintenance, for example painting, electrical, minor structural repairs.
 - Important to note that this is strictly structural engineering, what isn't included is stuff like electrical, mechanical, etc.
 - Work is required in all 5 garages, 43rd & Elkhorn is oldest at 28 years, most pre-fab garages have approx. a 25 year span before needing these types of repairs

c) New Bus Shelters

- i) 43rd Street & Education / Gornto

- ii) 43rd Street & Elkhorn Avenue
 - iii) 49th Street at Dominion House
 - Just to refresh your memories, this is part of a 3 year plan with SGA to replace existing and add new shelters on campus
 - We are still determining if we are replacing the old existing shelters or adding 3 new ones
- d) Ghent Grocery Route
- i) Monday – Friday, 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Travels to Food Lion, Walgreens & Fresh Market
 - ii) Service so far
 - Route has been running approximately 5 weeks
 - Has had over 1,000 passengers so far
 - Fresh Market & Walgreens are about the same ridership, Food Lion is twice as much as either
- e) Capital Projects Updates
- i) Football
 - Not much that's new, we've made multiple announcements about changes to parking or transportation services, added signage to help with the majority of Lot 7 being used for lay down, and promoted 43rd & Elkhorn Ave as another option for visitors. So far no complaints we are aware of
 - ii) Owens
 - 48th St is still not open, but hopefully will be soon, ½ way done with piles, will add construction fence when 48th St is back open.
 - iii) Chemistry
 - -Chemistry Building is doing test piles
 - iv) Health Sciences
 - In the preliminary design phase, location will be just south of Constant Center 41st St Garage
 - What does that mean for us? Parking changes, transportation changes, issue with no southern elevators in Constant Center 41st St Garage
 - Also, we are trying to get a computer program tool to analyze parking on campus quickly in terms of changes as well as events. The last official Campus Transportation Plan was 15 years ago and included statements about how the MagLev would be transporting students across campus and had 2 garages- one at current site of BDC and the other on top of Powhatan.
 - v) Koch Hall
 - Currently in progress
 - vi) Other
 - Volleyball
 - Webb Center Roof, Café 1201

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f) LPR

- i) We recently presented to over 20 Universities in Charleston at a conference about LPR and how we communicated it from first interest to now. It was positively received and we are continually learning more about the system.

g) Meter Survey

- i) We are currently conducting a meter survey to gain information on who uses the meters and why utilizing our LEAP Student Worker. The participants get a 3 hour validation code for later meter use.

2) Future Meeting Dates

- a) April 3, 2019
- b) The next after April will be scheduled in August

Q & A from Committee

Garage Assessments Feedback / Q&A: NONE

New Bus Shelters:

Q: How much did they cost(each)?

A: Approximately \$12,000 per shelter including installation.

Ghent Grocery Route Feedback / Q&A:

Q: Don't you think it should go to all of the dorms not just some?

A: We tried to make this route as efficient as possible while servicing as many key clusters of housing on campus. This was for two reasons: 1) Quick & Efficient service 2) Food Safety, We didn't want the route to take more than 20-30 mins maximum since that is the standard for food safety in retail. You can also favorite routes and stops on the DoubleMap app to help you know where it is and when it is close.

Q: Do these stay or just drop and go? Also how long does the route take to make a loop?

A: This is a regular route so it's like Blue or Silver where we stop and go. The loop takes between 20-30 mins depending on traffic, if there is an accident and a driver can find an alternate route without missing any stops, they will do that if needed.

Capital Projects Feedback / Q&A:

C: Surprisingly, we haven't had any complaints about the changes to parking or distance. People are just getting their warm up in on their way from their parking spot.

Q: How is Barry Art Museum parking going? I noticed it's free?

A: Yes, it is free for museum patrons during the Museums operating hours. There are 25 marked meter spaces where you don't have to pay during Museum hours.

Q: So there are signs to communicate this?

A: Yes, we added signage to each space.

C: The lighting can be iffy near Koch hall.

Q: What is the projected timeline for Health Sciences?

A: We have to submit for funding still, but typically once funding is secured the timeline is normally roughly 3 years. At minimum construction will probably take 12-24 months. Add to that a semester or so for moving into the building. It will be the next new building and at least 120,000 sq. feet and 4+ stories.

Q: What happens to old Health Sciences building?

A: It depends on how much will fit in the new building.

LPR Feedback / Q&A:

Q: Did you lease or buy the cars?

A: We bought both of them. We had intended to test using a new vehicle but it took so long for it to arrive that we were able to get the used car first and test with that, now both are operational. The sizing has been the only complaint from officers, they feel cramped. We had tested the 3 wheeled vehicles previously but those are only limited to one passenger and we like keeping driving and enforcement separate. So far no complaints about LPR cars blocking other cars from entering or exiting- we advised the drivers to make sure they get out of the way.

Other Feedback / Q&A:

Q: What happened to the barricades on 48th St that prevented delivery vehicles from driving up on the sidewalk/grass?

A: Not sure, but they were probably moved as part of the Hugo Owens project.

C: ODU PD will cite these vehicles if seen, if you spot one you are welcome to call and let us know about them.

C: People driving on sidewalks/grass could negatively effect landscaping, fire access, etc. especially at Hugo Owens because this is a lot more landscaping.

C: This also happens with large trucks along 49th St., they have blocked sidewalks or visibility when crossing and caused safety issues for students trying to cross. We need to establish vendor drop zones for them to park in to make deliveries.

C: This has been an issue for quite some time with all the deliveries we receive as a campus and the large vehicles used to deliver. We need to address this multi-piece puzzle and maybe establish a group to hash out some solutions. Campus is not designed with deliveries in mind let alone the size of the vehicles. There is a permit system in place for vehicles that have a need to park in those areas, but this is more for contractors not deliveries.

Q: In regard to Lot 1, is there anything planned long-term about the flooding?

A: Unfortunately, no. Lot 1 used to be gravel 15 years ago and at some point we may need to retreat from some of those spaces further back in the lot. We do monitor this and post on socials and announcements about tidal flooding to warn students in addition to closing off the spaces, and providing education on tidal flooding and parking on our website.

C: An additional observation about Lot 1: More Faculty/Staff are parking earlier in the day and displacing some commuters to some of the smaller lots that residents share with commuters during the week.