

# PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 13, 2022 2:00 pm

206 TAPS/via ZOOM

## **ATTENDEES:**

**MEMBERS:** Emily Bartley, Jennifer Clark, Emily Hind, Thomas Hawkins, Major Bart Knowles, Shelby Schultz, Matthew Terza, Emma Towler, Scott Washburn, Matt Williams

**LIASONS:** Linda Dixon, Scott Fox

**NON-MEMBERS:** Kaylee August, Chris Carlson, Ron Fuller, Robert Hatker, Frank Javaheri, Goldi Leiberson, Rachel Mandell, Allison Moss, April Pomputius, Keith Rambo, Sophia Salem, Milo Zapata, Nina Shubert (Recording)

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Ann Baird, Marty Dempsey, Ifigeneia Giandaki, Charles Kammin, Carolyn Kelly, Ramzi Salloum,

**STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Brady Alexander, Noah Fineberg, Connor Wells

**CHAIR:** Scott Washburn

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Scott Washburn.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from November 2022. The motion to approve was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Maj. Knowles. The minutes from November 2022 were approved as presented.

## **TAPS UPDATE**

**PRESENTING: RON FULLER, TAPS**

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Scott Washburn asked for updates on the LPR system and the previously discussed “bad parking” behavior on campus.
- Scott Fox spoke about restoration of the auto-restricted zone:
  - Sent out notification of the restoration
  - History of the auto-restricted zone
    - Attended booths with gate arms
    - Flashing lights at zone areas
    - Zone discontinued during COVID-19 – Not needed
    - Zone remained suspended with project road closures
  - Continued concerns regarding pedestrian and bicycle traffic safety in campus core so the auto-restricted zones will be restored Monday, January 9, 2023.
  - Zone will be indicated by signage/flashing lights – Area is restricted to private vehicles between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday on class days.
    - Allowing only University vehicles, emergency vehicles, transit vehicles, etc.
- Scott Washburn asked Maj. Knowles about enforcement in the auto-restricted zones. Maj. Knowles discussed the following regarding enforcement:
  - Educational period through January 16, 2023.
  - Beginning January 16 written warnings will be issued for violations.
  - January 23 actual citations will be issued.
  - Scott Fox stated that more notification will be in form of electronic signage in four locations.
  - Commercial vehicles are allowed in the auto-restricted zone.
- Scott Fox spoke to the earlier inquiry regarding LPR system.

- Some behind-the-scenes small technical issues regarding license plate registration. Working with technical people and this should be resolved.
  - Other than previously mentioned, the LPR system has been entirely successful.
- Process regarding other violations (such as parking over the lines)
  - LPR drivers communicate to patrollers on foot. Foot patrol determines if a citation or other action is warranted in the situation.
- Scott Fox discussed with the committee the previous issues with “bad parking” behavior:
  - Gearing up for internal messaging to go out in 2023 to various departments regarding parking choices and behaviors.
  - Will introduce parking citations to state and department vehicles.
    - Deciding if citations will have monetary consequences or used for tracking and will have Pennell actions associated.

**UF-687 BOWARD DINING HALL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION – PROGRAMMING PHASE**

**PRESENTING: ROBERT HATKER, PD&C**

**DISCUSSION:**

Robert Hatker presented the programming phase for the Broward Dining Hall renovations and expansion. The presented project overview included:

- Location/scope of project area –
  - Near Rawlings Hall, Broward, Mallory, Yulee, Reid and Cypress housing
  - Across Inner Road from Architecture
  - Adjacent to new Honors Village housing complex
- Project Purpose – Renovation and Expansion
  - Campus to provide a value-added experience to all
  - Support the University’s brand – striving to maintain/better the Top-5 public institution nationally
  - Plan aligns with University’s new contract with Chartwell’s – Upgrading to accommodate the increase of students and being part of priorities and accomplishments through the Chartwell’s partnership.
- Future Land Use – Support/Clinical
- Estimated New SF – 5000-7000, + or -
- Current Use – Campus Dining Facility

**Landscape Master Plan**

- Project falls within an area identified as a priority project
  - Part of the Inner Road 2-way traffic lane renovation – No impact to this project
- Seeking to add 300-400 more seating areas.
  - Add bicycle parking to accommodate
- No parking impacts

The project start is projected January 2024. Currently advertising for the architect and builder. Design to start after new year (2023).

