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.