

**Parking & Traffic Standing Committee Meeting**  
**Lyceum Room 110 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Monday – May 14, 2018**

**Attended:**

Dr. Robert Barnard, Paul Caffera, Linda Christian, Mike Harris, Erin Ridout, and Steven Ridout

**Discussion:**

- The minutes from the previous meeting (April 9, 2018) were not approved due to lack of a quorum.
  
- Following the meeting agenda – *Old Business* –
  - *Construction & Parking/Transit Updates:*
  - Mike stated that a loading/unloading space is to be developed on the circular drive in front of the Insight Park Building.
  - He advised that motorcycle parking spaces will be created in the Residential Garage. These spaces will not be taken from regular existing parking spaces but will involve corners and dead zones within the garage.
  - Mike said the parking space lines will be repainted in the Pavilion Garage.
  - He mentioned that additional carpooling parking spaces will be established in the Ford Center Parking Lot (designated for commuter parking) just off Gertrude Ford Boulevard. The original carpooling spaces created last fall are in a faculty/staff designated parking lot behind the Turner Center off Hill Drive.
  - He stated that a loading/unloading zone will be created along the west side of the Library Annex Building (that faces the Athletics Administration Building). Mike said this is needed to facilitate trucks making deliveries to the Library Annex. Most recently a truck made a delivery of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran papers; more such deliveries are expected in the near future.
  - *JAC Lot Upgrades* - Mike said bids will soon be let for the resurfacing of the JAC Parking Lot. Mike anticipates the bids to be in the \$700,000-800,000 range.
  
- *New Business* –
  - *Transit Ridership* – Mike referenced a handout that depicted ridership of the various OUT bus routes for Fiscal Year 2018 through April. The Hathorn Express Route had the greatest number of riders. Mike said the total ridership number is slightly less than Fiscal Year 2017. He speculated on some reasons for this: DPT did not issue all available commuter decals for 2017-2018, commuters were allowed to purchase Pavilion Garage permits, and a parking lot was re-designated for commuter parking for 2017-2018 (this lot on the west side of the Residential Garage had formerly been West Residential parking).

- *2018 Summer Parking Policies* – Mike referenced a handout that was a copy of information that is posted as a current UM Today item. It lists summer parking policies that involve faculty, staff and students.
  - *Information Sheet* – Mike referenced a handout that was a copy of a “cheat sheet” of basic information dealing with various DPT parking and transportation services. He mentioned it will be used primarily this summer with the orientation sessions. Paul asked if this could be made available via DPT’s website. Mike will follow up on this.
- *Miscellaneous discussion* –
    - Mike mentioned that DPT’s segment of the freshmen and transfer orientation sessions is not mandatory for parents/students to attend. He has attempted unsuccessfully to get it changed to mandatory. Because it is not mandatory, many parents and students opt to focus on other matters during the program schedule.
    - Mike mentioned the “Go Live” dates coming this summer when faculty/staff and students may go online on prescribed dates to place their online parking permit order. He said there are limited numbers of East, Central, West, and South Residential permits to be issued. The East, Central, and West sell out quickly. Once these surface parking permits are all issued, the only option for a residential student is to purchase a Residential Garage permit. Students who must purchase a Residential Garage permit but would prefer a surface parking permit should indicate in their online order that they want to be placed on the waiting list for their respective surface parking permit type. The type permit a student is issued is premised upon where they will reside.
    - Mike mentioned the commuter parking ratio – the number of permits issued in ratio to the number of commuter parking spaces available. When Mike began work at UM in 2014 the ratio was 2.87 – to one commuter space. Last year it was 2.5, and this current year 2.4. Mike stated his goal is to be able to get this down to 2.0.
    - Mike reminded the committee that starting today the west end of Magnolia Drive (in front of Guyton Hall) will be closed off to vehicular traffic until August 1 due to the Guyton construction project.
    - Mike said the section of Chucky Mullins Drive that is currently closed to traffic will soon reopen but for bus traffic only. The OUT Green Line has been rerouted while this section is closed. Once the new building at the old Whirlpool site opens in January, this section of Chucky Mullins Drive will reopen for all vehicular traffic.
  - The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 11, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Lyceum Room 110.