

***University Parking and Transportation
Advisory Committee
2021-2022 Annual Report***

The University Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee met 10 times during the Fall 2021 – Summer 2022 (August 2021 through July 2022) terms. With the lessened severity of COVID-19, meeting formats changed from ZOOM to in-person meetings on campus. Mr. Terry Wheeler continued as Committee Chair. Committee meetings were held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 1:00 pm for July and August 2021. In September 2021, based on SGA student member schedules, the committee meetings were shifted to the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00pm.

Summary of Parking Permits and Spaces

- The traditional summer requests from the Army and Air Force ROTC for campus spaces for 2021-2022 were approved at the August 2021 meeting; 19 parking permits were approved for Army ROTC faculty and staff, with a potential for expansion to 22 permits based on new hires to the program in January. 12 parking permits were approved for Air Force ROTC faculty and staff, with potential for expansion to 14 permits based on new hires. These requests continue as a 1-year sunset provision, running concurrently with the academic year.
- For 2022-2023, the Army and Air Force ROTC spaces requests came to the committee early (at the June 2022 meeting). 20 parking permits for Army ROTC were approved, with a potential for expansion to 22 permits based on new hires to the program in January; 13 parking permits for Air Force ROTC faculty and staff were approved, with potential for expansion to 15 permits based on new hires. As in previous years, these requests continue as a 1-year sunset provision, running concurrently with the academic year.
- Request approved for Bio-Med for 12 permits to be issued for use in 4 specific existing Bio-Med spaces in Lot C-3 for employees traveling from Lake Nona to Main Campus (1 year sunset provision).
- A request was approved for complimentary parking in I Garage for family members attending Family Weekend events (October 8-10, 2021).
- Renewal was approved for 2 service permits for on-call Residence Life employees for weekend/evening use.
- A request was approved for reallocation of 28 spaces in Libra garage to Faculty/Staff, due to closure of Print Shop lot. Spaces to be located on 2nd level.
- 2 spaces in the A Garage 1st floor were approved for special “free” parking usage for patients from Advent Health who were participating in an MS exercise treatment program. Spaces for short-term usage (approx. 1 hour 15 minutes per participant – multiple usage 9-5 daily with some after-hours/weekend usage). This was approved for

Spring semester 2022 only.

- Returning to in-person orientation sessions for Summer 2022, the First Year Experience Director requested permits for up to 35 staff (47 days of programs from May 9 – August 19), plus 15 permits for Lake Claire / off campus / other campus residences (Garage I, SU).
- In July 2022, a request was approved for a UCF student who requires substantial assisted care to purchase a permit to be used by his daily caretaker (which may shift to a different person each day). The student will register his virtual permit and Parking Services will develop a permit that can be used on various support provider vehicles.
- There were 3 new 24-hour reserved spaces approved during the year.
- Expectant Mother Spaces – a total of 95 spaces were allocated / used throughout the Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022 semesters, ranging from 4 to 11 spaces per month.

Summary of Programs, Services, and Considerations

- Discussion – request for additional “C” only, or “B/C” spaces in Parking Garage H. Often “B” permit holders arrive and park in “C” spaces, leaving staff to seek any available spaces in student “D” areas. Traffic counts were reviewed; no findings were identified to suggest a reallocation of spaces in Garage H are in order.
- Discussion – per a request, options for back-in parking with associated additional fees were considered. Supporting the new virtual permits, a “duplicate” state license plate mounted on the front of the vehicle would be required. Committee ongoing discussions over multiple sessions did not come to consensus and did not warrant further consideration for back-in parking at this time. The committee and Parking Services will continue to explore this request.
- Major changes to ordering parking permits – implementation of annual virtual permits began July 1, 2022. Yearly permit date range is now based on date of purchase - 365 calendar days from purchase date. For a semester permit – 150 days from date of purchase. A permit for 1 additional vehicle is \$15. New fine amount for violation of sharing virtual permits - \$100. In addition to the \$5 daily parking rate that expires at 11:59pm on the day of purchase, an \$8 daily permit was introduced for full 24-hour parking access (based on time stamp of purchase). The committee sustained the \$3 interdepartmental parking cost for use after 5:30pm.
- Over multiple sessions – a committee member brought forward request from constituents requesting a review / consideration for increasing the minimum salary amount required for purchase of “B” faculty permits – and associated impact of the change. As part of '22-'23 regulation changes, the committee finally approved / recommended changing the requirement for purchase of a B (faculty) permit to those with salaries of more than \$55,001. Those employees with salaries less than \$55,001 may elect to purchase a B or C permit. It was also discussed that future consideration to advance the salary dividing line be considered, based on a review every few years

taking into account economic factors and employee salary raises.

- SGA – Student Advocacy Senate Chair requested the committee to consider / research implementation of Roadside Assistance Program. Parking Services reached out to other SUS institutions for review of existing programs and service providers. The best fit was FSU’s program (through vendor “Just Jump”) providing troubleshooting, jump start service, alternator/charging system testing, car unlock, tire change, tire inflation, fuel delivery with max 2.5 gallons for a \$17.95 flat fee per service call, with direct billing to requesting party (student, faculty, or staff). The committee advanced this initiative, and the contract was submitted through Cobblestone.
- The committee was made aware of a Student Government Resolution “Encouraging the University of Central Florida to Limit the Amount of Unessential Flashing Lights on Campus.” This issue was intended for information only; no committee action was called or required from this resolution - however, members of the committee endorsed support of the resolution.
- Discussion – the Student Transportation Shuttle SOP was brought up regarding a request from an apartment complex outside the current boundary for inclusion in UCF provided shuttle service. Based on SGA funding, this additional cost cannot be supported in the current budget; our SGA Transportation representative contacted the apartment complex regarding consideration for them to enact a private contract with Groome Transportation for their requested shuttle service.
- Spin scooters continue to disrupt campus pedestrian corridors, creating an ADA violation/ hazard. Student Government implemented required Scooter parking zones over the Winter 2021 break in an effort to get scooters off concrete/sidewalks/grass. The committee will continue to collaborate with Spin and Parking Services for enhancements, which include park-once behavior modeled by UF and to promote e-messaging through SG social media. The Spin app contains messages that remind riders to park correctly and will include a monetary parking reward. Micro-mobility is brand new to the parking industry, so UCF and SG continues to modify the program towards safety and correct parking behavior. A safety video was created: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hslSvG9eoFc>. This issue is an ongoing concern for the committee and will continue to be a focal point for micro-mobility safety.
- Discussion – a student email was received regarding safety concerns in the Libra Garage for oversize vehicles (HUMVEEs and/or Pickup trucks with extended beds / lift kits) that when parked extend into the garage corridors. This is an ongoing issue that has been brought up multiple times and for multiple locations around campus; no current solution is available. The committee will continue to monitor.
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- UCF Band member parking for Fall 2022 - to alleviate parking in the very small student section of parking lot B-8, UCF Band members will park in parking lot B-6 and a shuttle to the Band field will be provided for 41 days during the semester, beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- Based on an ongoing parking space usage / ADA regulation review, 24-Hour reserved spaces can no longer be sold and located in Service space areas that do not have any ADA accessible spaces. Such spaces in the Communication Service Area and Visual Arts Service Area will need to be relocated. This is an ongoing effort that will generate changes to space allocation around all UCF campuses; future meeting(s) will be scheduled for further discussion.
- The committee reviewed, recommended changes, and submitted the 2022-23 Parking Regulations to the Board of Governors for review / approval.

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