Transit

Following round II route productivity review of early fall ridership, three additional runs were cut from Wildcat service to Newmarket in January and three Dover runs were put on a ‘watch list’ for review through end of this semester. The expected impacts of the new housing growth in Durham are clear in first half FY ridership data to the right. It is likely that several of the watch list runs in Dover will be eliminated by fall semester.

The good news is that the Wildcat ridership is translating to Connector growth – and not translating into increases in commuter parking permit (which continue to fall). These are now majority walk/Connector commuters in Durham.

We are becoming more of a walk commute campus – which we hope will be born out in our spring transportation survey. Parking meter revenue is shown to check on the impact of non-permit vehicles coming to UNH visitor lots.

**UTS is proposing that Rochester service** will drop to two commute hour runs as of end of semester. This level of service will continue through end of fall semester 2016. A hearing will be held in early April.

January brought major changes to the **Campus Connector** (IOL and direct Rivers Edge service end). A new map and services schedule was published - please be sure to grab or download a copy of each. We will be looking at options to boost Connector capacity and frequency as service demands increase.

Parking

Delayed full Winter Parking Ban until January succeeded with mild weather and will be considered next year. At the February TPC UTS will present a first proposal for parking lot regulation changes effective Sept 2016 as well as an update on any proposed parking fee changes (note: faculty permit prices are dependent upon AAUP contact negotiations)

Facilities is finalizing summer (and fall) construction impacts to parking and roadways but several major elements are known at this time (full details will be published on UTS and Facilities websites by late March):

- **Quad Way** will be closed to traffic this summer for reconstruction (including all of Lower Quad)
- **H-Lot** will be closed to F/S parking for continued Hamel Rec, Pool and new NH Hall roof project
- **The Edgewood Road Visitor Lot** will see minor intermittent impacts through the summer
- **Resident Lot E** will host contactor parking for numerous core campus projects

The **UTS Parking Productivity Study** continues. Staff will provide first snapshot reports at the April TPC meeting

Transportation Studies

Campus Planning has published two studies quantifying changes in pedestrian, vehicle and bike traffic volumes on the **Main Street corridor** and **Pettite Brook**. The Main Street study looks at changes from 2012-2015 and isolates the impacts of Paul College and recent downtown housing additions. Summary results will be presented at the meeting and the documents will be available on request in late February. Campus Planning works with the Town and Regional Planning to track traffic volumes on campus area streets. This data is also used in the Durham-UNH traffic model.
Spring 2016 Campus Transportation Survey
UTS and Campus Planning will be coordinating with the UNH Survey Research Center to complete a comprehensive transportation survey in early-mid April. Consistent with surveys conducted in 2001, 2007 and 2011, this phone and web based survey tracks commuting patterns, system performance and community needs and perception. The surveys also help the University track its TDM progress and fulfill data requirements for national sustainability reporting.

Energy Task Force Coordination – Alternative Fuel and Fleet Data
Campus Planning published UNH-Durham’s annual fleet mile, fuel consumption and alternative fuel (CNG/B20) reports in January as well as completing required reporting to the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition and NHDES/USDOE. The reports will be posted on the Energy Task Force page. Fleet use data is reviewed by program managers. A few key points in the reports:

- UNH fleet vehicles logged over 1.8 million miles last FY (34% for transit service) That required consumption of over 263,000 gallons of fuel costing just over $700,000
- UNH used over 68,000 gals of biodiesel fuel last year – 63% of our diesel fuel consumption
- UNH used over 56,000 gallon equivalents of CNG last year – 36% of transit fleet and 20% total UNH fleet

Grant Updates:
5339 FTA Awarded: delays in NHDOT grant award procedures will result in slight delays
Real-Time Transit (AVL/GPS) – funds for installation of additional shelter displays (delayed until late fall)
Kingsbury Bus Pullout Expansion – delayed until summer 2017
Power Backups at UNH CNG and NHDOT liquid fuel station – delayed until winter 2016

No-Lo $5M Transit Fleet Application: Application submitted in late fall – no news yet

2016-17 NHDOT CMAQ Grant Round: UNH met with NHDOT staff regarding priorities and needs. Expected grant round announcement this spring. UNH will be submitting requests for funding for transit fleet and South Drive construction.

Bike Share?
The Cat Cycles program ended in summer 2015. Since that time Campus Planning has been exploring options for a new collaborative bike share program on campus. The first task is to determine if there is really demand for bike shares on our imminently walkable campus where the cost barriers to owning a bike are very low. If a niche market is identified, what cost-effective models might be suitable for campus? Contact Steve Pesci if you have interest in this evaluation.

Electric Vehicle Charging
UNH partnered with Durham in two newly installed EV charging pods in the Pettee Brook lot. We are currently evaluating potential of dual use EV charging on UNH that would be open to the public during the day and fuel UNH niche fleet at night. An ad-hoc EV interest group is forming under the Energy Task Force.

Reminders:
Mopeds parked on UNH campus require UNH permits and must be parked in designated in-lot pods. UTS will be working with Campus Planning next month to install additional pods on core campus.

Transportation Partners:
Look for a new Amtrak Downeaster schedule in April....ZipCar now offers monthly membership options and we currently have 4 cars in Town at reasonable rates for personal and Departmental account use.