

## 1. Welcome

**Attendees:** D.J. Gilliland, Stephanie Green, Joseph Madison, Robert Milam, Lee White, Julie Wilson, Natasha Williams, Kelley Wisniewski, Craig Vandevere, Michael Sloan, Heather Nunes, Erica Massicott, Andrew Yakimovich, Jennifer Wilson

## 2. Announcements & Discussion Points

### Parking & Transportation Updates

#### 1) Parking Lot Updates – Joseph Madison

- Kennesaw Campus

- a. South Residential Parking - KSU will begin construction on south residential housing at the end of this month. The south residential housing lot adjacent to Lot A will be closed and access to approximately 160 parking spaces will be blocked for the duration of the project. In preparation for spring semester, Parking will closely monitor permit numbers in that area. If permits sold start to approach the number of spaces allotted, we will message additional options to those permit holders. We understand the need for residential students to park closely to their buildings. Based on permit numbers for the Fall 2020 semester, we do not anticipate any issues for spring. For Fall 2021, we do anticipate that some rezoning will be required.
- b. Lot Z – Improvements have been scheduled for the science building. Lot Z will be offline until April 1, 2021. Contractor parking, cranes, and heavy equipment will be stored in the lot. Faculty/Staff are encouraged to park in Lot A or along Marietta Drive. There are plenty of spaces in these areas and they should not be impacted.
- c. Lot J – Contractor parking for the Academic Learning Center has been provided in a blocked section of Lot J. This has taken traffic out of Lot B and Lot D which are faculty/staff lots.

- Marietta Campus

- a. P22 – DPH has been using this lot for COVID-19 testing. In the past we have needed to close the lot while testing is underway. There are no more scheduled testing dates this year so the lot will remain open.

#### 2) Enforcement – Joseph Madison

Enforcement staff has been reduced due to less students on campus. We are primarily using our LPR technology for enforcement. There have been questions about policies changing because of the upcoming break. Parking rules and regulations are still in effect at all times, however, we are in flex parking through January 11.

#### 3) Online Learning Period Parking – Joseph Madison

During the online learning period, we are in flex parking. This will be in effect November 20, 2020 to January 11, 2020. You must have a valid permit to park on campus at all times unless you use the visitor lots and pay visitor fees. All permit holders may park in any student commuter space. Nonresidential students and faculty/staff may not park in any

residential areas. Students may not park in faculty/staff areas during flex parking. Faculty/Staff may park in any student commuter space.

4) Spring Permit Update – D.J. Gilliland

Currently 11,614 student permits will be active for Spring 2021. The final number for permits issued for Fall 2020 was 17,004. A large number of these permits (7,293) were valid for fall semester only. Traditionally, we have sold less permits for the spring, however, we are expecting more students on campus next semester. We expect the number of spring permits to increase as we approach the upcoming semester.

5) Park Mobile Update – D.J. Gilliland

The Park Mobile app is a touchless parking payment option we will offer in our visitor lots. We are able to offer the service beginning next semester. With the current environment, we are pleased to offer an option to pay for parking that does not require standing in line or using shared equipment. Looking ahead, we do see additional opportunities with this technology. We will be able to use underutilized areas as visitor parking during off peak times. While this implementation was largely in response to COVID 19, we see exciting uses for Park Mobile in the long range.

6) Permit Conversion – D.J. Gilliland

Previously Faculty/Staff permits were physical decals and payroll deductions were communicated to Payroll Services on a continuous basis through a manual process. The process was improved through the use of virtual permits that allow payroll deductions to be sent to HR via a weekly report. The challenge has been managing both permit types (physical and virtual). The solution has been to manually convert the older active decals into virtual permits. This is an advantage to faculty/staff as they can manage their permits online. This does not require any action on the user end. If a faculty/staff has a physical decal, they will no longer need that attached to their car. If they choose to leave the decal on their car, nothing will happen because of that.

7) Event Parking – Joseph Madison

a. Stuff-A-Bus

We are partnering with Cobb Linc for a Stuff-A Bus event. Faculty/Staff and students can bring toys and food and place them on the bus. Cobb Linc will deliver to needy families. The bus will be on the Kennesaw campus December 9<sup>th</sup> in the morning and then move to the Marietta campus in the afternoon.

b. Commencement

KSU Commencement Ceremonies will be held May 10, 2021 to May 14, 2021. The event is scheduled at Fifth Third Stadium. We will use the same parking lots that are used for football. We will also staff the lots to manage crowd parking. We anticipate many students and their families to participate as these ceremonies are scheduled for Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 graduates.

c. Spring Football

We are looking forward to KSU Spring Football on February 27, 2021. We are waiting on athletics for more details. We will run our same parking operation plan as in past games but we believe that attendance may be limited.

8) Big Owl Bus Ridership – Lee White

During the online learning period, we have reduced our Big Owl Bus hours. Typically, we do not operate bus service at all when there are no in person classes on campus but we decided to continue offering the service at a reduced capacity. The current hours are available on our web site. Students are coming back to prepare for finals and we wanted the bus to be available for them. In January 2020, we saw a 20% increase in Big Owl Bus ridership

as compared to previous semesters. Once the pandemic hit in March, the numbers understandably dropped. They have remained low since that time. Even though the numbers are low, we do see consistency in ridership with the number of students on campus. This is encouraging as it reflects that students are riding the bus. We are following all CDC safety guidelines including social distancing and we have not had any problems with capacity issues. We are planning to operate on a similar service model in the spring but are prepared to adapt quickly if FTA guidance changes.

**3. Items from the floor – Committee Members**

- 1) **No questions from the floor.**

**4. Adjourn**

Minutes