

November 7th Meeting
Faculty senate Resources and Environment Subcommittee co-chair meeting
with Transportation Update

Present:

Transportation crew: Cathy Reeve (Director Transportation), David Gregory (Asst Director Parking Services), Chris Dobek (housing and special events); Yolanda Jones (Communications manager) & Mike Kennon

Senators: Jade Berry-James; Harry Perros, Josh Boyer, Chris Gunter, Matt Rever, Kimberly Ange-van Heugten (minutes recorder)

Introduction:

Transportation Semester Update by Cathy Reeve

Powerpoint document with specifics is provided

Meeting Main points:

Primary duties of Transportation: Parking program, Transportation Alternative Programs (40 buses, GoPass Program, Carpool and vanpool, ZipCar, LimeBike)

Question regarding Bikes being everywhere – this is both intentional (advertising) and an addressed problem (vandalism and pranks and riders just getting tired) – repeat offenders are monitored, etc. The NCSU students get a .50 cent 30 minute ride as a discounted rate --- the LimeBike App shows where the bikes are located --- departments can sign up to encourage employees

2016 – 2017 Budget – Revenue – Expenditures are very closely aligned (note powerpoint slides)

The university plan is to be much less car focused for the future

College of Design students designed the bus color scheme

If people forget their permit – they are able to print the passes 6 times per year for free – but going to get better, by July 1 – new permitting policy for Fall 2018. License plate recognition will happen. Soft opening now. This can better manage the inventory to better understand true campus demand. No more physical permits after July 1 but must register vehicles. (Warning tickets at the beginning but must remember to do it).

A live NCSU transportation parking App will be available near the start of 2018 as well.

Creating logo licensing for people that want to back in to part so the license can still be read.

Initiative Way and Blair Drive Connection is now open! (Centennial connector) – several other connectors also opening in Spring 2018, Spring 2019 & Western / Avent Ferry Tunnel in 2021 (See Powerpoint presentation)

A recent study showed that there is a shortage of 500+ spaces on North Campus; wrapping up a 5 year plan on campus mobility

Opportunities ahead – Parking (App options, flexibility, virtual permits); Congestion (reduce inter and intra traffic); Transit/ Alternatives (safer options for bikes and wolfline helping with faculty needs); Go Passes (managed by Go Triangle) on IDs and thus easier (triangle area options only – NCSU pays for the services and thus not to Durham, etc yet); Facilities (Coliseum Parking Deck is in need of replacement but where and should the land be used for something else since it is valuable space) & Wolfline hub improvements need new locations to decrease congestion.

Questions:

1 -How do we inform students about changes: Transportation talks to student groups, will talk to student senate at start of the year, social media, websites, e-mails to students, Presentation to IRC, etc.

2 – Update on Reynolds parking – options: could change permits to coliseum, newer parking lot close by is not filling up, but there will be construction and “spot hunting” issues for sure, trying to make a few more spaces. Demolition will impact WolfLine, too. Next summer – water line projects near Dan Allen & Cates (staging and maintenance trucks will cause back up) – thus – this area may be a struggle after graduation.

3 – Question about charging stations – They are working to make these easier for faculty and students (financially and ease of not having to move vehicles from chargers)

4 – Question regarding complaints about the gates being a problem for faculty and staff – previous senate and R & E minutes were referenced regarding the safety of students and less traffic problems that have occurred since the gates have been implemented.

5 – It was recommended to remind faculty and staff about how safe our campus truly is – the statistics online previously were positively surprising

There are hashtags and handles for us if interested!