

A/P Staff Council
Traffic and Parking Report
16 April 2008

I would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to serve as its representative on the Parking and Traffic Committee since August of 2007. It is with regret that this will be my first and last report. As you know, for personal reasons, I have tendered my resignation as your representative from the Traffic and Parking Committee effective 3 April. I apologize for any inconvenience that my resignation may have caused the Council and the members. I apologize that I will not be able to make this report in person as I will be at the SunGard Higher Education Summit as a Student Team member learning as much as I can about Banner. I would like to thank Elaine Conrad for her willingness to present this report. If you have questions, I would be happy to address them individually or at a future Council meeting.

I volunteered for this assignment because as many of you know parking is an issue that faces the not only the campus community but the local and regional communities as well. This is one of the many issues in a complex formula that determines how we view ourselves and how we are viewed by the outside community.

The Traffic and Parking Committee is responsible for advising the University Administration on a myriad of issues including but not limited to:

1. Construction and maintenance Parking Lots for the entire campus
2. Maintenance of streets and side walks
3. Lighting for parking lots, streets and walks
4. Street sweeper and cleaning the streets, walks, and lots
5. Vehicle decals including bicycles
6. Parking meters
7. Policies and procedures for all of the above

Issues 2007 - 2008:

1. Changes in Lots 49 & 77 adjacent to the North West Annex (see attached plan)
2. Discussion about special provisions for commuter students
 - a. Students enrolled in programs that have classes away from the central campus at the Airport and the Automotive Center in Carterville.
 - b. Students living at home within 50 miles of Carbondale
3. The purchase of a new street sweeper
4. New parking lot adjacent to Lot 6 north of Morris Library. The construction traffic on the west side of the existing lot will enable the University to add an additional parking lot for about 49 spaces sometime this fall. I suggested that some of the spaces be designated red.
5. Switching Red and Blue spaces in Lot 89 east of the Arena to better manage basketball traffic. An equal number of red and blue spaces will be flipped so that the police will be able to control the reserved parking for home basketball games.
6. Enhanced lighting in Lot 94 north of the Student Recreation Center

7. Meeting schedule. The Traffic and Parking Committee, for the past several years has met but once each term. The meetings were scheduled as the need arose. I suggested that there be more meeting each term and that the schedule be set on a in advance so that the members and the administrators could plan accordingly.
8. Repair work at the corner of Lincoln and Douglas Drives near the Agriculture Building. Depending on the repair type, the costs range form \$17,000 to \$52,000. The committee is leaning toward the \$52,000 repair because of the cause of the damage. The damage is caused by the traffic of the Saluki Express busses. I suggested that we asked that the bus fee help to pay for the road repair since the roads were not designed for heavy traffic. The long term plan for the new road will not affect this project.
9. Seven blue spaces will be converted to metered spaces this summer in lot 37, south of CASA, at the request of the Dental Hygiene program to accommodate their clients.

Personal goals

1. Help resolve some of the internal campus issues related to parking on campus
 - i. I started with a major issue that resulted in changes made in the parking lots adjacent to the North West Annex. The changes made by Parking and Traffic did not resolve the stated problem so I surveyed the occupants of the North West Annex and created a proposal that was approved unanimously by the Traffic and Parking Committee at its 4 October meeting. I have included a copy of the proposal for record. The plan that I created has resolved the stated problem as well as a number of additional problems.
2. Commuter students decals
 - i. I was not able to resolve this issue. It is still in the discussion stage. Sara Long from Agriculture was helpful as she has a student that lives at home and has concerns about her daughters ability to get to class in a timely fashion
3. Meeting schedule
 - i. As you can see by the issues in this report there enough issues for multiple meetings each semester. My father in law and my wife each served on this committee when it met once each month. I would encourage the Council representative to continue to work for more meetings and more campus input in these issues.
4. 4. Return the use and control of Lot 13 to the Student Center
 - i. When I arrived in Carbondale 30 years ago I was the assistant director of the Student Center. One of my responsibilities was to manage Lot 13 across from the Center. At the time the entrance to the lot was directly across from the east door. Student workers were housed in a shack at the entrance and collected parking fees as cars entered the lot. We managed the lot from early morning until mid to late evening depending on the traffic in the Center. In

this way we could reserve space to guarantee parking for those in the community that wanted to use the Center for events throughout the day and the evening with food. People could get in and out of a luncheon in an hour and get back to work. When the administration decided to meter the lot, take control and the revenue away from the Center the food business died! I would like to see the lot revert to the control of the Student Center which is a very important enterprise that serves students.

