

#### **SENATE RESOLUTION #2844**

TITLE: ASUW Recommendations for UW Parking & Transportation and

Work of the ASUW Ad-Hoc Parking Committee

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Almenjo-Ponce, Engelby, Ewalt, and McLean

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming

2. (ASUW) Student Government is to serve our fellow students in the best manner

3. possible; and,

4. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming (UW) is currently experiencing significant

5. changes to parking on campus, most notably with the impending closure of the parking

6. lots east of the Wyoming Union, McWhinnie Hall, and Half Acre and the creation of a

7. new 375-space Ivinson Parking Garage; and,

8. WHEREAS, UW conducted a parking survey in 2018 that revealed that 63.15%

9. of respondents report that finding convenient parking is their biggest concern with their

10. commute, and in total 89.50% of respondents reported that creating more parking should

11. be one of the top three priorities for UW over the next ten years; and,

12. WHEREAS, four years later the ASUW fall 2022 student issues survey, as shown in

13. Addendum C, found that 32.35% of students use their personal vehicle to get to campus

14. daily and 64.60% of individuals responded that they use their personal vehicles to travel

15. to campus for extracurricular activities; and,

- 16. WHEREAS, the survey also found that 29.85% of respondents believe that the removal
- 17. of the Union parking lot will have a severe impact on them, and an additional 24.91%
- 18. believe it will have a moderate impact; and,
- 19. WHEREAS, multiple students also shared their comments about this parking lot being 20. removed; and,
- 21. WHEREAS, these two surveys show that parking has been a top concern of students for
- 22. many years; and,
- 23. WHEREAS, there is currently relatively limited information easily available to students
- 24. regarding the changes to the parking situation, as shown in Addendum D, and beyond
- 25. campus announcements, relatively little has been done to proactively inform students on
- 26. these impending changes; and,
- 27. WHEREAS, to address student concerns and ensure student voice is represented ASUW
- 28. President Allison Brown created the Ad Hoc Parking Committee in August 2022; and,
- 29. WHEREAS, background information on this committee is available in Addendum B;
- 30. and,
- 31. WHEREAS, this committee was primarily tasked with addressing parking concerns by
- 32. "developing deliverables surrounding the cost of parking passes/parking garages, street
- 33. parking, and campus bus transportation among other innovative solutions;" and,
- 34. WHEREAS, this committee has done just that, holding weekly meetings, discussing
- 35. with multiple administrators, and writing a statement for the UW Board of Trustees that
- 36. President Brown read aloud at the November 2022 meeting that shares some thoughts
- 37. on parking; and,
- 38. WHEREAS, after these extensive discussions, the committee came up with a list of

- 39. practical and imminently achievable ideas for addressing some issues that may come up
- 40. with the removal of the three parking lots east of the Wyoming Union, McWhinnie Hall,
- 41. and Half Acre; and,
- 42. WHEREAS, these recommendations in full are shown in Addendum A.
- 43. THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
- 44. (ASUW) Student Government that Addendum A be adopted as official ASUW
- 45. recommendations to the UW Board of Trustees and UW Administration; and,
- 46. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that ASUW also recommends that more
- 47. information be put on the UW website sharing upcoming changes on parking, and that
- 48. more effort be made to communicate these upcoming changes to students beyond
- 49. emailed campus announcements; and,
- 50. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that this resolution shall be sent to the UW Board
- 51. of Trustees, President Seidel, and Director of Transportation Services Kunkel.

Referred to: Ad Hoc Parking; Advo	ocacy, Diversity, and Policy; Outreach,
Programming, and Elections	
Date of Passage: December, 6 <sup>th</sup> 2022	Signed: Hunte Swilling (ASUW Chairperson)
"Being enacted on December, 6 <sup>th</sup> 2022	, I do hereby sign my name hereto
and approve this Senate action."	ASUW President

#### Addendum A



## ASUW's Reccomendations for Campus Parking & Transportation

The ASUW Ad Hoc Parking & Transportation Committe has been working collectively with the University of Wyoming's Parking and Transportation Service. As a whole, ASUW has made various recommendations to address student concerns regarding parking at the university. Our committee had concerns regarding payment for parking permits through the UW student portal. After collaboration with UW Parking and Transit Services Director Paul Kunkel, we collectively made changes to the student portal to allow students to pay for their parking permits without using a credit card. Students can now use student funding to cover the costs of their parking permits.

