

# PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 12, 2023 at 2:00 pm

## ATTENDEES

**MEMBERS:** Emily Bartley, Jennifer Clark, Marty Dempsey, Margaret Fields, Thomas Hawkins, Emily Hind, Sarah Gamble, Charles Kammin, [Walter O'Dell](#), -Matthew Terza, Scott Washburn, Matt Williams

**LIASONS:** Linda Dixon, Scott Fox

**NON-MEMBERS:** Ron Fuller, Melanie Heflin, Frank Javaheri, Rachel Mandell, Alison Moss, Savannah Partridge, Mike Ryan Simonovich, Seth Wood, Nina Shubert (Recording)

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Carolyn Kelley

**STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:** Connor Wells

**CHAIR:** Scott Washburn

## CALL TO ORDER:

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Scott Washburn asked the committee to review and approve of the minutes from October 2023. There was a small correction in the minutes noted by Scott Washburn. The motion to approve was set by Walter O'Dell and was seconded by Thomas Hawkins. The minutes from October 2023 were approved.

## TAPS UPDATE

**PRESENTING: SCOTT FOX, RON FULLER**

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Expansion of Passport to Garage 6 rooftop (1329 Building).
  - 40 spaces to assist with intermittent department parking needs for off-site employees and others.
- Expansion of Passport to parking meters and possibly other locations
  - Pay-by-phone option at parking meters.
- Continuing to monitor a number of construction projects around campus.
- Josephine (Josie) Cannon, Parking Patroller, is the 2023 Carol Easterling Award winner at the Florida Transportation and Parking Association conference.

Thomas Hawkins commented that he was happy that parking enforcement was being acknowledged and celebrated.

## CAMPUS MASTER PLAN – TRANSPORTATION PLANNING – BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN INITIATIVES STATUS

**PRESENTING: LINDA DIXON, PD&C**

### **DISCUSSION:**

Linda Dixon presented the Campus Master Plan for Transportation Planning, Bicycle-Pedestrian Initiatives Status. This presentation with a focus on campus safety, efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

Discussed in the presentation:

- Process of updating the Campus Mater Plan
- Master planning on campus from 2016 to 2020.
  - Strategic Development Plan
  - Campus Framework Plan
  - Additional goals projects, policies – conservation land management, trails, landscape master plan, parking strategic plan
- Transportation and Parking Strategic Plan (completed 11/2018)

- Make current transportation system safer and more efficient.
- Position UF for the future.
- Strengthen community partnerships.
- Campus Master Plan Transportation Element (developed 12/2020)
  - Participate in joint decision making with city/county.
  - Mitigate impacts of campus development on Context Area roads/transit service
  - Reduce dependence on [single occupant vehicles \(SOV\)](#)/encourage mode choice.
  - Provide road network which is safe, efficient, comfortable, aesthetically pleasing.
  - Provide bicycle/pedestrian facilities which are safe, comfortable, aesthetically pleasing.
  - Provide transit facilities which are safe, comfortable, aesthetically pleasing.
  - Manage parking for efficiency and balance supply to demand.
  - Fund and implement transportation and parking infrastructure and programs in coordination with user groups.
- Presented map images from the Master Plan
  - Recommended Bicycle Circulation Plan
  - Recommended Pedestrian Facilities
- Survey results (from 1/2018) – Biking to campus/incentives to do so.
  - Students, faculty, and non-faculty staff
  - 10,000 responses
- Transportation and Parking Strategic Plan – Bicycle-Pedestrian Recommendations – Initiative/Progress/Status
  - Bicycle-Pedestrian Zone – Conversion of Union Rd. east end of Stadium Rd. and Newell Dr. to bicycle and pedestrian corridors
  - Midblock pedestrian crossings on University Avenue
  - Convert sidewalks along West University Avenue (Gale Lemerand Dr. to SW 13th Street) to shared use path.
  - Improve bike/pedestrian crossing of SW 13<sup>th</sup> St. at Museum Rd., Stadium Rd., and Union Dr.
  - Extend sidewalk along SW 13<sup>th</sup> St. from Inner Rd. to Museum Rd.
  - Provide enhanced bicycle/pedestrian accommodations along Museum Rd and other campus roads. – Physics path, Hull Rd. baseball stadium area crosswalks
  - Prepare a separate Bicycle Master Plan – Partnering with City and County for county-wide Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.
  - Employ short-term low-cost projects to improve viability of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Examples of completed/potential projects:
    - Crosswalks flashing beacons.
    - Bollards to restrict vehicular access to areas such as the Union lawns.
    - Campus Trails Plan, Conservation Land Management Plan with trail connectivity.
    - Implementation of bike boxes.
    - Traffic flow changes on Fletcher Dr./Buckman Dr.
    - Bicycle facility and safety improvements with road resurfacing/restriping.
- Presented images and discussed:
  - Bicycle-pedestrian zone.
  - Landscape Mater Plan Standard Cross Sections by Road Classification (Typology).
  - Cypress Hall shared-use path (from 2021).

