

Attachment A  
July 17, 2008 Board of Trustees Meeting  
University of Wyoming 2009 Supplemental Budget Request  
Parking and Transportation

Background

As indicated in the University's FY 2009-2010 biennial budget request, UW anticipated addressing parking and transportation when the planning study was completed in the spring of 2008. UW collaborated with the Wyoming Department of Transportation and the City of Laramie in the study effort. The consultant, Stantec, ensured there was substantial community involvement during the course of the study, and there exists community support for its recommendations.

The study can be summarized as follows:

1. It is not cost effective to substantially increase the parking inventory on the core campus to accommodate daily commuters. (The core campus is bounded by 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets from the west to east, and Lewis and Iverson from the north to south.) There is a high density of faculty, staff and students who reside off-campus, but in neighborhoods relatively close to the campus.
2. UW should encourage commuters to ride the University bus system, rather than bring their vehicles to campus during regular business hours. This is consistent with trends at other university campuses, and is likely to be attractive to substantial numbers of commuters, in view of the high cost fuel.
3. To accomplish the foregoing, UW must expand the current transit system to establish a more robust, reliable transportation system. That includes expanding the frequency and number of bus routes, establishing a system that uses up-to-date equipment and facilities, including remote parking lots, and provides current information to riders.
4. Increase the parking inventory for students who reside on campus, i.e. these are not commuters, but persons who live on campus. This is particularly important since all traditional aged freshmen are required to live on campus, and the vast majority of these students must travel to Laramie using their personal vehicles.
5. Parking permit fees and parking fines, when coupled with federal grants through the Wyoming Department of Transportation which are maximized, as well as state block grant funding provided in 2006, leave UW parking and transportation operations with a shortfall going forward, even to sustain current operations.

Operating Budget Request

Equipment and Operating Costs – Establish three new shuttle routes

- a. One-time funding - \$1,814,800  
Lease five buses (\$134,800), and purchase 8 “low floor” diesel buses (\$1,680,000).
- b. Recurring funding to operate these vehicles - \$1,436,403

Capital Facilities Request

Purchase/lease and improve (pave, lighting, shelters) three remote lots

- a. 15<sup>th</sup> and Spring Creek Lot - \$800,000
- b. Little League Lot - \$595,000
- c. West Laramie Route Lot - \$ 50,000

Planning Funds for a 500-600 space parking structure near the Residence Halls

Level II planning funds - \$295,000

Metal Building for Bus storage and light maintenance – to be located at UW property on South 15th

Budget request in the 2010 session

**Totals** – Operating budget - \$1,814,800 (one-time); \$1,436,403 recurring

Capital facilities request - \$1,740,000