

# PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 9, 2023 2:00 pm

## ATTENDEES

**MEMBERS:**, Emily Bartley, Marty Dempsey, Thomas Hawkins, Emily Hind, Charles Kammin, Carolyn Kelly, Major Bart Knowles, Shelby Schultz, Matthew Terza, Emma Towler, Scott Washburn, Matt Williams

**LIASONS:** Eddie Daniels, Linda Dixon, Scott Fox,

**NON-MEMBERS:** Kaylee August, Chris Carlson, Thomas Feather, Laurie Hall, Jeffrey Huber, Chris Kuonen, Rachel Mandell, Michael Panarisi, Savannah Partridge, Keith Rambo, Greg Ratter, Fraser Ringel, "Fraser's iPhone", Brent Taylor, Caeli Tolar, David Wood, Seth Wood, Nina Shubert (Recording)

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Ann Baird, Jennifer Clark, Ifgeneia Giannadaki, 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 April 2023.

The motion to approve as presented was set by Thomas Hawkins and seconded by Marty Dempsey. The minutes from April 2023 were approved.

## TAPS UPDATE

**PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, TAPS**

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Projects
  - Museum Road and Newell Drive utility work continues. – Completion by June/July 2023
    - Three segments to be completed are in front of Hume Hall, between Reitz and Gale Lemerand Drive.
  - Inner Road is permanently close for construction work to proceed.
  - SHCC opened and new parking designation in place
  - Work begun on intersection improvements at Museum Road and Reitz Union Circle – will include traffic signal.
  - Garage maintenance work continues at Garages 2, 7 and 9.
- Received plaque for Garage 14 ParkSmart Certification
  - Scott Fox stated this certification will be recognized the 2023 International Parking and Mobility Institute Conference.
- Flavet tennis court lot is closed for the summer. South half lot conversion back to tennis courts; north half will be parking for a to-be-determined Rec Sports project pending funding for expansion.
- Commuter lot restoration on Gale Lemerand Drive for fall semester. Garney anticipated vacate is August 1.
  - Reopening 290 car spaces – Needed due to the opening of new residence halls..

## UF-685 HOLLAND HALL LAW UTILITY PLANT IMPROVEMENTS – DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE

**PRESENTING: MILO ZAPATA, PD&C**

### **DISCUSSION:**

Milo Zapata was out. Greg Ratter with Siemens, along with Fraser Ringel with Jacobs and Brent Taylor with Brentwood Company presented the project.

Greg Ratter presented and discussed the Holland Law Utility Plant Improvements project. Project is providing multiple upgrades which include several sustainability projects within this project such as LED lighting and water conservation with low-flow fixtures. A main part of the project is improve the infrastructure, particularly the steam piping that serves Springs buildings and goes around the Springs residential complex.

- Overview
  - Steam to Heating Hot Water Conversion and Chilled Water Improvements
    - Replacing aging Chilled Water Equipment
  - Solar Hot Water Installations
  - Carport Solar PV Installation – Covered parking
  - EV Charger Installation
- Distribution Piping Impacts – Overview of project phases
  - Total construction duration – 5-6 months
  - Work will be done in phases – Not all areas will be closed at same and for same duration. Color coded the piping:
    - Yellow Phase (4 weeks) – 5/29 – 6/23
    - Green Phase (6 weeks) – 6/19 – 7/28
    - Red Phase (6 weeks) – 6/26 – 8/4
    - Blue Phase (4 weeks) – 7/31 – 8/25
    - Orange Phase (4 weeks) – 8/28 – 9/22
    - Purple Phase (4 weeks) – 9/25 – 10/20
  - Construction on Fraternity Drive will be avoided during football season
  - All roadways, sidewalks and parking lots will be restored to match the existing condition.
  - MOT plan included in presentation

Greg Ratter discussed the project approval for the Green Phase section. This part of the project has to go into the street area due to issues properties and the adjacent owners. Easement issues forced the decision to build the piping in the street. The project will be completed end of July, well before students return in the fall.

- MOT Plan – Present the plan to shift traffic from Stadium Road to Fraternity Drive
  - Install 4-foot barricades to separate traffic along west Stadium Road – Traffic will still be able to go both ways.
  - Install signage in the area
  - Due to trench Stadium Road west bound traffic would need to be closed for a couple of days and detoured through the east bound lane.
    - Lanes will be open during the day and re-routed at night.

Scott Fox asked about road resurfacing in the area and if the project scope included repairs to sewers and catch basins in the bike lanes on both sides of the road. It is an opportunity to repair an existing hazard. Greg Ratter stated that new drains and piping was not part of the plan, but the project will look at the possibility to see what is involved. The roadway has depressions and bikes are forced ride in the roadway to avoid the depressions. Although this is not in the scope of the project it can be considered.