**Other committee discussions:**

- Frank Javaheri added the Inner Road project is projected to begin end of January 2023. There is expected potential expansion in all directions so this will be brought up once the architect is on board.
- Concerns regarding deliveries and locations to the area (parking on sidewalks and pedestrian areas). Deliveries will be on the south side – Enter on the service road leading to loading dock area.
- Plan for continued service access with the laydown/construction access with no disruption of service access. Laydown/construction area with be presented in next phase.
- Linda Dixon discussed the bicycle/pedestrian circulation with project
  - East side access and function

- Increase of bicycle/pedestrian traffic in the area - Requesting project to consider the bicycle/pedestrian flow with the increase.
- ADA compliance access with project area. Will be presented with design phase.
- Ron Fuller stated there would not be any parking, car or scooter parking along Inner Road. Parking would remain in the Rinker, Fine Arts, and Mallory Pit areas.

**ACTION:**

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the project phase with requests to consider/pay attention to the following:

- North-south pedestrian/bicycle traffic on east side
- Ensure adequate loading/deliver access on south side of the building

Matt Williams seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

**COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES WITH UNIVERSITY SUSTANABILITY COMMITTEE**

**PRESENTING: SCOTT WASHBURN, ARIEL POMPUTIUS, CHAIR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**DISCUSSION:**

Ariel Pomputius discussed previous conversations with Scott Washburn regarding a collaboration between PATAC and the Sustainability Committee on items of mutual interest. Ariel Pomputius provided a brief overview of what the Sustainability Committee encompasses. Recommendations go to Vice President Reynolds, the Infrastructure Council, etc.

Discussion points included:

- The collaboration may assist the items of mutual interest.
- Creating strength in the recommendations by collaborating with PATAC
- Sustainability Committee excited about current discussion regarding initiatives for safety and parking issues.
  - Vehicle access restricted areas
  - Easier access for bicyclists
- Carpool parking – Introduce incentive at new employee orientation
- Improving/encouraging transportation alternatives - Buses and biking
- Thomas Hawkins discussed responsibility of the PATAC:
  - Project review
  - Compliance with campus Master Plan
  - Parking policy changes
- Secure bicycle storage – Similar to Garage 14
  - For new builds
- Outfitting garages with solar power
  - Scott Fox stated that outfitting garages with solar power is a funding issue.
  - Garage 14 was built solar energy ready should funding become available. Future garages may be built with this option as suitable.
- Concerns about busing and bus routes cutbacks – Driver shortages
  - Consultants will be conducting a transit study with a focus on services provided by the University.
- Linda Dixon discussed the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MPTO) meeting.
  - Discussion of bus driver shortages
  - Potential drivers for whom English is a second language having difficulty passing the exam.
  - RTS seeking to address the issue and their labor shortage
- Convincing scooter riders to consider bus transport

**ACTION:**

No action. For committee discussion.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN**

- Discussed from Infrastructure Council meeting per Keith Rambo – Student with accessibility needs stated that at Frazier Rogers there are no curb cuts at the crosswalk. Will determine the specific area of the concern and address follow up once determined.
- Student Senate resolutions – TAPS receives a copy of Student Senate Bill 2022-1063 regarding:
  - Hybrid parking options:
    - Recognize necessity of keeping students in mind when making any parking changes
    - No further student parking be removed within next 5 years without providing more comprehensive forum-style events for students/stakeholders may provide perspectives.
    - Student Senate advocate for the exploration of expansions to hybrid parking decal locations on campus to relieve the strain of those with Red, Red 1, Green and Park and Ride destinations
  - Scott Fox will be meeting with Student Senate January 9, 2023 to discuss the resolutions.
  - Matt Williams added that Sustainability is aware amongst the three branches of Student Government, the Senate will craft resolutions with no communication with the other branches.

Link: <https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/SSB-2022-1063-Resolution-Advocating-for-Expanded-Hybrid-Parking-Decals-to-Address-Growing-Concerns-for-Student-Parking-on-the-University-of-Florida-Campus.pdf>

- Scott Fox addressed the Gold/Silver parking lot north of Sledd/Fletcher/Thomas Halls
  - Removal of scooter parking for Gateway
  - Students requested scooter parking for libraries.
  - Restored scooter parking in Gated Gold/Silver gated lots after 6:00pm Monday-Friday.
- Additional extensive committee discussion of bicycle access and traffic patterns at Buckman intersection.
  - Bicycle safety and conflicts
  - Discussion of designs/alternatives for this intersection.
  - Bicycle safety savvy education.
- Thomas Hawkins discussed the University, city and county transit plans. Specifically spoke of cooperation and integration for fixed route transit lines to connect existing dedicated lanes with strategic parts of the community.
- Allison Moss discussed the bicycle master plan for the city and county. This is an opportunity to get University input regarding bicycle safety and improvements.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.