Transportation and Parking Committee Meeting 3.14.2023 Minutes

In Attendance: Carey Drayton, Bria Friestad, Jess Wenger, Mark Stanis, Sloane Daly (student), Stuart Foster, Kendall Howell, William Palmer, Scott Barker, (Becca White)

Focus: Student Concerns

* Students request had lights on scooters/bikes during the nighttime → possibly doing more advertising for safety in that way.
  + UVA doesn’t specifically have jurisdiction in enforcing this.
  + Provide free backpack lights, etc, state police, Uva safety
  + Scooter Safety webpage, to include mopeds and bikes.
  + Safety awareness ads on buses and shelters.
  + Alternative transportation manager – Patrick Clark.
  + Speak to city/county about Veo scooters.
* Tutorial session with RAs in the beginning of the year with TransLoc since for many people it’s confusing.
  + Remove load from RA’s
  + Hold open discussions in 3rd/4th week of classes, open to all, to go over Transloc, bus routes, bus service usage, things transloc can do, etc
  + Include recruitment pitch
* With the transportation committee, concern on how eco friendly plan in transportation committee would work with TransLoc
  + Confused about this point. Student council will double back with Kendall regarding concern.
  + Marketing transit as a more environmentally friendly option.
  + Encourage and facilitate better understanding of transportation offerings to make easier to use.
  + Dream all inclusive App – estimated bus arrival, bike lane availability, veo scooter location, parking lot capacity.
* Better/more accessible transportation to and from the hospital for students (especially leaving the emergency room)
  + Orange line/loop. Night Pilot. OnDemand. Dart.
  + Dart is a civil rights ADA service. Students go to student health.
* Advertising regarding transportation – student disability concerns.
  + Efforts to raise awareness of available programs. Simply give information to people who might need it in a better way. Communication.
  + Other communication resources we could advertise options on?
  + Student health and wellness building communication options.
  + Main problem is spreading information.
* UTS on McCormick Road
  + Safety Issue – Class change foot traffic.
  + Schedule – Delay due to convenience trips impacting general service.
  + Focus on longer transit reliant trips, rather than convenience ones.
  + Veo scooter and moped parking issues, blocking ramps/sidewalks/bus stops etc
  + Future plan to greatly reduce ALL traffic through McCormick
* The 6:00pm transit change
  + Bus frequency decreases, orange changes to loop route, all routes service McCormick.
  + 10 PM – only Night Pilot, OnDemand starts.
  + Confusion mostly in students who don’t ride frequently.
  + Veo scooters in paths and ramps affecting accessibility.
    - New Micromobility Coordinator who will be out and about moving those scooters and mopeds etc
    - Need to expand general awareness about proper etiquette when using these conveniences
* Gold Line during JPJ events
  + Best we can to work around events, but its just a fact of the process.
* Transportation to/from student storage parking areas
  + Metal lines (gold/silver) to get to student parking. Transfer points Whitehead road and McCormick.
* How early should I show up to make sure I catch the bus?
  + Wait between buses is extremely short. 2/2.5 minutes before.
  + Transloc real time tracking and time estimates.
* Not knowing where to park briefly for those who unload groceries, heavy items from dorms, etc.
  + After 5 pm is best
* Why do I have to pay to park where I live - shouldn't this be covered in my tuition?
  + P&T is Auxiliary service – self funded. Cannot touch tuition etc.
  + Encourage alternative transport vs single occupancy private vehicles
* Why is gym parking separate?
  + Encourage parking turn over so active patrons have access.
  + Curb using gym parking without using the gym behavior – in the works.
* Why isn’t parking free? Or cost based on income/financial aid?
  + Dynamic parking cost – free market, same price for all. Basic permits are very affordable. Cost is not solely a P&T decision. Supplemental benefit for anyone that makes under a 44k and pays for parking.
* Why is P&T an auxiliary service and not under general UVA budgets?
  + State code, cant use state funds for it.
  + University would rather put excess funds back into programs, financial aid, buildings, rather than parking and transit.
* Charge parking to SIS account?
  + Can we? Ask parking. Demand to do so not high.
* Returning to grounds from Amtrak station?
  + In the works.