**Transportation and Parking Committee Read Ahead: March 2023**

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

Announcement:

A “Commute Club” concept was recently awarded $100,000 in the Staff Senate’s “Hoos Making a Difference” initiative. The Commute Club will be managed by P&T’s mobility and innovations team. The Transportation and Parking Committee will participate in this exciting development at a future meeting.

2022/2023 Parking Operations:

On 2/28/2023 at 3:30PM, during the load-in for simultaneous baseball and softball games, the number of open parking spaces in Emmet/Ivy Garage dropped 10 spaces below the trigger point for diverting parkers to alternative parking locations (trigger point is 60, open space count was 50). Because the 7PM men’s basketball game that night required a vacate time of 5:30PM, if it became necessary, the operations plan that day would have diverted parkers to the Stadium. Given the time and the traffic stand-still around Charlottesville that day, P&T operational personnel elected not to trigger the diversion plan, hoping the inventory in the garage would turn over just in time to meet the need. Fortunately, by 4PM, exiting traffic volumes allowed the Emmet/Ivy Garage inventory to (just barely) meet the demand with diverting parkers.

As noted last meeting, by the time the hotel opens at Ivy Corridor in early 2025, new parking inventory, allocations and/or policies are required to address the competing needs, but more days like 2/28/2023 will arise during 2023/2024 because the opening of the School of Data Science introduces demand for 100 spaces in the Emmet/Ivy Garage.

P&T is working on new inventories and allocations to meet the demand.

2022/2023 University Transit Service (UTS) including Night Pilot: <https://parking.virginia.edu/university-transit-service-0>

* Bus driver shortage persists.

UTS OnDemand (<https://parking.virginia.edu/ondemand>):

* Two 12-passenger vans used for UTS OnDemand service are due for replacement, however, the average number of passengers per trip is below 4 over 90% of the time. Therefore, the 12-passenger vans will be replaced with 4-passenger vehicles. These vehicles are less expensive to purchase, easier to drive, and will be plug-in electric.

Regional Transit:

* A micro-transit option for northern Albemarle County and Pantops is projected to be operational in summer/fall 2023. North Fork, UVA’s Disovery Park, is included in the coverage area.

FY23 Budgets:

* No new developments.

Construction and Project Updates as of March 2023 (new information in red):

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| Alderman Library | Underway with completion anticipated January 2024. Once complete, the A1 parking lot will re-open as will the Newcomb entrance to the Central Grounds Garage. |
| Brandon II Housing | Underway with completion anticipated summer 2024. Building has two levels of parking underground. |
| Commerce School Expansion | Underway – temporary loss of 30 parking spaces in a health system lot. |
| Contemplative Commons | Construction of pedestrian bridge over Emmet Street nearly completed over Winter recess. Additional closures may be necessary (TBD). |
| Darden Hotel | Underway with completion anticipated Spring 2023. Parking demands will be absorbed in existing Darden Garage. |
| Electric Transit Buses | Four buses ordered from Proterra. Delivery expected fall 2023. Currently designing adaptations to Millmont facility. |
| Football and Olympic Sports Buildings | March-June 2023 – Additional 80 spaces close near Emmet Street  Summer 2023 – Massie Rd at Emmet Street possibly closed for 4 weeks  Fall 2023 – Additional 120 spaces close near Emmet Street (entire lot)  Mid-Fall 2023-Spring 2024 – 80 spaces reopen near Emmet Street  Summer 2024 – 40 more spaces reopen near Emmet reopen  West Promenade impact TBD (~40 spaces)  Net permanent loss for the project – 200-240 spaces |
| Ivy Corridor | Road network in its final condition. First impact on parking system expected when the School of Data Science opens in 2024 and the hotel opens in 2025. |
| McCormick/Alderman Road improvements | McCormick Road from the Physics Building to Gilmer Hall will close in Summer 2023 to enhance pedestrian conditions. Also for Summer 2023, the Low Temperature Hot Water Project will close Alderman Road between McCormick and Tree House Drive with all turning movements from Alderman Road eliminated. McCormick Road between O’Hill and Alderman Road will be one-way east and all turning movements will be eliminated except east bound McCormick to northbound Alderman. Facilities Management (FM) is providing university-wide communications leading up to the impacts. Considerations/suggestions can be submitted to FM in the meantime to [McCormickAldermanClosure@virginia.edu](mailto:McCormickAldermanClosure@virginia.edu) Drawings available upon request. |
| Parking Garage Studies | The North Grounds Garage study is complete. A Fontaine Garage study is underway. |
| Utility Projects | December 2022 through Summer 2023 – McCormick Road between Slaughter Rec and Alderman Road will be one way east. Intermittent impact on W6 parking lot will be experienced. |
| Whitehead Road Study | Office of the Architect, School of Engineering, and P&T engaged in a study of Whitehead Road as a more planned campus street. |

Future Topics:

Commute Club