

Parking and Transportation Study Kick-Off Meeting

Walker Consultants and Olsson Associates

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Two representatives from Walker Consultants have been on campus since Monday, starting data collection (e.g., parking lot usage at various times and days). A representative from Olsson Associates has been here since Tuesday, focusing on transportation to and from as well as around campus. He has interviewed several students and ridden all bus routes on campus and around town.

Walker Consultants is also currently collecting data from various units around campus. They will be sending a survey out to stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, maybe Laramie as a whole) in the next month or so. They will also hold several stakeholder meetings and regularly meet with the UW Parking and Transportation Study Team.

The meeting ended with group discussion about what things are going well at UW, as well as areas that could use improvement:

- Transportation options are widely used and variable
 - Discussed ways to get info to students after orientation/start of the semester
- Renovation/new construction of dorms is an ongoing concern regarding loss of parking lots as well as parking spaces not being fully utilized
 - If lots/parking are removed, will students (also other groups) still be as active in campus activities?
- Several people get dropped off (by friends/family, NOT Uber/Lyft), blocking traffic flow and endangering pedestrians and cyclists
- Laramie and UW have several bike lanes/corridors and they are widely used
 - Some concern was noted regarding accessing central campus (Prexy's) by cyclists or pedestrians – several entrance points are very narrow and very busy
- Permitted parking ending at 5 can make it hard for those coming to campus in the evenings (classes, labs. Functions) to find parking (students are using it)