The committee followed up with questions and discussion regarding:

- Program explanation – Work program document which states all the projects for next 5 years, the year funding occurs.
- Landscape Master Plan cross sections –
  - 12-foot travel lanes – Bus traffic prefers at least 11 feet.
  - Compromise of bicycle facilities.

- Mike Ryan [Simonovich](#) discussed riding to work and safety of the bike lane access with larger traffic lanes and the cross-section design.
- Jennifer Clark inquired about use of permeable concrete/paving. Linda Dixon stated that permeable asphalt has been and is used in Landscape Master Plan trails/pathways.
- Margaret Fields inquired about e-scooter use on the shared use pathways and if there has been a survey regarding proliferation and use of e-scooters/e-bikes.
  - Linda Dixon deferred to Matt Williams who stated that although a formal survey has not been conducted getting more data is a good idea.
  - Ron Fuller stated that he did a quick count of the number of e-scooters in the 13<sup>th</sup> Street area, Anderson Hall to Shands.
  - There was additional discussion of the increase/future use of e-scooter use on campus.
- Emily Hind discussed her cargo bike and issues with using it on the shared-use pathway.
- Thomas Hawkins discussed the Campus Master Plan, the integration of committees' discussion regarding campus improvement projects and how to initiate changes and improvement in the Campus Master Plan. Linda Dixon responded that the role of the committees is they get to review and understand each project and what can be accomplished.
  - Discussed 13<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk on one side and not the other.
  - Processes of the Landscape Master Plan and using the cross-sections as guides.
  - Master Plan update - 2025. The more significant update – 2030 – Updates will be presented to committees.
- Jennifer Clark had additional discussion about e-scooter, bicycle safety and communication education.

**ACTION:**

This was for committee discussion only.

**MP08356 – MCCARTY DRIVE REPAVING - 60% CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS**  
**PRESENTING: MELANIE HEFLIN, PD&C, CHRIS G穆ER, G穆ER ENGINEERING**  
**DISCUSSION:**

Chris Gmuere presented and discussed the repaving project for McCarty Drive.

- McCarty Drive is one of the most heavily used campus roads for bus traffic.
- The current asphalt is falling apart.
- Construction method will be full reclamation, not a reconstruction of the road. Use the materials already present.
- Discussed circulation - 90% of the current road functions well.
- Presented and discussed image overview of current McCarty Drive area.
  - Project will make the road uniform.
  - Satisfy bus traffic.
- Commuter traffic only on northeast corner at the parking lot, restriping for a better visual for car traffic to not be in the bus lane.
- Improvements heading west along the roadway:
  - ADA improvements
  - Crosswalk replacements
  - Stormwater inlet repair/replacement
  - Channel bus traffic with additional/extended striping at west end crosswalk.
  - Yellow striping to clarify bus parking/pull-out from bypass area, encouraging buses to separate from bus stop area.
- Create compliant route to 6 ADA parking spaces along south side of McCarty Drive. – Evaluating with design team regarding best option.

The committee's questions and discussion included:

- Consider a soft barrier at bus by-pass area and at the crosswalk by the curve.
- Emily Hind inquired about bicycle traffic access on McCarty Drive.

- Sidewalk on both sides for bike and pedestrian traffic.
- McCarty Drive is restricted to bus traffic only as the roadway is not wide enough to accommodate a dedicated bike lane.
- Inquiry regarding striping and traffic separation in the area.
- Crosswalks at the parking areas and ladder striping
- Thomas Hawkins inquired about moving signs posted on the sidewalks to the asphalt. Scott Fox stated that this needs to be vetted with TAPS, the design team and the contactors, however there is awareness, and the issue will be corrected at some point. Any crosswalk concerns will be addressed as well as part of the project.
- 60% construction project – Will return with the remainder of the project and solutions.
  - Melanie Heflin stated and offered clarity that the project was originally a maintenance project with Facility Services. – Scope was curb to curb only.
    - Project increased in scope to include safety/future needs of Landscape Master Plan/Campus Master Plan for this area.
    - Includes the current Facilities Services utility project.
- Frank Javaheri inquired about the surface of the entrance area, concrete versus asphalt. Chris Gmuer provided a detailed explanation for the use of asphalt and the connection to future needs in this area extending to Inner Road.
- Discussed was the time frame of this project, coordination with other projects and with RTS.

**ACTION:**

Thomas Hawkins moved to approve the 60% construction project with the understanding of the issues with pedestrian access on the north side and north parking lot will be presented for further review. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Clark. The motion was approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PRESENTED BY: SCOTT WASHBURN**

Scott Washburn presented a list of articles which may be of interest to the committee members, liaisons, and attendees.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.