Parking and Transportation (PTAC) Meeting

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Platform: Zoom

Attendees: Josh Stone, Jonsette Calloway, Keith Van Inwegen, Monica Jackson, Kevin Wade, [Jesse Maclelland](mailto:maclellandjf@vcu.edu), Angela Davis, Barbara Kidd, Matthew Morris, Ariel Smith, Michele Armstrong, Carlos Brown, [Mark Divens](mailto:mdivens@vcu.edu), 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.*