#### **ASUW's Five Recommendations**

- 1. ASUW recommends that the current tailgating lots across from the stadium be converted into commuter lots. Due to limited parking coming in the Spring of 2023 semester, this would be a solution for students to have transportation to campus without having to find parking.
- 2. ASUW wants to expand the use of the app ParkMobile to all parts of campus. ParkMobile is an app that allows you to pay for parking on campus with the help of your phone rather than using coins in parking meters. We have worked to express this to the board and the transportation services. ASUW and transportation services are working to make this happen in the following semester.
- 3. ASUW wants to provide students with short-term parking in the current future cowboy parking lot. These spots will be reserved for students who need to be on campus for intervals of 10-20 minutes. These spots will not need to be paid for but will be marked as occupied through the ParkMobile app.
- 4. ASUW has worked to address campus safety concerning walking alone at night to the bus stops on campus and the safety of students using the parking garage. After these concerns were brought up, we gave this information to the parking service, and they notified us

- that the UW Police Department will be moved to the first floor of the parking garage. Additionally, 50 cameras will be installed in the parking garage to ensure the safety of students and staff. Additional bus stops will be provided around campus, and extended bus hours will meet students' needs and decrease the time it takes for buses to arrive at these stops.
- 5. ASUW has made it a goal for the Spring of 2023 to lower the cost of parking permits for students. In the Ivinson parking garage, these permits will be sold at \$500. ASUW wants to decrease this price and create monthly parking permits. Monthly parking permits allow students to "pay as they need" rather than purchasing a year pass.

# The Ad Hoc Parking Committee recently provided a statement for President Brown to deliver to the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees. The statement follows.

On behalf of the students at the University of Wyoming, the ASUW Ad Hoc Parking Committee would like to release a statement. After a semester of work regarding the parking changes that will take place next semester, we have become more aware of students' concerns about parking at the University of Wyoming. We appreciate your steps to ensure student safety within the parking garage, day lot accessibility, and extended bus hours. The university students will understand these accommodations immensely.

After meeting with current university officials, we recognize that there have been discussions on turning the present tailgating lots into commuter lots for students. We support that this would be a productive use of those spaces. We have identified a desire among students for monthly parking permits to be provided. Employees, residents, and commuters want the ability to pay monthly for these parking permits as opposed to offering semester passes. Students are requesting that the cost of parking permits is reduced. Our committee wants to work alongside financial services to help students afford necessary parking permits and to reduce the cost of these permits.

We have been researching student concerns and ideas about the current 'Future Cowboy' lot. This lot is not heavily used during the weekdays, and it is our goal and request that this area is transitioned and enforced by ParkMobile. Park mobile provides software to help implement a way to connect and showcase ways to assist how students will pay for their parking without the use of coins. Most of the spaces in this lot can be used for standard parking, while some spots can be used for Patron Parking, where students do not have to pay but can mark that the area is being used in the app for a span of 15-30 minutes. This would allow students to make quick stops on campus without worrying about parking or bus routes.

Again, we thank you for your work on this campus, and we hope you can take our requests and the opinions of university students and enforce them in your future endeavors.

#### Addendum B

## **Background on the ASUW Ad Hoc Parking Committee**

The purpose of the Student Government of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best possible manner through accurate representation, professional interaction with campus programs and organizations, and responsible, effective leadership. In the coming months, UW will undergo a significant restructuring that will affect student parking available on campus. Student concerns have risen since legislation was enacted to remove the union parking and build a parking garage for faculty on Ivinson. ASUW represents the UW students and is acting to make student voices heard within the UW community.

When student concerns arose due to future parking changes, ASUW created an Ad Hoc Parking Committee for the 110<sup>th</sup> Administration. ASUW's history with the board of trustees has been limited due to the need for more communication between student concerns and faculty members. Because of student concerns and campus safety ASUW has begun to express these concerns and interact with the campus parking and transportation services to make our campus a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

Throughout the fall of 2022 semester, Ad Hoc Parking has been working closely to address student concerns by referring to the fall issues survey. The parking and transportation portion of the ASUW Fall Issues Survey opened on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, and has received feedback from over 1,315 students. We acknowledge this feedback is limited, but we are confident it represents student concerns across campus.