5. Public Relations campaign for Traffic and Parking Committee
6. Comprehensive orientation for Traffic and Parking Committee members
7. Process/methods for surveying campus constituents for feedback about parking and parking issues on campus
8. Philosophy and criteria for establishing the numbers of decals assigned to various lots
9. Philosophy and criteria for developing and setting rates for decals, and fines
10. Process for requesting changes to parking lots
11. Long range plans for lot Construction and resurfacing
12. Long range plans for lot and street lighting

Recommendation:

Recruit an A/P staff member that has the time and energy to commit to work on the issues above for the good of the campus community.

Respectfully submitted

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARKING LOTS 49 & 77

4 October 2007

The premise for making the changes in Parking Lot's 49 & 77 in May was to eliminate the confusion for students who received tickets parking in the wrong spaces. These recommendations are intended only to deal with short term low to no expense solutions to current problems in the two lots.

This plan does not deal with the area east of Wings A & C which should remain available for Service Vehicles.

These recommendations do not deal with the long term problems that may be resolved in the Universities Master Plan.

May 2007

In May the location of the Blue and Red spaces in Lot 49 caused some confusion for some students who inadvertently used spaces designated Blue.

June 2007

In June 9 Blue parking spaces in Lot 49 were converted to Red spaces effectively reducing the number of spaces for faculty and staff by 9 and exacerbated the parking difficulties for the faculty, staff, students and visitors of the North West Annex.

The change did not eliminate the stated problem of ending the confusion between the Blue and Red spaces. The 6 Blue spaces adjacent to the new Red spaces which were used by students because there was still no clear line of demarcation between Blue and Red.

The solution to the problem is to create a clear demarcation between the Blue and Red parking spaces.

The purpose of this plan is to suggest recommendations that will not only eliminate the stated problem, but to resolve several other issues for the short term.

Recommendations:

1. The first and most critical recommendation is to cut the curbs on each side of the entrance to Lot 49 from Lincoln Drive and widen the entrance to the lot. This will allow for better and safer flow of traffic in and out of the lot. This does not have to be an elaborate project. Simple curb cuts to widen the entrance to allow two vehicles to use the space safely and to prevent vehicles from jumping the curbs as they enter and leave the lot. It will *not* resolve the problems that result from the lot being used as a thoroughfare between Lincoln Drive and Forest Street.
2. Create 13 Service Vehicle Spaces for the 13 – perhaps 14 Service Vehicles assigned to offices located in the North West Annex. Locate the 13 spaces between the Red spaces on the west and the Blue spaces on the east. This will resolve other issues caused by the services vehicles that use the entire lot. There are 7 spaces assigned to the lots for the 13 vehicles.
3. Create 2 additional 15 minute spaces which are desperately needed for faculty, staff, and students that visit the Library, Achieve, and International Students and Scholars.

4. Add an additional Handicapped space for the staff member that recently received permanent Handicapped permit.
5. These recommendations will result in a net change of 0 Red spaces; a reduction of 9 blue spaces; an increase of 6 Service Vehicle spaces; 2 additional 15 minute spaces; and 1 additional Handicapped space.
6. These recommendations will not only resolve the original stated issue and many additional issues.

Signage:

1. There should be one Service Vehicle Sign for each of the 13 Service Vehicle Spaces. The Service Vehicle signs and posts should be moved from their current location to the new Service Vehicle area.
2. All extra sign posts, not in use, should be removed.
3. Each area, Red and Blue, should be clearly marked with appropriate signs.
4. New signs should be added for the new 15 minute spaces.
5. The signs for the Red spaces should be relocated to their original location.

Issues:

1. Upgrade the entrance/exit to Forest Street
2. Future plans for Lots 49 & 77 should not allow them to be used as a thoroughfare between Lincoln Drive and Forest Street.
3. Turn around at the south end of lot 49. One space or two?
4. Greater effort should be made to have all additional Service Vehicles, public and private, use the Service Vehicle area on the east side of the North West Annex
5. Service Vehicles, public & private, should not be allowed to use the sidewalks within the North West Annex.

These recommendations have been reviewed by faculty, staff, and students from:

- a. Military Programs
- b. Mass Communications and Media Arts
- c. International Programs and Services
- d. AIS
- e. Project Achieve
- f. Project 12 Ways
- g. Morris Library
- h. Information Technology