



Parking And Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Tuesday May 13, 2025, at 2:00pm

CHAIR: Thomas Hawkins

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Thomas Hawkins.

ATTENDEES:

MEMBERS: Patrick Klager, Marty Dempsey, Sarah Gamble, Emily Hind, Chuck Kammin, Walter O'Dell, Matthew Terza, Gregg Henderschiedt, Andrei Kirilenko, Aimee Bourassa

NON-MEMBERS: Adam Hall, Kaylee August, Jamie Lindsey, Mairead Baker, Katrina Fields
(Taking Minutes)

LIAISONS: Linda Dixon

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Margaret Fields, Carolyn Kelley, Brandi Renton, Cydney McGlothlin

STUDENT MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Aaron Amster, Caroline Botts, Samantha Kinggard, Shelby Schultz

INTRODUCTIONS:

Thomas Hawkins asked all committee members and participating attendees to introduce themselves and share their locations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Thomas Hawkins asked the committee to review and approve the minutes from the March 11, 2025, meeting. A motion to approve was set by Walter O'Dell and was seconded by Emily Hind. The motion passed unanimously.

TAPS DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Mairead Baker

Mairead Baker informed the group that Sr. Director William MacDonald has left the University of Florida and accepted another position in Miami Beach. She informed the committee that Business Affairs is currently interviewing for the new AVP position, and we would likely not post the position for a new Sr. Director of TAPS until that position is filled because the Sr. Director position will be reporting to the new AVP position.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

INFRASTRUCTURE CHAIR PRESENTATION: Thomas Hawkins

Thomas discussed the information from the February meeting discussing University Avenue plan improvements. He informed the committee that he had sent a document put together by him to the infrastructure council so they would have something to pass along to the steering committee noting the recommendations from the committee. For transparency he shared the document with the committee members.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION: Thomas Hawkins

Thomas shared a copy of the resolution that the faculty senate adopted at its meeting on May 1st. He explained that the senate chair asked committee member Emily Hind to prepare this in response to some of her comments/concerns on transportation safety and bicycle safety. He shared that a member of the senate made a motion to move it to the action agenda and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: ONBOARDING PRACTICES AT U.F.

PRESENTING: Thomas Hawkins on behalf of Emily Hind

Thomas discussed the onboarding presentation, which now has a broader focus on communicating transportation information. Emily, who created the material, asked Thomas to present it to the committee. The presentation questioned whether the current communication about transportation addresses the needs and behaviors of people traveling to campus. Thomas shared data from a 2018 survey, showing that driving is the most popular way to get to campus, followed by biking and walking. The university's limited parking spaces and the relationship with Alachua County and the city of Gainesville were also discussed. Thomas then reviewed examples of communications about transportation, including an onboarding email and a presentation on walking safety.

AGENDA ITEM: Election of Chair/Vice Chair for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

PRESENTING: Thomas Hawkins

Thomas Hawkins asked the group if anyone had any recommendations for a new chair or vice chair or if anyone wanted to be considered for the chair or vice chair position. No one had any recommendations or wanted to be considered for either position.

ACTION:

There was a unanimous vote to re-appoint both Thomas Hawkins and Walter O'Dell as chair and vice chair for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Other Business:

The committee discussed the need for better organization and leadership in the transit system, particularly at Preview. Emily expressed concerns about students' lack of knowledge about public transportation, which was confirmed by Thomas. Marty acknowledged the challenge of students retaining information during Preview. Emily suggested making the bus ride a requirement for attending Preview to encourage students

to try public transportation. The committee agreed to consider these suggestions and possibly form a subcommittee to develop recommendations. The committee agreed to form a subcommittee to develop specific recommendations on communications, with a presentation due in September. The subcommittee will also invite Florida Not One More to present. Linda provided an update on the FDOT grant for a new sidewalk outside Cypress Hall, which is expected to start design in the upcoming fiscal year and construction in fiscal year 28.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:09pm by Thomas Hawkins.