



## PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### **REPRESENTATIVES:**

<b><i>Present:</i></b>	C.J. Gabbe, Dave Machado, Francine Gordon, Ixtlac Duenas, Jack Gerwe, Jacob Malae, Jason Lau, Katie Leisenring, Laura Ellingson, Leah Nakasaki-Peterson, Mukta Sharangpani, Philip Beltran, Natalie Rios, Sofia Perrone
<b><i>Sent Regrets:</i></b>	Abby De Leon, Ellen Platt, Lauren Braswell, Tyler Masamori
<b><i>Approved:</i></b>	KL, JG, DM, AD, NR, LNP, FG, EP, ID, MS

### **REPRESENTATIVES:**

<b>Chair:</b>	Dave Machado
<b>Associated Student Government (ASG) Representatives:</b>	Jack Gerwe
<b>Center for Sustainability Representatives:</b>	Katie Leisenring Sofia Perrone
<b>Disabilities &amp; Chronic Illness Network Representative:</b>	Laura Ellingson Mukta Sharangpani
<b>Faculty Representatives:</b>	C.J. Gabbe Francine Gordon
<b>Staff Representatives:</b>	Ixtlac Duenas Ellen Platt
<b>Vice Provost for Graduate Programs Representatives:</b>	Abby De Leon Lauren Braswell
<b>Division of Student Life Representative:</b>	Jason Lau

**Campus Safety, Emergency Planning  
& Parking & Transportation Services Representatives:**

Phillip Beltran  
Tyler Masamori  
Leah Nakasaki-Peterson  
Jacob Malae  
Natalie Rios

**March 7, 2025  
AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Approval of [1/31/25 Minutes](#)
  - a. [Links to Previously Approved Minutes](#)
  - b. [Resources](#)
3. Sean Collins, Assistant Vice President for University Operations
  - a. Traffic safety issues being addressed with the city of Santa Clara

Sean's presentation: Associate Vice President of Operations- Engages with the city of Santa Clara about pedestrian safety around the campus perimeter. Committee members made up of Campus Safety Services (CSS), Facilities and Operations (F&O), Associated Student Government (ASG), and the Old Quad Neighborhood Association met with the city of Santa Clara in June 2024 to discuss certain intersections of concern. The city of Santa Clara was able to take some action on these areas.

- Market St. and Alviso St.
- Alviso St. and Bellomy St.
- The turn at Market St. into The Alameda
- The Alameda and El Camino Real
- Accolti Way and El Camino Real
- Palm Drive and El Camino Real
- Alviso St. and Benton St.

Specifically, traffic studies, arrangements requested by F&O, and delaying the green left turn signal at El Camino Real and The Alameda (Loyola Hall) so pedestrians had more time to cross the street safely. El Camino Real is a state highway controlled by Caltrans. Caltrans would need to be involved in discussions about reduced speed limits, enforcement, and modifications to the intersections of the three primary intersections at our eastern perimeter and possibly other areas.

SCU, however, has a close relationship with the City of Santa Clara, which has communicated to Caltrans on behalf of SCU to have some necessary improvements made, in particular, making more delayed left turn lights at the intersections of The Alameda and El Camino Real, Accolti Way and El Camino Real, and Palm Drive and El Camino Real. F&O is interested in more improvements but is grateful for what has been done so far. F&O is working with city officials to lobby for these delayed left-hand turn signals and is evaluating whether they should speak with Caltrans directly. They want to see dedicated left-turn signals for pedestrians crossing the street at these intersections. The intersections of greatest concern are Alviso St. and Benton St. The city conducted a traffic study and determined that a lighted crosswalk would benefit the intersection. Negotiations with the City of Santa Clara and F&O are underway to see this corrective measure come to fruition. Lastly, in light of the student fatality along El Camino Real between Accolti Way and The Alameda, F&O requests a pedestrian crosswalk between these intersections.