#### Addendum C



**UW Parking and Transportation (2022)** 

**Summary** 

The parking and transportation portion of the ASUW Fall Issues Survey opened on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and has received feedback from over 1,315 students. We acknowledge this feedback is limited, but are confident it is a representation of student concerns across campus.

Beginning at Question 39 of the student issues survey, 51.69% of students at UW knew that the Union Parking lot would be removed in December of this year to be turned into a green space. 48.31% of students were not aware of this plan.

The survey found that 29.85% of respondents believe that the removal of the Union parking lot will have a severe impact on them, and an additional 24.91% believe it will have a moderate impact. Students have shared their own comments about this parking lot being removed and ASUW recognizes student comments regarding the removal of the union parking lot.

Students were asked what mode of transportation they used most often to travel to campus. A plurality of students (32.35%) responded that they use their vehicles to get to campus daily. Followed by 31.43% of students walking, 17.10% using campus buses, 11.67% riding their bike, 4.96% using alternate means of transportation, and 2.48% utilizing carpooling.

Students were asked what modes of transportation they use to travel to campus for extracurricular activities. 64.60% of individuals responded that they use their personal vehicles to travel to campus for extracurricular activities.

Students were asked if they utilized parking permits on campus, 57.61% of students utilize parking permits that are provided from the City of Laramie and UW—these range from different colored parking permits and vehicle parking areas. Students provided additional information on why they do not have or need a parking permit on campus.

Concerning transportation via safe ride, most students (65.19%) know what Safe Ride is but have not utilized it. Students then had the opportunity to share their particular concerns and comments on different matters and comments including transportation and parking at UW.

#### **Survey Results**

Starting in December of this year, the main Union parking lot will be taken offline in order to begin construction of a new green space. Were you aware of this plan before the release of this survey?				
#	Field	Choice Count		
1	Yes	51.69%	565	
2	No	48.31%	528	

To what degree will the removal of this parking lot (union parking) impact your ability to travel			
to campus?			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	No impact at all	22.07%	241
2	Minimal Impact	23.17%	253
3	Moderate Impact	24.91%	272
4	Severe Impact	29.85%	326

What mode of transportation do you use most often to travel to campus?			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	UW Busses	17.10%	186
2	Personal Vehicle	32.35%	352
3	Bicycle	11.67%	127
4	Walking	31.43%	342
5	Carpooling	2.48%	27
6	Other:	4.96%	54

## **Other Responses Included:**

- Apartment Bus
- Safe Ride
- Online Student
- Skateboard
- Combination of modes

What mode of transportation do you use most often to travel to campus for extracurricular activities that occur outside of business hours? (e.g. Club meetings, campus events like Trivia			
Night, etc.)			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	UW Busses	1.02%	11
2	Personal Vehicle	64.60%	697
3	Bicycle	7.69%	83
4	Walking	20.57%	222
5	Carpooling	3.71%	40
6	SafeRide	0.93%	10
7	Other	1.48%	16

Do you currently have	e a parking pass for the 20	22-2023 Academic Ye	ear? If so, which type of
permit do you have?			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Green Permit	28.73%	183
2	Electric Plug-in Permit	0.31%	2
3	Purple Permit	6.28%	40
4	Motorcycle Permit	0.47%	3
5	Orange Zone 202	11.93%	76
	Permit		
6	Red Permit	2.67%	17
7	CITY OF LARAMIE	7.22%	46
	parking permit		
8	Other	42.39%	270

## **Other Responses Included:**

- None
- UW apartment

- Brown
- Fraternity Parking
- Online
- Institute of Religion Parking Pass
- Disabled permit

Are you aware of a transportation service called SafeRide? Have you ever utilized their services?			
#	Field	Choice Count	
1	Yes, I have heard of SafeRide and I have utilized their services before	31.94%	345
2	Yes, I have heard of SafeRide but I have NOT utilized their services before	65.19%	704
3	No, I have not heard of SafeRide and I have NOT utilized their services before	2.87%	31

# Select Open Comments in response to "what ideas do you have to improve transportation and parking issues on campus?" (more responses available upon request)

