

University of Idaho

Auxiliary Services

Parking and Transportation Services

February 2008

Proposed changes to the Parking and Transportation system for 08/09

Process and Timeline

The proposed changes to the Parking and Transportation system for the 08/09 academic year have been formalized. Representatives of Parking and Transportation Services will present the proposals to various groups on campus and in a series of presentations scheduled for public review and comment. The proposals were presented to the Faculty Council on February 12, 2008 and the Parking Committee on February 13, 2008. The following lists upcoming presentations:

ASUI Senate – February 27 – 5:00 p.m.

Staff Affairs – March 6 – 2:00 p.m.

The campus community is invited to attend public presentations of the proposals on the following dates:

- Wednesday - February 27 - 11:30 a.m. – Commons Crest Room
- Thursday – February 28 – 2:00 p.m. – Commons Clearwater Room
- Tuesday – March 4 – 2:30 p.m. – Commons Crest Room
- Wednesday – March 5 – 11:30 a.m. – Commons Aurora Room
- Thursday – March 6 – 6:00 p.m. – Commons Aurora Room

Background

The mission of Parking and Transportation Services is to provide safe, convenient and cost effective services for the University of Idaho. We are a self-sustaining organization committed to supporting the teaching, research, operational and public service goals of the University of Idaho. We manage the University's parking and transportation resources to meet current and projected needs of the campus community while providing outstanding customer service.

As a unit within Auxiliary Services, Parking and Transportation Services is expected to be self-sustaining and actively work towards improving financial stability. Parking and Transportation Services continues to operate in a revenue neutral capacity and generating revenues that are roughly equal to expenses. The present operational mode does not allow funds to be secured for future Parking and Transportation related expenditures. For example, there is currently no available funding for deferred maintenance, required improvements to the University's parking lots or funding for Capital and campus projects.

2008 Goals

- Ensure adequate disability accommodation
- Financial stability
- Fee structure with all users of the parking system contributing

- Complete deferred maintenance
- Identify Capital projects that affect or will require Parking and Transportation Services funding
- Transportation Plan update
- Effective dissemination of information
- Improved customer service
- Improved campus visitor experience

Main Issues affecting proposals

- Process and schedule
 - 1-year fee proposal this year; 3-year fee structure desired but more information is needed with updated Transportation Plan and Capital project commitments
- Transportation Plan update
 - provide necessary direction to the parking and transportation system
 - Identify conditions and potential improvements to the campus' pedestrian, bicycle, transit and vehicular storage and circulation
 - Incorporate University sustainability concerns and goals
- Impacts to surrounding neighborhoods and downtown areas
- Financial Issues
 - 10-year financial proforma lacking detailed information on Capital projects and cost estimates
 - unit costs for permits and overall expenses are expected to remain static
 - enforcement changes are more service oriented and reduces citation revenue
- Visitor and Disability permit fees approved last year will be implemented in 08/09

Proposal 1: Increase in Parking Fees

- 1-year fee proposal
- Seek to address compression issue of prices and determine and reach appropriate range and value of permit rates such as: \$300 - gold, \$200 - red, \$100 – residential
- May require Red to increase at faster rate than Gold
- Larger jump for residential permits due to historically lower rates
- Keeping commuter lots (blue lot 60 & 57) “affordable” and relatively unchanged over time will help mitigate impacts in surrounding neighborhoods and COM/downtown
- Goal is to reach a level of funding sustainability over 3-4 years and then level off with increases matching inflationary rate of 3-6%

	<u>Proposed Price/range</u>	<u>07-08 Price</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Gold	\$280 - \$288	\$262	8 - 10%
Red	\$144	\$131	10%
Residential	\$74	\$59	25%
(Purple, Silver, Green)			
Blue	\$59	\$59	none
Meter Rate	\$1.00/hr	\$0.75/hr	\$0.25/hr

Proposal 2: Convert three Blue permit lots to Red: Lot 1, 45 and 54B

Issues

- Establishes lot 57 & 60 as the major Blue commuter lots – consolidating commuter lots to two primary locations
- North campus needs additional Red parking, 64B is heavily utilized daily
- Overflow parking for employees with Gold or Red permits is necessary in SE portion of campus

Impacts

- Will direct Blue permit holders to underutilized lots 57 (Kibbie) or 60 (Sweet Ave.)
- Will decrease unnecessary vehicular circulation from Blue permit holders in these areas – Blue permit holders will have destination lots and this will eliminate driving and searching for available parking spaces

Proposal 3: Convert Administration lot 40 to Platinum

Issues

- High demand lot with meters/student parking, visitor/guests, daycare drop-offs, employee/student drop-offs, departmental permits, Disability permits, Gold permits, Radio/TV Center, Albertson and Administration Buildings
- High number of complaints that space is not available for Gold permit holders
- Adjacent parking to Administration Building where essential business of the University is conducted
- Unnecessary vehicular circulation on Campus Drive create congestion
- Unrealistic expectation for parking availability during peak times
- Designated spaces need to be available for VIP guests
- Disability parking accommodation must be met in this area

Impacts

- Gold permits will not be honored – Platinum permits required
- Platinum permit holders will have higher assurance of having a parking space, however the price of the permit will be greater
- Parking availability for essential University business will be increased
- May reduce unnecessary vehicle circulation on campus drive