Scott Fox as well inquired about the bike traffic through the roadway shift. Bike traffic would need to be diverted. The needs to be enough room on the south side to dig the trench. There would be no pedestrian traffic on the south side of the roadway for the duration of the project. All space up to the curb will be needed.

There were other aspects in the slide presentation discussed. The remainder would be presented at another time. All other aspects were good with the committee. Greg Ratter stated that other aspects can be presented at other times.

Rachel Mandell asked about the height of the solar arrays at for the carport/canopy at Holland Hall. Although the exact height is unknown, the project has been through the LVL Committee. The trees in the area will be

removed and the panels will be in the grassy area. The panels will be heating water that goes into the boiler system. Ground mounted, there will be a fence around the boilers. The fence will be around five feet in height. Rachel Mandell has concerns about the "STOP" sign up from the south and that west bound traffic would not be able to see the sign. Noted was the fence will be wrought iron in compliance with the Campus Master Plan aesthetic. There was further discussion regarding the fence boundaries, the corner sidewalk. It was determined the sightline would not be obstructed by the fence; however the project will further review the area regarding sightline obstructions.

Marty Dempsey inquired regarding impacts and notifications for summer early move-in for Springs complex. Chad Doering and Chad Worley at Housing have been working with this project. Milo Zapata sent the specifics to Chad Doering and he is aware and did not offer any comments for concern. Scott Fox offered the closures parking areas and roadways are completed by August 25. The only parts of the project that linger (Orange and Purple) will be out of the roadways. Further discussion included Greg Ratter stating the Red Phase will go under the road and will have no traffic impact.

Marty Dempsey also asked about the closure west of Gale Lemerand Drive and when the area would reopen. Ron Fuller stated the area was to open sometime in June. The concern was multiple road closure at the same time.

**ACTION:**

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the design development phase of the project as presented with a second from Marty Dempsey. With no further discussion the motion passed.

**UF-653 UF ARCHITECTURE BUILDING RENOVATION AND DCEP COLLABORATORY – DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE**

**PRESENTING: DAVID WOOD, PD&C**

**DISCUSSION:**

Chis Conan and Jeff Huber presented the design development phase of the Architecture building renovation project. Laurie Hall, CHW, assisted with presentation. This project was previously presented in the schematic design concept phase. Jeff Huber presented the project's overview and site.

Project overview:

- Project includes the renovation of the existing Architecture Building and construction of new DCP Collaboratory Building.
- Renovations include bringing existing building into compliance with Florida Building Code, ADA and other architectural finishes/modernization.
- The DCP Collaboratory will be a 3-story, 46,486 GSF facility includes functional Creative Collisions Commons space, Research Hub, Digital Modeling/Fabrication Space, Educational Space and a Multi-Purpose Hall.
- This project is pursuing LEEDS Gold and WELL certifications.

Project Site:

- Project site extends from Stadium Road to the north to Inner Road to the south. Includes the Architecture lawn and anticipated improvements to Murphree Way to the east.
- Gator Pond is not included in the boundary and no impacts anticipated.
- The project was presented to PATAC in July 2022. Motion was approved with following conditions:
  - Separate pedestrian/vehicular circulation along Murphree Way (with service traffic able to move from Stadium to Inner Roads).
  - Making pedestrian improvements along Murphree Way, making area more pedestrian and bike friendly.
  - Consider options to restrict vehicular access to the walkways adjacent to the site to the east (currently off site).

Laurie Hall presented a diagram of the site plan along Murphree Way to separate the pedestrian corridor and the service corridor. These were items PATAC asked to be addressed in previous schematic design presentation. Noted that parking spaces were retained in the service drive per committee's recommendation.

Murphree Way Corridor:

- Separated pedestrian/vehicular circulation along Murphree Way
- Removable bollards to allow services vehicle only access to Inner Road

Required Bike Racks – Collaboratory Addition (per UF Policy):

- Academic Building, UF requirement is for each 250 GSF of public space + 1 space per each 10 employees.
- 30,369 SF + 2 employees
- $30,369/250 \text{ SF} = 121.5 + 1$  (for new employees)
- Total required new bike spaces: 123

The U-racks will be replaced with the UF standard of Peak racks. Site were shown in an overview and specific area pictures. Noted 176 bike racks located north of project across from Stadium Road.

