

Transportation and Parking Committee Read Ahead: December 2021

Committee web site: <https://parking.virginia.edu/transportation-and-parking-committee-notes-and-membership>

Parking demand trends as of December 13, 2021:

- Academic annual reserved permit holders– 80% of pre-COVID demand (75% in September 2021):
 - Waiting list releases are underway in several lots across grounds.
 - In the locations that were combined for efficiency, impact on number one person’s date-listed before and since waiting list releases:
 - E3 - Number one person listed in Fall 2018 versus February 2021 now.
 - E1 - Number one person listed Fall 2018 versus August 2021 now.
- Health System annual reserved permit holders – 100%, same as pre-COVID demand.
- Annual low-cost permit holders – 66% of pre-COVID demand (58% in September 2021).
- Student Residential Permits – Trending to 100% of pre-COVID levels.
- Hourly/Daily/Multi-Day – No change since September 2021. However, after meetings with the Graduate Student Council, hourly access to E3 was restored during academic session after 2:30PM and all-day between academic sessions.

University Transit Service (UTS) and Safe Ride as of December 13, 2021:

- Federal masking restrictions on public transit recently extended to March 18, 2022.
- Several UTS operational changes were implemented on November 29, 2021:
 - Boarding capacity restored to 100% (cleared with UVA Health).
 - Front door loading restarted (cleared with UVA Health).
 - Monroe/Garrett bus stop restored during the hours UTS is serving McCormick Road.
 - Bavaro/Central Grounds shared bus stop relocated about 250’ south due to construction.
- UTS Service Hours on Academic Routes vary through exams, academic break, and J-Term: <https://parking.virginia.edu/service-schedule>
- Kimley-Horn conducted an evaluation of transit on McCormick Road in the near term. Results pending.
- Service package for Spring 2022 is TBD. P&T is working with several student groups on possible adjustments to address this semester’s feedback on UTS daytime frequency and Safe Ride response times. During academic session, weekday service is expected to remain on Whitehead Road.
- Bus driver shortage continues but due to trainees in the pipeline, no net loss of driving staff is projected for Spring 2022.

Other Updates:

- Afton Express is performing above expectations with approximately 500 boardings per month and steady growth after fares were imposed on October 1. The equivalent of about 14-15 people are riding per day. P&T continues to work on promotions for UVA riders.
- Regional Transit Vision survey is open for citizen input. See survey at this website: www.tinyurl.com/transitvision
- Saliva Screening Clinics demobilized in the Emmet/Ivy Garage on December 17. No further impact on parking anticipated for Spring 2022 and beyond.

FY23 Budgets: P&T budget submission was due to chain of command in November with formal submission in December/January. Defining elements of the proposed FY23 P&T budget:

- Starting Fall 2022, restore UTS service hours during academic session to deliver weekday 10-minute headways and weekend 20-minute headways.
- Overhaul compensation structure for UTS drivers and all associated staff to recognize market conditions and address desperate recruitment and retention issues for all positions.
- Retain flexible parking options available for purchase by the hour, day, multi-day.
- Continue in-person customer service by appointment.
- Shift vehicle maintenance shop operations and personnel toward EV fleet. Continue to phase out gas vehicle maintenance.
- Start diesel transit fleet replacement with EV transit fleet.
- Proposed parking rates:
 - Annual permit - low-cost increases \$1/month from \$26 to \$27/month.
 - Annual permit - mid-cost increases \$3/month from \$58 to \$61/month.
 - Annual permit - high-cost increases \$1/month from \$66 to \$67/month.
 - FY23 is year 3 of a 6-year effort to converge mid and high-cost rates.
 - Student Resident Permits and Family Housing residents – no change from \$50/month and \$12/month respectively.
 - Citation Fines - Level one and two fines increase \$5 from \$45 and \$55 to \$50 and \$60 respectively, level three fines increase \$50 from \$250 to \$300.
 - Hourly rates - no change from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per hour depending on location and time of day.
- Student Bus Fees: assumes BOV approval of 6% fee increase (0% in FY22).
- Safe Ride Fees: no change

Construction and Project Updates as of December 2021

Project	Status and Notes
Contemplative Commons	Underway with completion estimated November 2023. Displaced permit holders relocated. Bus stops on McCormick Road at Ridley Hall and Central Grounds Garage relocated to the south.
North Grounds Parking Garage Study	Submitted for consideration as a Capital Project. If approved, estimated completion in 2025 at a cost of \$55M (one third to one half from P&T resources).
Electric Transit Buses	First order of 4 buses expected January 2022. Delivery expected summer 2023.
Emmet/Ivy Garage Renovation	Mobilized. No permit holder relocations necessary. Completion in January/February 2022. This project will be removed from future updates.
Ivy Corridor	6 overlapping projects will bring many years of to the Emmet/Ivy/Rothery. First impact on parking inventory expected when the Hotel and Conference Center and the School of Data Science open in 2024 or 2025.
Brandon II Housing	Underway with completion anticipated summer 2023.
McCormick Road Access	Reconfiguration of the Chapel triangle and west end of McCormick Road under discussion and in design. Drawings available upon request.
Utility Projects	Utility project impacts near south Newcomb Road and Goodwin Bridge will continue for several months.
Football Operations Building	Project impacts TBD.

Potential Discussion Topics for 2021/2022:

- FY23 Budget and P&T financial model
- McCormick Road Institutional Priorities and Studies
- North Grounds Parking Garage Study
- P&T Communication Strategies