- "Make the new parking garage open to everyone, or build actual parking. Very poor handling of the situation"
- "Give students more parking, this is a university and the students don't have a parking garage to enough parking spaces to accommodate, Laramie is relatively walkable but people commute, particularly those coming back to college or not of the typical age"
- "We don't have nearly enough parking"
- "More parking places for students that is free"
- "Hire more people to drive bus so there are more buses driving around"
- "Stop overselling! Also have designated parking for those living in the fraternity and sorority houses that is separate from the freshman/dorm goers. Individuals living in the chapter houses should be able to park in front of their houses but right now are not because the spots are taken by students living in the dorms"
- "Have a bus stop over by the enzstem building"
- "Not a ton of parking for green pass"
- "More parking for extracurricular time"
- "Not take out the union parking lot, that is one of the dumbest ideas. We need MORE parking. Creating underground parking or more parking that you don't need expensive permits for. Especially since we already have to buy permits to park on city streets, it's awful to also buy campus parking and you can't get a spot anywhere"
- "Bus on the west side of town would be helpful and more student parking on streets"
- "More parking and parking spaces for people who live off campus"

- "Build a parking garage for students"
- "More inclusivity and availability"
- "Parking is already terrible as it is. Taking out the only parking that is available to us after 5:00, it's the worst idea I've ever heard. We do not need a new green space as much as we need more parking. Do union parking lot is the only way I am able to get to the library what I need to study after school hours. This will upset me greatly if this is taken away from the students. Not only does this affect peoples access to campus for afterschool activities, but it will also affect peoples education if kids cannot find a way to get to the library due to the fact that there is no parking at the bus system is no longer running at later times of the day. I don't know how to express this enough. But the union parking is extremely important and multiple people utilize this area every single day especially what is made available to people after five. This is when I'm able to finally get to campus and get homework done in the library. If I am not able to get to the library due to no parking this could affect my education greatly as well as multiple students on this campus. We should be focusing on students education rather than giving them more greenery."
- "Keep available parking"
- "Allowing student employees on campus to have access to parking passes"
- "Allow the new parking garage to be for off campus students"
- "The only parking should NOT be located several blocks in most directions from people's classes. It's an accessibility nightmare, especially given our winters."
- "I don't understand why they're making the union parking lot into a green area, we don't use the green areas that we already have and now students will have even more trouble parking than they already do"
- "Dont get rid of the parking at the union. There wont be ANY parking on campus until the parking garage is finished and who know when that make the will happen. I think this is a really dumb move. We have sooo much green space already. Why make the already awful parking situation worse"
- "More parking space closer to campus buildings"
- "Offer parking that isn't insanely expensive and/or take away parking. As someone who works in admissions, this is going to affect yours too. Prospective students often find that lot and park there and if they can't find parking, they may not come here"
- "UW should invest in making more parking garages, and ones that students can use. They need to find ways to utilize the shrinking amount of car space for the most amount of cars, so a parking garage for on-campus residential student would be smart in my opinion"
- "Need significantly more student parking"
- "Allow more free parking"
- "Parking garage with shuttles to and from"
- "Get rid of one of the huge grass fields between sorority and fraternity row and add parking"
- "...stop giving us green spaces, and give us MORE parking! We have Prexy's, and it's plenty of green space. I want to be able to find parking and get to class on time, not struggle even harder to find parking!"
- "More shuttles and stops"
- "Don't take away the limited parking that there is and chill with the tickets we're college students not your tax slaves"
- "Making more available spots for students or a parking garage for students"
- "Personally I'm in the purple lot and it's a long walk"