Recommendations

- Convert lot to Platinum and issue a permit specific to lot 40 that will be able to park down to Gold, Red and Blue
- All board appointed faculty or staff will be eligible to purchase a Platinum permit
- Release limited number of Platinum permits relative to number of spaces available at a price of \$400 - \$500 for the 08-09 academic year – lower oversell ratio than other lots

Proposal 4: Convert all Magenta permit areas to Purple (lot 85 & 103)

Issues

- Supports request from ASUI in the November parking memo of proposals
- Currently Magenta/Purple system causes confusion with both permits being valid in both colored areas
- Magenta area only consists of Nez Perce Drive & Blake Street – simple conversion

Impacts

- Confusion from Purple/Magenta permit holders would be eliminated

Proposal 5: Convert 85R (Upper Nez Perce Drive) to Purple

Issues

- With the conversion of lot 45 to Red additional parking on Nez Perce Drive for Greek residents would be necessary
- Current Red permitted street is underutilized

Impacts

- Would increase number of vehicles parking on upper Nez Perce Drive – but in areas where impact is less than areas immediately adjacent to Greek houses

- Would displace a small number of Red permit holders who currently park in this area – additional Red parking is proposed in SE area of campus to compensate in addition to existing underutilized Red parking on Nez Perce to the West

Proposal 6: Implement Fee of \$10 for Daycare Permits

Issues

- Currently daycare permits are issued free of charge to those who have children attending West Park Elementary School, Early Childhood Center and the daycare facility near the Nicolls building
- Permit allows 15 minute parking in any lot in any regular permit space to pick up or drop off a child
- Administrative and operational costs are not covered

Impacts

- In fall 2007, 54 daycare permits were issued, this number of individuals will be affected by this change

Proposal 7: Implement Fee of \$37 for FH Visitor Permits

Issues

- Currently FH visitor permits are issued along with the FH green permits for no extra charge
- Abuse of FH visitor permits is substantial, residents of family housing attempt to use visitor permit for daily parking
- Administrative and operational costs are not covered

Impacts

- In fall of 2007, 108 FH visitor permits were issued, approximately this number of individuals will be affected financially with this proposal
- May impact the number of FH visitor permits sold and this may reduce the amount of abuse
- FH residents will have the option of purchasing the FH visitor permit for the year or a daily visitor permit when they have guests

Proposal 8: Implement Fee for Departmental Permits

Issues

- Currently the first departmental permit issued to a department is free and the second must be purchased for a price equal to a Gold permit (proposed as \$288 for 08-09)
- Administrative and operational costs are not covered
- Permits allow parking for 2.5 hours in all colored lots, meters and timed spaces
- Abuse of the permits is substantial campus wide, departmental permit holders park daily free of charge

Impacts

- Departments will review the necessity of departmental permits and fund the purchase – this was proposed last year with the primary concern being that there was no allowance for time to budget for increased cost
- Reduce abuse/personal use of departmental permits – intended for work-related use only
- May impact the number of departmental permits issued

Recommendation

- Implement fee of \$150 - \$250 for each departmental permit with no limit on the number purchased by a department

Proposal 9: Increase in fines of certain citations

- A small number of fines need to be increased to better align with the rates suggested by the City of Moscow, BSU and WSU and to make the fines more appropriate to the violation

Citation	Current Fine	Proposed Fine
B1: No Parking	\$25	\$35
B14: Display of Lost/Stolen Permit	\$100	\$200
B7: Illegal Use	\$100	\$125
C4: Not a Motorcycle Space	\$15	\$20
D1: No Parking 2am – 6am	\$20	\$25
G5: Vehicle Impound	\$100	\$150

Two changes that were approved last year and will be implemented in 08/09

Fee for Visitor Permits

Issues

- Administrative and operational costs are not covered
- Charging for visitor parking is standard on college campuses and with peer institutions
- Currently visitors to campus are not contributing to the parking system

Impacts

- Departments will now have to purchase visitor permits
- SUB information desk will also sell visitor permits

New permit and fees

- \$1.00/day for visitor permits
- \$1.00/day for departmentally purchased visitor permits

UI Disability Permit – Approved last year

Issues

- Administrative and operational costs are not covered
- Charging for disability parking is standard on college campuses and with peer institutions
- Currently disability permit holders are not contributing to the parking system
- Free permits provide financial motivation for fraud
- Needs to be implemented at time that visitor permit fee is implemented to be able to charge all visitors for parking

Impacts

- Will impact all disability permit holders who are accustomed to parking free of charge
- Will require disabled visitors to purchase a visitor permit
- Reduces financial motivation for fraud
- Will not change accessibility or restrict parking for disabled individuals

Recommendation

- State/temp disability permit holders must purchase and display UI disability permit in addition to the state permit/placard - The fee proposed for 08/09 is \$74.00/year
- Require all visitors who display state/temp disability permits to purchase and display a UI visitor permit for daily rate of \$1
- UI disability permits will be required when a state/temp disability permit holder is parked at a meter, however payment in the meter will not be required
- UI disability permits will be required when a state/temp disability permit holder is parked in a timed space, however no time limit will apply

- Proof of state/temp disability permit registration will be required upon purchase of a UI disability permit
- Temporary disability permits will be issued at the Parking Office and at the SUB with doctor's consent for a daily rate of \$1

How to comment:

Your input is important. Please consider the following ways to provide your comments.

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- Email comments to:
 - rcouch@uidaho.edu
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