

June 9, 2005

To: Katherine Tachau
President, Faculty Senate

Cheryl Reardon
President, Staff Council

From: Ray Haas
Chair, Parking & Transportation Committee

Re: Annual Report of Parking & Transportation Committee, FY '05

The Parking & Transportation Committee met seven times during the 2004 - 2005 academic year. This year's committee focus was mainly on the approval of Faculty/Staff/Student permit and public hourly parking rate increases for the next four years. Later in the spring the committee turned its attention to improving the various commuter options.

The committee reviewed rate increase proposals that addressed public hourly parking; and faculty/staff and student permit rates. The committee approved a proposal in December, which was then presented to the Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Student Government, the UIHC and other units around campus. All the groups generally supported the proposal and it was then approved by Administration and forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval. The first year of the proposal was approved by the Board at the May meeting. (SEE ATTACHMENT OF RATES)

There were two significant changes of note in this proposal. The first being the creation of a new Physicians Parking permit which will allow faculty physicians at the College of Medicine/UIHC to park in multiple facilities, including patient parking ramps. The rate will begin at \$150/mo; but the permit may not be implemented until the Melrose Ave. Parking Ramp expansion is largely completed. The second significant item in the approved rates is that permit rates in two of the commuter lots, the Hancher and Arena Lots, will increase faster than their counter parts at the Finkbine and Hawkeye Lots. This change had been proposed more than five years ago and reflects the growing and significant number of staff who park in these two lots and work in nearly adjacent buildings instead of having to then commute to their work site.

The committee routinely reviewed the progress of the department's numerous projects.

East Campus

- Iowa City Ramp: - Univ. of Iowa Parking and Transportation will obtain 200-250 spaces for its use when the new Iowa City Court Street structure opens the summer of 2005.
- Card Access: - North Campus Ramp and Library Lots were set up for card access entry for permit holders only, during August of 2004 as part of a demonstration project.
- Mayflower Lots: - Lots 12 & 56 were redesigned, with an access entry gate into Lot 56 and a WEBCAM camera system; Lot 12 was converted to public meter parking.
- Way-finding Signage: - the new signage was installed during the fall of 2004; this project was a joint effort with Iowa City to direct visitors to multiple public parking locations in Iowa City and on the east Campus.
- Lot 24: - Modified for Dey House construction

- Lot 2: - added motorcycle lot
- Lot 21: - added digital display signage
- Iowa City Water Plant: - added temporary Lot 8 spaces and motorcycle lot
- East Campus: - Installation of ITS Network for Card Access

West Campus

- Melrose Ave. Parking Facility Expansion: - the construction of a 570 space ramp addition to the Melrose Ave. Parking Facility continues. Completion is expected the spring of 2006
- Center for Disabilities and Development Patient/Visitor Parking: - the parking area was redesigned with the addition of metered spaces.
- Newton Road Pedestrian Crossing/Safety: - a new speed hump was installed at the pedestrian crossing on Newton Road to slow traffic to promote better safety for pedestrians
- Lot 43: - a temporary area was added north of Hospital Ramp III during the fall of 2004, 180 spaces were gained. These are only temporary due to planned expansion of the chilled water plant in Hospital Ramp III slated for January of 2006. At the beginning of May construction started on the renovation of the west portion of Lot 43. This portion of the project will be completed this summer.
- Finkbine Commuter Lot: - rail crossing upgrade and repair; curb replacement phase #1
- West Campus: - installation of ITS Network for Card Access
- Finkbine Commuter Lot: - 50 space lot expansion – curb replacement phase #2
- Hawkeye Expansion: - expansion to gain 250 spaces
- S. Grand Ave.: - construction began in May to widen the road, adding 2 turn lanes for queuing into ramps.

Multiple meters, motorcycle, loading zone (some timed), and bike spaces were removed and installed across campus. Routine maintenance and repair though out the year of all structures and surface lots.

Other areas of Interest/Concern/Discussion

- A Day-Pass Program is being developed to allow staff and faculty to easily acquire one-day temporary access to a range of available parking facilities for a fee. Access to the program requires either an existing assignment with a hangtag or a registration hangtag which allows individuals without a parking assignment to utilize the system. Arrangements are made entirely through the HRIS web site which limits its use to current UI employees. The program is expected to be in place by the fall. The availability of space will change daily and a number of lots will not be open to Day-Pass use.
- Commuter Programs: - the Emergency Ride Home program (ERH) was implemented this spring for faculty and staff who are enrolled in one of our commuter programs (Vanpool, TRIP, or Bus Pass). If an emergency arises the employee can take a taxi home and after completing a form that meets requirements will be reimbursed for the cost. This program can be used up to three times per year and may not exceed a cumulative total of \$100.00 in reimbursement.

The committee requested that Parking and Transportation invite an alternative transportation consultant to campus to review our current system and to make suggestions on how to increase employee use of current and new commuter programs. Mr. Shamus Misek, Research Transportation Program Manager at the University of Illinois at Chicago was brought to campus for 2 days. He spoke to our Parking & Transportation Committee and voiced ideas covering the concerns of campus congestion and travel to and from campus.

- Departmental Review: Parking and Transportation is currently undergoing a departmental review, this should be complete the summer of 2005.
- Long-Term Parking Demand Growth Issues: throughout the year there were multiple discussions on new parking site locations, ways to improve commuter parking to address shortages and how to better use current space.

- Cambus Service: The following Cambus route service/bus was added during the year:
 - AM Hawk/Hospital (year around) – 1 bus was added in service at 6:20 am
 - Interdorm (Fall/Spring) – started at 8:05 instead of 8:17 am and out of service at 7:25 pm instead of 6:28 pm
 - PM Hawkeye Express (Fall/Spring) – started at 2:52 pm instead of 2:58 pm and out of service at 6:05 pm instead of 6:12 pm
 - Late Night Red/Blue (Fall/Spring) – Red out of service at 12:40 am instead of 1:10 am and Blue out of service at 12:42 am instead of 1:13 am
 - AM Hospital via Hancher (Interim/Summer) – in service at 7:03 am instead of 6:45 am
 - Summer Interdorm (8 wk summer session only) – 1 bus in service from 6:47 am to 9:58 am

We appreciate the opportunity to work with Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and Student Government on matters that concern the University community. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me at 6-3501. Thank you.

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