- "I think there is need for additional parking that is close to the west side of campus, there are several lots on the east side, but parking on the west side is much more limited"
- "The buses need to be way more efficient if possible. Students are waiting 15-20 minutes to get on a bus which packs the buses so that some students may not even get on"
- "To no remove the union parking lot. It's where a lot of students can park after permit hours to go to half acre of the library"
- "Don't remove parking lots that are consistently full of student vehicles"
- "Make the lot behind mac hall open for parking"
- "Maybe stop giving so many areas to staff. It makes students feel like they're not important if staff get all the parking. Bring back the areas by STEM and don't get rid of the union lot. Also make meter parking 10 min/quarter again."
- "busses need to be CONSISTENT!!! Faculty/employee parking is NEVER FULL, so they need to share it with commuters. There is little to no places to park for commuters which is ridiculous because we are paying to be here and have to park 8 blocks away or have to take the bus from a lot and it is never reliable"
- "Carpool app"
- "Focus more on working with the city to improve parking (at the very least during school hours). The commuter lots are too far from the main campus to be accessible to undergraduate students. More dorms will increase the number of people needing residential parking which there also is not enough of already"
- "Parking structures and more parking and shuttles near the softball fields"
- "It would have been nice if the parking garage was also accessible to students. There could have been more levels. It upsetting that more parking is getting taken away when there is minimal parking as is. It will be a damper on the committee because more students have to park in residential areas"
- "Buses on weekends for purple parking"
- "Not get rid of parking lots when not necessary yet and before the replacement lots are not finished. More free past 5pm parking"
- "Parking in Orr and McIntyre should be for students"
- "Quit starting new projects that do not help every student"
- "Please don't get rid of the main parking lot that is used. The parking garage will not fix this issue. The union lot is located in the center of campus and is crucial to its operation"
- "Bus schedules are confusing. Not a single map has the flow of stops, and it would be much clearer how the buses worked if the maps online had arrows that designated which direction the buses travel from stop to stop"
- "Staff orange 203 parking is rarely used especially behind chi omega. I am a member and have to walk almost half a mile from where I can park to the chi o house. I had hip surgery and try to avoid walking so far. I'd appreciate if the orange 203 parking either actually got used or went to students who actually live neat those parking areas or are common visitors to those areas"
- "Run more buses. During peak class hours these buses are not very frequent. Also extend hours that buses run, if you take away parking by the library how are many off campus students going to get to the library to use the resources that our provided for us. Green space seems like a waste of money and a waste of prime parking for not only your faculty, but the students. Day lots are very convenient and I'm assuming make the university some money, so why would you take those away for green space?"

- "Build more parking lots and spaces to park and allow more permits to the student population each year. Also the passes need to be affordable, it is absolutely ridiculous that we have to pay tuition to come to a school in the middle of nowhere and then have to pay \$800 to park a SEMESTER. truly ridiculous and inappropriate of the campus to steal the money from their broke ass student population (college kids who are suffering and struggling already).
- Quit taking parking away. Building a parking garage that is taking way to long but isn't even for students. Open up more spaces for students. Buses take forever, it takes forever for them to actually get you anywhere between waiting for them and managing the poorly managed system. Parking is the worst managed system at UW compared to any students and do not care about us at all!
- "More lots like south and east lots"
- "Bus routes running more often with more stops? I don't have a car and the bus system is very convenient, and I would feel comfortable using it to get more places if I had a smaller wait time"
- "There needs to be closer parking options for anyone who has a disability regardless of having a plackard. I struggle daily! The bus needs to have more stops all around campus. It would be nice if scooters were provided for student to use (or electric bikes, etc.), or at least for those with disabilities"
- "Buses NEED to run on time. There also needs to be more parking around campus. Placing a bike rental program at commuter parking lots would help. As it stands, those lots are too far away and buses too inconsistent to be viable to myself and some other commuter students"
- "Running buses later"
- "More bicycle racks"
- "Providing a parking lot or garage close to campus for student. Students are currently forces to park far away from campus which can discourage students to go to class or utilize various resources here on campus"
- "Crossing 15<sup>th</sup> needs to be improved"
- "Create more parking for students in general. There's a huge safety issue for students walking at night and/or walking in adverse weather conditions"

Select open comments in response to "Please provide any additional comments on campus parking and transportation you may have" (more responses available upon request):

- "I ride my bike to school but once it gets too cold I have to start driving. There is hardly any parking so I have to wake up at 6am so I can find a spot by 7am and it's miserable. I also study at the library every night and now it's going to be much more inconvenient to even do that without the Union lot. I'll probably stop going to the gym if I can't find parking which is depressing. I also work for admissions and whenever we host big events the families park in the Union lot. How are they going to react when I tell them they have to park wherever they can find parking and walk a mile to the Union. It seems like a horrible idea for people with problems ambulating who need parking as close as they can get."
- "I seriously don't know how to express this enough, but taking away this only parking option to most students at the university is a very bad idea. I park in the lot almost every day whether it's to go to the gym, the union or the library. If his parking is taken away, I do not know how I will be able to get to these areas on campus and I will need to find other places off of campus to go to instead so that I am able to park my car. When the weather here in Wyoming changes, it is very important to have a vehicle to drive especially when it is later in the day and I need a mode of

transportation from my home to campus and back. The weather here in Laramie can become very severe in the winter time and having the ability to drive to the library what I need is very important to me as well as multiple students at this university. Please put this into consideration and allow the students to have a vote in this. Based off of the amount of students I have talked to, everyone would prefer to have an area to park rather than an extra greenery area. We have enough grassy areas on campus, but we do not have enough parking to even get to campus to enjoy The grassy areas we already have. Please keep in mind that once the bus system closes for the day, students will not be able to get to campus if they are not able to park their car anywhere. Not only will this affect peoples accessibility to campus for after campus activities, but this could greatly affect the students education if they are not able to simply get to the library to complete the work they need or even print off papers that they may need for the next day. The library is extremely important for the students at the university and if this access is taken away this could greatly affect multiple students in many ways."