Steve Ross, Assistant Dean for Off Campus Living, Office of Student Life, is on the task force. He is collaborating on creating a comprehensive 200-page plan to improve pedestrian safety throughout the city. On March 6, 2025, a Vision Zero Survey focused on traffic areas of concern was sent to community members. P&TS took the lead on resending the survey to SCU community members the following day for additional responses. A committee member expressed gratitude for Sean's presentation and interest in further promoting the survey among faculty, staff, and students.

Campus Safety Services, Facilities and Operations, Risk Management, Parking & Transportation Services, and Emergency Planning have identified areas of risk on campus where wayward cars may come onto campus. This group is looking into temporary and permanent solutions to put in place during special events on campus with limited impact on fire lanes. A Vehicle Safety Mitigation plan is being discussed to address potential risks in the following areas:

- Corner of Market St. and The Alameda
- Santa Clara Street (service road)
- Accolti Way
- The Old Alameda Lot (The Alameda and Franklin St.)

The Development (Kapital Partners) at Park Avenue and Bellomy Street

Thirty-eight apartments are scheduled to be built in 2026. F&O is reviewing the builder's traffic safety mitigation plan. Although F&O does not have control over this project, it is satisfied with the plan. F&O has a good relationship with the builder and will directly communicate any SCU issues/concerns. The construction company has leased out a portion of the Safeway parking lot for laydown materials.

4. Feedback on sliding scale tiered model for parking permit fees:

a. [Sliding Scale Permit Rate Information Per Institution](#)

i. Auxiliary vs. University-supported budget?

1. UNC-Chapel Hill

- a. The auxiliary budget is under the Department of Finance and Operations.

2. St. Mary's

- a. The university budget is shared with Campus Safety and is under the Division of Student Life.

P&TS has suggested that a subset of the Parking & Transportation Advisory Group, including a member with finance experience, may be helpful in moving this project forward. Committee members will shortly be sent a survey to express their interest in this project.

5. Update on excessive speed limits of coasting devices

- a. CSS and P&TS are to meet with the ASG President in the spring quarter to address safety concerns and the reasoning behind the support for banning coasting devices on campus.

CSS is in the process of gathering reports related to coasting device incidents on campus. CSS is part of a consortium with Campus Safety, Police, the State of California, and local county officials and has addressed these issues with these constituencies. Conversations among this group included how to stop somebody who is speeding 20 mph without creating more danger. Do they create slow zones at the campus center that prohibit coasting devices? What are the impacts on bicyclists on campus and mobility challenged individuals who would need to navigate across campus within these zones? P&TS, Campus Safety, and ASG will work together on this initiative.

CSS has received two anonymous ethics point complaints regarding pedestrian safety along the North Campus Garage, Main Parking Structure, and Alameda Mall near Benson. A committee

member also suggested involving the Disability and Chronic Illness Network (DCIN) and the Disabled Student Union (DSU). A committee member suggested that CSS reach out to the faculty/staff senate executive committees toward the end of the Spring quarter because that is when they would be transitioning into positions.

6. ASG Resolution: Supporting Institutional Change Against Ableism

a. Lack of essential accessible features across campus

To better serve customers with mobility issues, P&TS has been advocating for automatic door openers for the CSS and P&TS main entrance doors. P&TS worked directly with Project Manager Jeanette Coran (University Operations) to ensure that all countertops in the P&TS office were ADA-compliant. An ADA countertop was installed in the foyer for customer use. Malfunctioning elevators- P&TS is responsible for ensuring the elevators located in the Main Parking Structure and North Campus Garage are functional for customers 24/7. Although the elevators are up and running 90% of the time, there are times when the elevators have been down for extended lengths of time due to maintenance, greatly impacting the mobility-impaired customers they serve. P&TS understands the importance of timely reporting any issues and working hand-in-hand with Facilities and Operations to send contractors out to address the problem. P&TS is notifying the campus community through the Announcement listservs when elevators are out of order and directing guests to park in alternative areas if they need access to an elevator. A committee member suggested having an opt-in option for emergency texts when the elevators in the garages are down for maintenance. Another committee member voiced concerns about a student needing to manage the stairs in Kenna Hall due to the elevator malfunctioning. Facilities and Operations will connect with the student to learn more about the malfunctioning elevator.

