Parking and Transportation (PTAC) Meeting

Date: Feb 15, 2022

Platform: Zoom

Attendees: Josh Stone, Jonsette Calloway, Keith Van Inwegen, Monica Jackson, Kevin Wade, Jesse Maclelland, Angela Davis, Barbara Kidd, Matthew Morris, Ariel Smith, Michele Armstrong, Carlos Brown, Mark Divens, Nate Doughty, Shirley Gibson

* **GRTC/Transportation**
	+ GRTC has not resumed to 10-minute headways on the Pulse; headway incentive withheld
	+ In consultation with VCUHS, RamRide increased from 50% capacity to 75% capacity on Jan. 28. There have been no complaints; if things continue, may increase to 100% capacity in the near future
	+ On Jan. 28, RamSafe returned to 100% capacity (minimal impact due to nature of service)
	+ Per CDC mask mandate, masks are required to ride all public transportation, including RamRide and RamSafe; no issues experienced
	+ Issues with RamSafe:
		- Wait times - Goal to max at 20 minutes
			* Understaffed to start semester - Some COVID, some unsatisfactory applicant pool - RMA changed application process to source quality candidates.
			* A batch of drivers are in training; currently looking for full-time. Expect to see improvements in the coming weeks.
		- To ensure drivers have the “right tools for the right job,” they have received updated equipment in order to facilitate the job and speed up the process.
			* Investigating a more effective/efficient routing platform
	+ RamRide
		- We met with RMA in late January to review the transportation impact I Deck will have
			* Asked for four 28 pax buses and two 31+ seat buses (4 buses added to fleet/RamRide footprint with 2 spares)
		- Draft schedule was shared for RamRide routes (I Deck and Eight St. Deck route combined)
	+ *Question–Feasibility of route–7th St. bridgework could start June/July timeframe impacting I Deck shuttle;*
		- * *May consider keeping ESD route separate*
* **Parking Update**
	+ Coliseum Deck lease expired and 280 subscribers were reassigned; a number of subscribers remained within the deck
	+ MCV Campus occupancy was shared; minimal issues
* **I Deck**
	+ Projected to open in April; subscribers who were relocated from I Lot will receive first preference for I Deck ($86/month), email to be distributed around the end of February
	+ 150 spaces to be reserved for students (brings total MCV student permits to 1,000)
	+ Will place a max. of 600 people on I Deck to start due to agreement with RVA and VDOT
	+ O Lot will remain the VCUHS no-cost option
	+ I Deck I-95 bridge construction plan was shared; to exit, subscribers would be detoured down N. 7th St.
* **Summer Construction Update**
	+ $2.7M from the D Deck project was returned, which allows additional construction work this summer to take place
		- All remaining work on Eighth Street, N Deck, Bowe Street, West Broad, West Cary will be completed.
	+ This would leave only 3 decks with repairs needed: Laurel and Henry St. Decks. All three will be re-analyzed as the carbon fiber project last year may have corrected a number of the repairs previously identified.
* **Camera Projects**
	+ Cameras for West Main St. Deck and Eighth St. Deck have been approved - around $150K for each deck; slow process due to parts shortage; recently approved the addition of conduit needed on WMSD
	+ Bowe St. Deck LED lighting has been approved
	+ *Question: Coverage throughout the deck?*
		- *Will include drivelines on all levels; can currently see entrances/exits and exterior bottom*
* **New Possible Technology - Counting System**
	+ All Traffic Solutions ParkTrak Parking Counting System (real-time occupancy)
	+ Uses lasers and directional logic to count vehicles as subscribers enter or exit a facility
	+ For a simple facility, Laurel St. Deck, the quote was $12,096.50 with a $2,925 annual web connectivity fee; quotes for more complicated facilities, like WBSD and D Deck, were requested
	+ Video demo. shared: <https://www.alltrafficsolutions.com/products/parktrak/>
* **Proposed Policy Changes**
	+ The need exists for a structure to determine who qualifies for each permit
	+ A part-time permit costs $40/month. You can be a VCU student and hourly worker, indicating a loophole
	+ Permit Qualification
		- If you are a full-time student (12 or more credit hours), you qualify for a student permit, regardless of a part-time employee status
		- If you are a full-time employee (30+ hrs a week), you qualify for an employee permit, regardless of a part-time student status
		- If you live in on-campus housing, you qualify for a housing permit only
		- If you are a part-time employee and a part-time student, your employee status supersedes your student status
		- Josh will speak with Health System deans to determine the impact
	+ Commuter Student Permits (Completed)
		- Right now, on weekends student permit holders can only park in unrestricted lots, this has been increased to include their “home location” on Saturdays and Sundays
	+ Evening Permits Completed)
		- Changed start time from 3:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. based on a request; impacts 278 students and 190 employees
	+ Limit Vehicles
		- In preparation to launch LPR, there is a need to limit the number of vehicles on subscribers’ accounts (approx. 3-4); many have 5-10 cars on their account
		- Need to finalize strategy for process
* Next Three Years
	+ LED Lights (at least one deck completed per year)
	+ LPR (possible - at least align policies towards it)
	+ Complete deck assessment work
	+ Occupancy Count System (investigate and implement, if possible)
	+ Deck cameras (install on 1- 2 decks per year)
* Next meeting
	+ Scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022
	+ Expect to see a draft of the annual PTAC report and a three-year plan that FPEC wanted to create for review

Questions:

* *Rate increases?*
	+ *Angie to schedule meeting soon (possible 3% increase); should know by end of Feb.*