- "I can't even park in my ON-CAMPUS apartment parking lot because nobody tickets the lot even after numerous complains. I have to park on the street even though I pay to live here and have the REQUIRED parking permit."
- "Keep the union parking lot, East lot express can be very inconsistent with times it takes to arrive, I've waited nearly an hour for busses before on what seems to be a more popular line"
- "Stop scamming students with the fake safety if safe ride it's supposed to be a safe way to get home without driving not a way to get a ticket for being a smart person and not driving"
- "What is the point of taking out parking when students have no where to park to begin with? The parking garage is not going to make that much of a difference."
- "They're getting rid of the main lot for extracurricular activities as well as visitors. I would argue it's the most important lot. Won't look good to vprospective students having them park so far from the heart of the campus."
- "Please, please make more student parking. We don't buy parking passes because there is no reliable location to park/use my own vehicle for transportation to class which doesn't take 45 min or more."
- "I'm concerned about walking at night to parking from late classes"
- "Please do not tear out the union lot. We are begging you."
- "Students need more parking around campus. Closure of the Union lot will greatly affect the access to Half Acre Gym in the morning and evening after busses have shut down. The lot needs to remain open to be able to handle the traffic and load."
- "BRING STUDENT PARKING BACK! We are only a walking campus 30% of the school year. The winter it is not accessible to ride a bike or walk without breaking something on the icey sidewalks"
- "Just giving everyone safe rides or busses won't cut the issue. we need parking, stop trying to get rid of it. we don't live in a big urban area, we need out own vehicles. taking away parking won't just fix the problem, stop trying to address just the symptoms and not actually solve the root of the issue!!"
- "Please, Please, Please, advoscate for those with disabilities that have a hard time walking so far from bus stops or far off parking spaces. It is hard to get placards, but I have a debilitating disability (a couple actually). Parking is a nightmare! Also, in the residential areas, people are constantly parking here without permits, causing me to not have a parking space frequently."
- "Even painting parallel parking lines on streets lining campus would be helpful to ensure space is not getting wasted."

- "The shuttles at UofU ran past 8:30. I'm tired of having to walk from 9th to 30th to get to my car because the shuttles stop running before my obligations on campus are through."
- "The buses are good but frequently impeded by construction projects around campus. Honestly if I had known how difficult it would be to get to campus I probably would have chosen a different university. The lack of student parking spaces is bullshit, especially considering how many spaces remain open in faculty parking lots. If just one faculty lot could be changed to be a commuting student lot things would be a lot better."
- "A large part of the student population lives off campus grounds and making it harder to commute to campus is not good. All my coworkers and friends at UW never have anything good to say about the parking. This needs to be fixed."
- "The University of Wyoming should expand efficient, affordable, and sustainable public transportation options around campus and in Laramie. This will improve the overall experience for students, employees, as well as the Laramie community. Ensuring the busses are more punctual and expanding routes, as well as providing incentives for those who do take public transportation or walk, would be an efficient and cost-effective way to solve the parking problem."
- "My main concern is that Wyoming is a very weathered state and these green spaces will not be utilized to their full capacity like they might in other states."
- "The busses are really nice, but they don't run super late, so it is really important to have parking available around campus, especially free parking for people who don't need to park on campus a lot, so it doesn't make sense to buy a parking pass, but occasionally need to drive for late night tests, labs or club meetings."
- "We pay fees to the school every semester yet none of it can go to free parking. There are metered spots, spots you can pay for with an app, and spots available if you have a parking pass but nothing for those who don't want to or can't pay for parking. We live in Wyoming where it is not possible for everyone to walk to a bus stop during the winter. Additionally, the police patrol city permit parking around campus unlike anywhere else in Laramie. They just wait to fine students who can't find parking anywhere else because there isn't any available."
- "I have concerns around SafeRide and the notion that campus police tend to target and are more likely to pull over SafeRide cars. This also discourages students to use saferide."
- "I appreciate the looking for comment because whoever approved the idea to remove parking areas as well as where to place them currently are clearly never asked any students about the locations and plans. I suspect this also got the greenlight since the faculty parking will remain mostly unchanged but will give the appearance of a "green" initiative at the sake of the one group of people continuing to fund this institution. Very short sided."
- "The campus parking is terrible and as a student and employee, I was denied a brown parking pass in which I had applied for. I now need to get here about 45-60min prior to my start time just for a place to park that's not a mile away. I feel that the parking situation continues to get worse and the prices continue to increase."
- "The buses say they pick up from the various lots every 10 minutes, but I have been stuck waiting for much longer before. The buses have caused me to be late to classes and work numerous times due to running late. I also have seen buses leave people at the stops and not come by any quicker, essentially punishing people who made it to the buses on time. Transportation either needs to have more bus drivers on the route or invest in larger buses if they truly intend to be a viable option for student transportation."

