

Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC)

Meeting Notes

October 2, 2019, 1:00PM- 2:30PM

Virginia Beach/Portsmouth Rooms- Webb Center

ATTENDANCE (30):

Scott Silsdorf	Megan Gribble	Chris Sevilla	Dan Campbell
Karen Cook	Mary Deneen	Jared Hoernig	Elizabeth Dickie
Terry Durkin	Stuart Frazer	Dawn Hamilton	Scott Harrison
Debra Howard	Lisa Koperna	Todd Johnson	Degi Betcher
Kari Leporatti	Renee Olander	Samantha Palmucci	Michael Seek
Greg Smith	Coulson Thomas	Rusty Waterfield	Abagael Woleschok
Gregory Deaver			

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) Purpose of the TPAC
 - a) Increase awareness of Transportation & Parking Service Department
 - i) ABS/ Fiscal Operations
 - ii) TPS Role within the campus community
 - iii) Technology and trends in parking and mobility
 - b) Forum between TPS and Campus
 - i) Review operations and events
 - ii) Promote awareness
 - iii) Receive feedback and report on responses
- 2) Department Overview
 - a) Departmental Staff
 - i) 27 full time / 70 part time
 - ii) 4 office locations on main campus
 - b) Transportation
 - i) 7 days a week during Fall & Spring semesters
 - ii) Weekdays 7:30am-2:30am / weekends 12pm-2:30am
 - c) Parking Services
 - i) 5 garages: 3,990 parking spaces
 - ii) 34 parking lots: 3,109 parking spaces

- iii) VBHEC: 600 parking spaces
 - d) HRT
 - i) 400 GoPass365 transit riders
 - ii) 105,000 passenger trips / year
 - e) Zipcar Car Share
 - i) 5 cars in two locations
 - ii) 242 registered users
 - f) PACE Bicycle Share
 - i) 7 campus bike stations / 50 bicycles
 - g) Project 529 Bicycle Registration
 - i) 248 registered bicycles
- 3) Summer 2019 Review
 - a) Garage Signs
 - i) (photos)
 - b) Summer Travels
 - i) (photos)
 - c) Lime Scooters
 - i) City of Norfolk Pilot Program
 - ii) Launched in June 2019
 - iii) 900 scooters city wide
 - iv) \$1 to unlock and \$0.23/min
 - v) Policy #3231 updates
 - Yield to pedestrians
 - Bike rack parking
 - No campus charging
 - Not allowed in campus buildings
 - vi) We are working on a LIME / ODU agreement
 - vii) Already implemented a ban that prevents you from ending a ride in any of the garages
 - viii) Also asked them to look into a campus wide speed restriction of 10mph
 - ix) Reaching out to SGA about First Ride Fair to help users to help get education on safe usage
 - x) Specific messaging in app to help with parking and yielding to peds at the end of each ride
 - xi) Also looking into safety video option
 - d) LPR
 - i) Phases 1 & 2 are complete, we are finishing up 3, and we will be working on 4 soon
 - e) Hurricane Dorian
 - i) (Lot 11 photo)
- 4) Department Work Plan
 - a) Organization / Staff updates
 - b) Conclude audit
 - c) Peanut Butter for Parking – Homecoming Week (Oct 21-25)

- i) Have a citation waived with a PB donation
 - d) Parking Occupancy / Reporting
 - i) Camera based sensors in Lot 1 and Lot 47
 - ii) Updates to ODU Mobile App for parking
 - e) Garage repairs- summer 2020 work planning
 - f) Monarch transit bus shelters (with SGA)
 - g) Daytime student accessibility transportation options
 - h) Meter parking updates for LPR
 - i) Update or replace meter pay stations
 - ii) Update or replace mobile payment platform
 - i) Elkhorn Ave Access Needs Study
 - i) Improve safety / provide special access
 - j) Transportation and parking master plan
 - i) Update for future capital building projects
 - k) Improved signs
 - i) Review of surface lots and garages
- 5) Future Meeting Dates
- a) November 13, 2019
 - b) January 15, 2020
 - c) March 4, 2020
 - d) April 22, 2020
 - e) August 2020

Q & A from Committee

Purpose of TPAC Feedback / Q&A: NONE

Department Overview Feedback / Q&A:

Q: Do you use your ID when you ride HRT?

A: Yes, you are supposed to use it along with your GoPass365

Q: Can you use them (Zipcars) for a weekend? Or just for a few hours?

A: You can, they have daily rates but its not as affordable as a regular car rental.

Q: Is it an electric car? (lime pod)

A: That was their goal, but they just announced they are getting rid of the Lime Pods.

Summer 2019 Review Feedback / Q&A:

Q: Do they (Lime) give out helmets?

A: They have said they do that as part of the first ride event.

C: We've had at least 20 scooter accidents since the launch, appeared out of nowhere, anything to do with safety is very important.

Q: What does Richmond say?

A: I don't know, but I'll make sure it goes to council and Rob Wells to review for risk. There hasn't been any guidance given to us.

Q: Are those in wheelchairs or other mobility devices counted as pedestrians that a lime user must yield to?

A: I would think it would be ok to ride on the west side of campus on the sidewalks yielding to everyone but on the east side it should be in the street and not on the sidewalk. We will keep working on this and do what we can to help improve safety experiences on campus.

Q: Are you issuing warnings to people who are backing in without a front license plate?

A: We did not, but it is VA law that you have 2 plates. That is something we are working on to educate people.

C: Some colleagues and I are looking at campus and flooding, building infrastructure for sea level rise etc. if there is a way to integrate transportation and parking concerns into that I think that would be great.

A: Definitely! We are affected by high tides and storms so I'd love to partner and discuss the long term changes we will have to make going forward.

Department Work Plan Feedback / Q&A:

Q: Is there any way they could align with the city's parking mobile app?

A: Yes, that is a possibility, we are looking into the options, pros and cons. There is a lot of confusion currently with mobile payment systems.

Q: Will this include better access for transit and cars to Webb center?

A: Yes the Elkhorn Avenue access needs study will include that concern and review the options available.

Other Feedback / Q&A: NONE