

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2016

Committee charge: The purpose of the Transportation Advisory Committee is to review, develop and recommend long-range planning issues involving parking and transportation at Northern Kentucky University. The committee shall provide assistance and relevant input to the University Police Department that supports the academic, cultural, operational, and social activities of the university.

Steps taken to alleviate congestion and improve safety: Over the last several years, the TAC has received numerous updates from Campus Planning, Public Safety and Parking Services regarding projects affecting transportation in and around campus. Positive steps to reduce traffic and congestion include:

- The ongoing construction of a north connector road adjacent to the Kenton Drive garage and Lots K and L.
- Implementation of the bike share program
- Recruitment of ZipCar car-sharing
- An ongoing commitment for free TANK service for NKU students, faculty and staff and addition of the cross-town route (35X) as well as the Callihan Shuttle service
- Installation of rumble strips near crosswalks to protect pedestrians

Steps taken to mitigate parking costs: Under the guidance of President Mearns and recommendations of the TAC, planned expansions and new construction of parking garages has been postponed. The average price of ONE SPACE in a parking garage is \$19-25,000. Therefore, this has been the most important and effective way Parking Services has to keep parking costs under control. If the new construction went through, parking costs could easily have doubled. Parking Services has also investigated the possibility of selling advertising in garages to supplement parking fee revenues, but those efforts were not successful.

Obstacles affecting traffic on campus: The roadway from U.S. 27 to the traffic circle by the BB&T arena is NOT NKU property, and changes can only be initiated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. This makes it difficult for NKU Public Safety and Parking Services to make improvements that could ease congestion during peak times (e.g. a left turn lane into Lot O, reduced speed limits, and an enlarged traffic circle).

BOTTOM LINE: The NKU Administration, Public Safety, Parking Services, and the TAC have worked diligently to address issues related to safety, congestion and cost. Faculty, students and staff can assist by supporting green transportation options such as carpooling, transit and bike-share.

IDEAS AND CONCERNS: May be forwarded to Chris Curran, Biological Sciences (curranc1@nku.edu) for consideration at TAC meetings.

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