• "The University has not been very transparent about this change...let alone their reasoning behind their logic. I fortunately live on Sorority Row and I do not have to worry about parking; however, there are people who this is going to severely affect. How do you plan on aiding those folks?"

#### Addendum D

## University Information Available on parking

In May 2021, the University of Wyoming Board of Trustees approved a master plan for the UW Housing and Parking Facilities.

#### It states:

A plan to create new, modern student housing for University of Wyoming students took a major step forward with recent action by the UW Board of Trustees.

Trustees last week approved the interior and exterior designs of two new residence halls and a dining facility to be located west of 15th Street, near McWhinnie Hall and Half Acre Recreation and Wellness Center. The new, five-level residence halls will accommodate a total of 900 students, replacing outdated residence halls along Grand Avenue.

Additionally, the board approved the exterior design of a new, three-level parking facility at the site of the current Ivinson parking lot at the southwest edge of campus. The parking structure will be built to help address the loss of parking spaces due to residence hall and other construction around campus. When completed, the Ivinson Parking Garage will provide spaces for 375 vehicles, as well as the offices of the UW Police Department.

The total cost of these buildings and other related work is estimated at about \$250 million. The Wyoming Legislature has authorized the university to issue bonds to finance construction, and the Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider bond issuance at its next meeting in June.

Construction of the parking facility is scheduled to begin this fall. Construction of the new residence halls and dining facility is expected to begin in 12 to 15 months and take about two years to complete.

"These projects will dramatically improve the housing options available to our students," UW President Ed Seidel says. "We have known for some time that our current residence halls, now more than 50 years old, need to be replaced. These new facilities, located closer to the central campus and featuring modern design and amenities, will be a significant upgrade for student life at our university."

In preparation for the new residence hall construction, Wyoming Hall was demolished earlier this year, and utility relocation is currently taking place.

The new north residence hall will be built at the corner of 15th and Lewis streets. In addition to providing rooms for 434 students, the facility will include a two-level dining facility that seats 850 students.

The new south residence hall will be east of Half Acre Recreation and Wellness Center, with rooms for 466 students.

In both residence halls, there will be typical double and single rooms, two-bed semi-suites and four-bed semi-suites.

"We conducted significant research to determine the best mix of housing options for our students," Vice President for Student Affairs Kim Chestnut says. "The interior design approved by the Board of Trustees will provide a wonderful environment for students to build a sense of community during their first year on campus and beyond, which we know is so important for their success."

The exterior design of the residence halls, as well as the parking facility, will follow the Collegiate Gothic sandstone style of other buildings on UW's central campus. Attractive green spaces and other landscaping will be created as part of the projects.



This rendering shows the planned Ivinson Parking Garage at UW, looking southeast from Ivinson Avenue. (Anderson Mason Dale Architects and By Architectural Means Rendering)

Transportation Services provides several parking options for students living on campus.

**Classifications & Fees for 2022-23** 

PERMIT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	SEMESTER	ANNUAL
GREEN PERMIT	Available to students living in residence halls or chapter housing	\$123.00	\$246.00
ELECTRIC PLUG-IN PERMIT	Provides reserved parking for electrical plug-in spaces (standard 110-volt outlet), only 8 available	\$123.00	\$246.00
PURPLE PERMIT	Available to students who choose to not purchase a Green Permit	\$16.50	\$33.00
MOTORCYCLE PERMIT	Available to students riding plated motorcycles or mopeds. 50% off with purchase of a Green permit	\$33.00	\$66.00

<sup>\*</sup>Electric Plug-in Permits must be purchased in conjunction with a Green Permit.

