Proposed Changes to Parking System

FY20 Summary

FY20 Changes – SEEKING INPUT*

1. Pave Gold lot 35 at Student Health: convert to hourly pay lot

* Only includes FY20 proposal involving a capital improvement, any additional proposed changes to the parking system for FY20 will be communicated during the 2018-19 academic year.
FY20 Proposals Detailed

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PTS Goal Alignment:
- Parking Lot Maintenance & Improvement: improve gravel parking lot 35
- Parking Space Availability: increase availability of core campus parking for short-term use
- Promote & Maintain Pedestrian Priority Campus Walkway
- Public Transit & Shuttles: Increase service and convenience of public transit

Overview: This proposal describes a plan for paving gravel parking lot 35 located north of Student Health Center. The paving of this central campus lot initiates a series of improvements to parking and transportation activity in the area, including:
- Enhanced safety and aesthetics of parking areas in the campus core
- Improved ability to access the core for short-term university business, and passenger drop-offs
- Increased service and convenience of public transit (brings transit to the campus core)
- Reduction in unnecessary vehicle traffic entering the campus walkway and therefore prioritization of the campus walkway as a pedestrian only area

Existing Conditions:
- Lot 35 currently provides 22 Gold permit spaces, 5 reserved spaces, and 1 ADA space.
- The condition of the lot, particularly in the winter, provides a tremendous disservice to parkers, as the ability to effectively clear snow and ice in the heavily sloped and extremely small footprint parking lot is difficult to impossible at times. The winter conditions of the lot present a safety hazard with vehicles sliding and pedestrians slipping. Furthermore, the small lot proves difficult for any larger vehicle to circulate and park without being a hazard and these conditions create an unsightly parking lot located in the very core of campus.
- University Avenue is a west-bound one-way street from Deakin Avenue to Ash Street, with on-street Purple permit parking on one side.
- Vehicles can continue traveling west-bound on University Avenue to enter the campus walkway at the intersection of University Avenue and Ash Street as this walkway entry point is not designed to prohibit or discourage vehicle traffic and in fact is inviting to vehicles due to short-term parking (meters) being located immediately south of the Life Science building. Vehicles frequently enter this area to locate a short-term parking space or drop off a passenger, and many continue on through the campus walkway, adding unnecessary vehicle traffic into the core of campus mixing with pedestrians and bicycles.
- Ash Street is a north-bound one-way street with on-street parking including reserved spaces, service, ADA, and motorcycle parking.
- Idaho Avenue is an east-bound one-way street with on-street Purple permit parking on one side.
The parking meters located south of the Life Science building (lot 53) are the only available short-term parking spaces located in the campus core. These nine meters are of high demand.

The long-term overnight parking on both University and Idaho Avenue eliminates opportunity for curb-to-curb street cleaning (snow and general sweeping), which contributes to narrowed travel lanes and piling of snow and ice in the winter.

The campus walkway entry point at the intersection of Idaho Avenue and Ash Street is well-designed as opposed to the entry to the south at University Avenue and Ash Street. At Idaho Avenue, the walkway narrows, is lined with trees, and has decorative pavers for surface treatment. This caters to a pedestrian only environment, discouraging vehicles from entering to drop off passengers or otherwise shortcut through the campus walkway.

Moscow’s public transit service (SMART Transit) has stops located on only the periphery of campus currently – at the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) on the corner of Railroad and Sweet Avenue, on Deakin Avenue at the Pitman Center, and a few stops along 6th Street. Service is not provided into the core of campus at this time.

**Proposed Actions:** (see Lot 35 & Street Changes Map, next page)

- Pave gravel parking lot 35.
- Convert parking lot 35 to an hourly pay lot, increasing short-term parking in the campus core for all university business needs (loss of 22 Gold permit spaces).
- Relocate Gold permit parking (previously in lot 35) to Idaho and University Avenue where currently residential Purple permit parking is located (loss of 36 Purple permit spaces, overall gain of 14 Gold spaces in area). Will allow for improved street cleaning with vehicles not stored overnight, supporting public transit circulation on these streets.
- Convert all parking meter spaces south of Life Science (lot 53) to special spaces (reserved, service, delivery, ADA), to reduce number of vehicles entering this area attempting to find short-term parking. Special spaces are to be relocated from Ash Street and parking lot 35, leaving no on-street parking spaces on Ash Street (see Lot 35 & Street Changes Map).
- Reverse direction of one-way streets Idaho Avenue, Ash Street and University Avenue. Action supports addition of bus stop on Ash Street placing the bus on the right side of the street and also discourages vehicle entry into campus walkway with drivers facing the narrow pedestrian designed walkway entry point at intersection of Idaho Avenue and Ash Street.
- Add SMART Transit bus stop on Ash Street east of Life Science.
- Add designated vehicle drop-off area on Ash Street behind bus stop.
- Add signage at entry to parking lot 53 indicating access restricted, permit required for entry. Plan for improved campus walkway entry features at this point in the future, further discouraging unnecessary vehicle entry.
Lot 35 & Street Changes Map

Existing

Proposed

GOLD LOTS: Gold or Visitor permits only, no other colored permit is valid in gold lots. Gold lots are enforced 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., year-round, unless posted otherwise. No parking is allowed between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. without a Gold permit or an Overnight permit issued by Parking and Transportation Services.

PURPLE LOTS: Purple, Silver or Visitor permits only. Purple lots are for use by designated members of the Greek system who live IN HOUSE. Purple lots are enforced from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday during the academic year when the university is open. Overnight parking is allowed.

BLACK AREAS: Motorcycle parking only, no motorcycle permit required.

HATCH: Flexible parking, visitor parking, pay-to-park areas, meters, and short term parking.

CROSSHATCH: Managed parking, special permit required.