b. Accessibility for events -

P&TS requested two ADA golf carts to support elderly and mobility-impaired guests, especially during events of university importance such as commencement ceremonies. Unfortunately, senior administration denied the request due to budget timing. A committee member clarified that the idea of the carts was not turned down, but it was an issue of the timing of the budget request. Our ad hoc member clarified that this request was outside the budget for FY25 and that P&TS was going to use their vehicle reserve fund for the cart, but the request was not approved due to the timing not being right.

A committee member requested information, on which senior administrator denied P&TS' request for an ADA golf cart because the DCIN is making progress on getting requests like these lifted. It remains unclear where approval of these requests is being made. P&TS intends to submit a new request for two ADA-compliant golf carts supporting the ASG resolution. P&TS does not have golf carts to support mobility-impaired guests, particularly those who use a wheelchair, a walker, or crutches to get around. In addition, senior administrators had additional questions about the golf cart specifications and wanted the cart to be fully ADA-compliant. They recommended further study and a more comprehensive plan to build it into the FY26 budget cycle.

Ad hoc committee member, Jason Lau, indicated that P&TS requested multiple vehicle purchases at the same time. The finance office does not want multiple vehicles purchased in the same year. CSS and P&TS purchased a new vehicle and an EV vehicle, respectively.

A committee member asked the process for such requests. Lau replied that the best process is to go through the budget cycle for the UBC, especially if funding out of the vehicle reserve fund is being requested. Requests like this should not be spontaneous or requested within a year; however, if there is an immediate need, such as a broken EV cart that needs to be replaced immediately, this request may be approved out of necessity. This was the case this year when P&TS's flatbed cart broke down, and P&TS was forced to use its operating budget to cover the cost of the cart due to the urgency of the need. A committee member asked who submits budget requests to the UBC for review. A committee member clarified that the Vice Provost for Student Life and the Assistant Vice Provost for Student Life Finance and Administration would prepare and present these requests to the UBC. Lastly, Lau clarified that they have not seen the final budget yet and do not want to jump ahead.

The committee ran out of time to discuss the following as they pertain to the ASG Resolution: Supporting Institutional Change Against Ableism

- c. Parking Permits
- d. Transportation

P&TS will follow up with committee members via email regarding these outstanding items.

## 7. Questions/comments/concerns from constituent groups?

## 8. Meeting adjourn

### To-Dos:

- It was suggested that P&TS send out the Vision Zero Survey to the campus community. It was sent out on 3/7/25 through the Announcements listservs.
- A committee member will contact the Staff Senate President so Sean can present and give them the Vision Zero Survey.
- Sean will share Kaptial Partners' contact information with P&T committee members so they can relay events of university importance to the development company.
- A P&TS committee member would like to invite a subset of this advisory group to investigate the sliding scale tiered model for parking permits in depth. Committee members will have the opportunity to voice their interest in serving on this subset group via a survey. A follow-up email will be sent to interested parties along with a deadline.
  - P&TS will provide line items of responsibilities for this project.
  - A committee member will add the Google sheet for the tiered system discussed in previous meetings.
- The DCIN representative will cycle out following this meeting, and a new member will start this upcoming Spring quarter.
- P&TS will look into the Emergency Response text option with Emergency Planning.
- A committee member was going to connect the student who had mobility issues managing the stairs in Kenna Hall during a fire alarm/testing with Facilities and Operations.

### **Spring Quarter meeting:**

Friday, 4/4/25, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **Follow-Up Meeting:**

Friday, 5/16/25, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.