Campus Parking and Transportation Committee  
2017-2018 Annual Report

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Address report to Chancellor Cartwright, in care of Anna Ball, Faculty Fellow for Faculty Development

Attention to: Michelle Marsden

Report submitted by Tanya Christiansen, chair

Name of Committee: Campus Parking and Transportation Committee

Charge of Committee: Make recommendations to the Vice Chancellor for Operations on the regulation of traffic flow and parking needs on and around campus.

Committee Members and associates: Valerie Bader, Ashley Brickley, Tanya Christiansen, Solomon Davis, Adam Fisher, Bryan Goers, Li-Qun Gu, James Heckemeyer, Dalisha Herring, Kevin Hughes, Nishant Jain, Jill Kanaley, Chris Lee, Robert Loseman, Lixin Ma, Michael Marlo, Srinivasan Raghavan, Doug Schwandt, Karlan Seville, Michael Sokoff, LeAnn Stroupe, Kristen Temple, Linda Turner

# of times committee met: 8 regular meetings during the 2017-18 academic year. There were several additional meetings with specialized agendas.

Major accomplishments or highlights: This year the Parking and Transportation office worked with others on campus to develop a set of FAQs and a new web page. The Parking and Transportation Committee was briefed on this, and given an opportunity to provide feedback on drafts of each. Additionally, in the fall a few members of the committee along with some students from outside the committee met with those charged with developing the new webpage to discuss how the Parking and Transportation office can improve its communication with students.

There were a number of problems with the selling of student parking permissions in the fall of 2017. The committee was briefed as to the cause of the problems, as well as steps being taken by the Parking and Transportation office and the vendor, NuPark, to avoid a repeat of the fall 2017 problems. One of the steps which may be more visible to students buying parking permissions is separating students into more groups for the buying of parking permissions. The committee had some discussion of how this might be done. (For example, rather than all off-campus underclassmen having their buying period begin on the same day, juniors, sophomores, and freshman will have their buying periods begin on different days.). The expectation is that this should reduce peak demand on the system. In addition, NuPark will be making technical improvements and improving communication with the Parking office at MU.

Some members of the Parking and Transportation Committee attended a presentation from Spin bikes, a company which provides bikeshare programs. The committee also held a joint meeting with the Campus Safety committee in order to discuss transportation issues related to food trucks on campus.
When vehicles are parked so that license plates are not visible, this creates problems in enforcing parking regulations. Mike Sokoff brought to the committee a request to make parking so that no license plate is visible a parking violation. This was approved by the committee, with the understanding that it is important that the office also educate the campus community about this rule.

Recommendations for next year: The committee agreed on the fine for the violation, but with the understanding that in the 2018-19 academic year the committee should ask for data to see if the fine is sufficient to change behavior.

Additional information that can be included is any useful information helpful for someone who is contemplating joining this committee and keep in mind that this report will be available publicly online so any confidential information should not be included.

The committee was regularly briefed on issues affecting transportation on campus, including construction projects.

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