## **Commuting Student Parking**

Transportation Services provides several parking options for students off campus. <u>View the Commuting Student parking map</u> to find the best fit for you or find all <u>transit options</u> <u>for getting to campus</u>.

#### **Classifications & Fees for 2022-23**

PERMIT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	SEMESTER	ANNUAL
ORANGE ZONE 201 & 202	Available to students living off campus. Orange permits are purchased as one zone and may also park in red and purple permit areas	\$81.00	\$162.00
RED PERMIT	Available to students living off campus. Red permits may also park in purple permit areas	\$40.50	\$81.00
PURPLE PERMIT	Available to students	\$16.50	\$33.00
MOTORCYCLE PERMIT	Available to students riding plated motorcycles or mopeds. 50% off with purchase of an Orange or Red permit	\$33.00	\$66.00

Note: Students may purchase either Zone 201 or Zone 202. Orange parking permits are sold by individual zone. Orange parking permits are valid in the Orange zone purchased (i.e. Orange Zone 101), Red, and Purple parking spaces. <u>See zone information.</u>

Four options are available for short term and day use parking:

## 1. Metered Parking:

Metered parking is available at various locations on campus to provide short-term parking. Meters are available at the following locations: Residence Halls, Hoyt Hall, Knight Hall, Coe Library, Wyoming Union, Fine Arts, Corbett Gym, Arena-Auditorium, Beta House, 12th & Lewis, and Animal Science. The fee for metered parking is \$1.75/hour. Most meters are limited to 2 hour parking (check the individual meter to be sure).

## 2. Pay-by-the-Hour Spaces:

Parking spaces are currently available at the Day Lot located at the corner of 15th and Willett Street (set to close December 2022). Spaces will also be available in the Ivinson Parking Garage at 11th and Ivinson, opening January 2023. There are no time limits on these spaces, and time may be extended as needed.

You can either use the pay kiosk, or <u>download the Parkmobile app</u> to pay for parking at these locations.

#### 3. Shuttle Service:

The Express Shuttle is the quickest and most convenient way to get to campus. With free parking located at 30th Street and Willett Drive and 15th and Spring Creek, this shuttle provides continuous service to the Wyoming Union from the shuttle lot every 10 minutes. <u>View all UWYO Roundup Services</u>.

#### 4. Day Permits:

Day permits are available in a couple of different forms; a printable online permit or a hard copy scratch off permit.

The fee for a day permit is \$7.00 per day and allows the permit holder to park in Gold, Brown, Orange, Red, Purple or Green zone parking spaces.

Please note that day permits do not allow for parking in reserved spaces or metered spaces. Parking in an accessible parking space is allowed with a day permit only when the appropriate state/city disability placard or license plates are displayed.

There are two primary types of day permits; online day permits and scratch off day permits.

Parking Enforcement Status Meanings Full Enforcement Unless otherwise indicated, parking is enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in yellow zones, fire lanes, accessible spaces, "U" spaces, reserved spaces, Green (Residential) spaces, loading/unloading zones, motorcycle parking, and no parking areas. Metered parking and Orange Zone 202 parking around the Residence Halls and Greek houses are also enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Other spaces are enforced on university business days, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Overnight parking in the Express Lots is enforced year-round.

## **Slightly Relaxed Enforcement**

Please see the individual details for event or period. Parking regulations are considered "full enforcement" unless otherwise indicated.

### **Enforcing Major Violations**

Only major violations are being enforced. These include yellow zones, fire lanes, accessible spaces, "U" parking, reserved parking, and all other no parking areas.

## LPR (License Plate Recognition)

Parking on campus is monitored through License Plate Recognition (LPR). LPR is a virtual permitting system that will allow for staffing efficiencies, lot monitoring, and better utilization and enforcement of parking lots.

A camera system is attached to Transportation Services vehicles. These cameras scan license plates when vehicles are parked on the University of Wyoming campus. License plates are then compared to the permit database.

License plates, temporary license plates, or a bill of sale must be clearly visible from the drive lane. Only one vehicle per permit is allowed on campus at a time.

Vehicles parking in permit lots must display a valid University parking permit designated for that lot, along with clearly displaying the vehicle license plate from the driving lane.