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Parking Sub-Committee Meeting Summary: November 28, 2011

Committee Members in Attendance:

Bob Fulleman, Police and Public Safety
Rosemarie Genco, Finance and Administration
Richard Stomber, Administration
John Urinyi, Capital Planning, Design and Construction
Steve Bolyai, Administration and Finance
Gordon Meth, RBA Group
Victor Minerva, RBA Group
Allen Williams, Commuter Student Services
Rajender Kaur, English Department
William Mattison, Climate Action Committee
Pam Fueshko, Telecommunications
Jim Gilligan, NJ Transit

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Facility Advisory Committee

1. Traffic and Transportation Planning:

Gordon Meth of RBA Group, the University's traffic consultant, presented, updated and reinterpreted data from the traffic study. Thoroughfare trips not stopping on campus have been factored out of the data. Current campus trips are 2300 per hour during peak times. This will increase in 5 years to about 2550 trips per hour. Peak hours are 8:30 to 9:30am and 4:30 to 5:30pm, with afternoon being busier due to peak exiting combined with arrivals for evening classes. Daily trips per student FTE is .20, which is slightly below the ITE Rate of .21.

Current campus utilization of entries and exits were compared with post garage construction entry/exit utilization. Entry 4 is currently over capacity (F rating), while entries 1 and 5 will be at or exceed capacity with anticipated growth by 2016.

The study has determined that approximately 50% of campus accidents occur in Lot 5.

Mass evacuation of the campus will be noted in the final study. All exit points would need to

be utilized and traffic control provided. A good estimate is 3 to 4 seconds per car per exit.

2. NJ Transit:

Jim Gilligan of NJ Transit shared information with the committee about existing and proposed bus routes and vehicles. Currently NJ Transit buses stop at the Lot 5 approximately 3 times per hour during business hours and are used by approximately 2% of the community. NJ Transit's goal is to increase frequency and add more routes to 6 times per hour and increase ridership to 15% of the community. Two additional goals are to get a bus stop facility that is larger, while remaining visible and convenient to the campus that avoids pedestrian conflicts currently experienced in Lot 5. A follow up meeting with RBA, NJ Transit and Allen Williams is required.

3. Bicycling and Walking as Transportation Options.

William Mattison of the WPU Climate Action Committee was invited to participate in the meeting to discuss pedestrian and cycling issues. There is agreement that large scale cycling by the community is not likely. A bike rental program was explored but was determined to be not viable due to campus geography. Bicycles coexisting with pedestrians on campus walkways is also a concern. It was recommended that some additional amenities for bikes should be considered.

Resident students are potentially the most likely users of bicycles but they are not currently allowed to bring them to campus. Ideally resident students would be able to store their bikes in lockers and secure them on campus in areas protected from the weather. While it may be difficult to make the roads to WPU bike friendly, making the campus more bike friendly should be explored. A survey of bicycle use has not been performed in the past. Richard Stomber will review this issue with Residence Life and report back to the Committee.

Additionally, students should be able to walk to all campus buildings. College Hall was mentioned as one location that does not provide a sidewalk. It was also mentioned that the sidewalk from Entry 4 to Hamburg Turnpike is not continuous either.

4. Parking Garage:

RBA anticipates vacancy rates at 15% for the garage and in other lots after the garage construction through 2016 during peak periods.

5. Campus Shuttle

Ridership data for the campus shuttle was distributed. Annual ridership has grown from 41,930 to 53,247 between 2008 and 2011. Bids in response to an RFP for the shuttle service operation are currently under review. RBA will be provided with a copy of the RFP for review and comment.