

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 Discovery Park, is included in the coverage area.

FY23 Budgets:

- No new developments.

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

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 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

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.