The committee inquired and discussed:

- Bikes and bike racks
  - Concerns regarding Peak racks not accommodating all bike types, including some electric and cargo bikes. The preference is the U-rack for these types of bicycles.
  - Bike parking concerns and decisions – Bike related issues are collaborated with Office of Sustainability and TAPS with a liaison person.
    - Matt Williams stated Jacob Adams is no longer is the position. The position is in the process of being rehired.
  - Future racks having modifications to accommodate.
  - Linda Dixon spoke of campus standard for bike racks, ratings for current bike rack and research bike rack options.
    - It was noted the Peak rack is the standard for the Landscape Master Plan.
  - Bike rack utilization in the adjacent area – The Carleton Auditorium bike racks are often full when auditorium is in use.

Presentation resumed with Required Bike Racks – Collaboratory Addition (Per UF Policy)

- Total required new bike spaces: 123
- Existing Architecture Building: 108 spaces
- Replacing all racks with campus standard yields net gain of 6 spaces
- Proposed new spaces: 42 spaces
- $123 \text{ spaces (required)} - 48 \text{ spaces (provided)} = 75 \text{ bike space deficit}$

The project is asking the committee if there would be any interest in mitigating the bike rack deficit. Consideration is the shared use of these racks among the area buildings. The project would be willing to pay a mitigation fee for this deficit. This fee to be used for other areas around campus which have bike rack deficits.

There was further discussion by the committee regarding:

- The current bike rack utilization in the area – Justification for mitigation
- Bollards planned for Murphree Way – North and south ends of the walkway and the service areas
- Pedestrian and bike circulation and safety
- Linda Dixon discussed the Inner Road project and rebuilding service area ramp and crossing at the Steinbrenner building.

- Matt Williams stated the Office of Sustainability pre-COVID-19 did a study of bike rack counts, capacities, occupancies. This information can be pulled together and shared for the mitigation consideration.
- Bike utilization reports
  - Caeli Tolar shared an area utilization report with 2010 data.
  - Matt Williams will share a utilization report done in 2019
- Duration of the project – May 2025 – Scott Fox stated that mitigation could come later and in payment of a different bike rack that could accommodate the bike discussed.

**ACTION:**

The motion was set for approval with the caveat:

- Mitigation payment to TAPS in equipment up to 75 bike spaces
- Bollard additions at north and south end of Murphree Way and at the south end of Inner Road

Matt Williams moved to approve the motion with the caveats and the motion was seconded by Emily Hind. The motion was approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN**

Scott Washburn presented and discussed PATAC Potential Initiatives:

- “Bad” parking by service/delivery vehicles mitigation initiative momentum
- Campus Parking Restriction times
  - Should they be extended/shortened, maybe both, depending on location?
- Obtain input from student government and other stakeholders
- Coordination with UAA to get cooperation to curb undesirable UAA-related transportation/parking activities
  - Identify alternatives (location, time) for deliveries to football stadium and not parking during peak academic times.
- Not driving golf carts on sidewalks (applicable to other campus entities)
- Differential Parking permit pricing
  - In line with objectives of CAP 2.0 develop permit fee structure base on vehicle carbon footprint
  - Example of lower pricing for:
    - Smaller vehicles which take up less pavement space
    - Fuel efficient vehicles
    - Lower emissions vehicles
  - Develop permit options to provide more flexibility for those who have limited need for parking on campus.
- Scooter parking permits by zone
  - Scooter parking permits would be valid only for specific geographical zones, not entirety of campus
    - Potentially dissuade scooter riders from traveling all over campus throughout the day
- Downtown Park & Ride
  - Partner with City of Gainesville for Park & Ride areas
    - Ride buses, bicycles, autonomous shuttle
- Public Service Announcements
  - PSA’s (in video form) for campus community members about good transportation “culture” on campus. Essentially discussing how to be a “good transport-Gator.”
    - Feature Albert and Alberta
    - Use of eScooter, eSkateboard, eBicycles, etc. (e.g., appropriate riding locations, low/no speed areas)
    - What various campus signage means

- Respect for fellow Gators who are studying, researching, taking exams in buildings next to roadways
      - ✓ Example – do not joyride through campus in vehicle with exhaust modified for increased volume
    - Could archive these into a Canvas module for students
- Student Rewards
  - Create student rewards points system for transportation/parking issues. Points could be awarded for:
    - Lack of parking citation over a certain period (month. Semester)
    - Frequency of using public transportation to/from campus
    - Report various issues – damaged bicycle racks, broken/illegible signs (using TAPS website)
    - Making suggestions that get implemented
  - Points could be redeemed for:
    - Athletic event tickets/priority
    - Bookstore, campus food vendor discounts
- Campus Instrumentation Investment
  - Develop proposal for investment in sensors/instrumentation to track transportation and parking patterns and discussion of potential benefits
    - Support CAP 2.0
- Jaywalking Enforcement

Emily Hind discussed contact from a graduate student who was located at graduate student housing which is now closed for demolition. The student was seeking rezoning. Scott Washburn offered to discuss this situation off-line.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.