Transportation and Parking Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15, 2017
Time: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: SAC, Room 304

In Attendance: Connell Friel, Interim Director, Transportation and Parking
Neil Werner, New Director, Transportation and Parking
James Ambroise, Manager, Parking and Automotive Garage
George Volz, Manager, Transit Operations and Parking Enforcement
Carolyn Osiecki, COM Business Manager
Liz Dorsa, Commuter Student Services Representative

We discussed the Broad Based Fee Media Presentation which took place on March 8, 2017 at the renovated University Pool at the Indoor Sports Complex. As part of that discussion we reviewed the final presentation for the Transportation and Parking Unit, which is reprinted below, the final proposed increased rates for all units, which is attached, and the Transit Spending Plan Multi-Year Summary, which is also attached.

Transportation Media Presentation, March 2017

The direction of the University’s transportation program is shaped by the Transportation and Parking Advisory Group, comprised of students and SBU transportation professionals who meet monthly during the academic year to discuss transportation and parking issues and initiatives, and to provide valuable feedback on their impact to the campus community.

With guidance from this group, SBU Transit continues to improve transportation services in many ways, from maintaining and operating an aging bus fleet, to enhancing transit facilities, and providing transportation services to local shopping via the Suffolk Transit Connection.

Using transportation fees, we have been able to install larger bus shelters at the LIRR station and the Engineering quad (outfitted with LED Solar powered lights to increase safety for users after dark), and install bike racks on all buses, shuttle buses, and vans.

Transportation fees also enable us to operate and maintain the SBU Smart Transit system, developed through a partnership with the Center of Excellence in Wireless & Information Technology and the Department of Computer Sciences, which uses live GPS technology to communicate transit information in select bus stops, via the web, and through iPhone and Android mobile apps.

The Transportation fee also provides the resources needed to operate SBU Wolf Ride, our innovative solar-powered bike-share program that features 12 convenient stations and nearly 80 bicycles.

As we strive to fulfill our mission to maintain and modernize our fleet so our students have more reliable and modern bus service and as we continue to provide all the above mentioned transportation services, we propose an increase to the Transportation Fee of $8.00 per student per semester.

Date of Next Meeting: April 12, 2017
Time of Next Meeting: 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Location of Next Meeting: SAC, Room 304