

Public hearing on parking fee proposal

February 22, 2022

Presenter:

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Agenda

- > Introduction (5 min)
- > Background (10 min)
 - A new financial model for Transportation Services
 - Proposed new parking fees for FY23 – FY26
 - Deferred maintenance spending
- > Public testimony (45 min)

For more details on the financial model, including a complete list of parking fees, go to <http://transportation.uw.edu/hearing>.



INTRODUCTION



Regulatory authority

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 478-116-124:

“Fees for parking and the effective date thereof shall be submitted to the board of regents for approval by motion. Prior to approval by the board of regents, the university shall, after notice, hold a hearing on the proposed schedule.

The hearing shall be open to the public, and shall be presided over by a presiding officer who shall prepare a memorandum for consideration by the university, summarizing the contents of the presentations made at the hearing.

Approved fee schedules shall be available on the University of Washington web site.”

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=478-116-124>



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BACKGROUND

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A new financial model

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- > Transportation Services used to rely on parking revenue to support U-PASS and shuttle programs in addition to parking-related expenses.
- > Rising transit usage, a backlog of deferred maintenance and UW's sustainability commitments make this no longer sustainable.
- > A new financial model was developed in cooperation with University leadership, stakeholder groups and other partners.

Main recommendations of the new model

1. Increase parking fees by 4% in FY23, FY24, FY25 and FY26.
2. Provide fully subsidized U-PASS to Faculty and Professional staff.
3. Reduce U-PASS and shuttle funding's dependence on parking revenue.
4. Increase deferred maintenance and strategic initiative spending.



Parking fees proposal

Increase parking fees by 4% in FY23, FY24, FY25 and FY26

Smooths out parking increases over the next four years to avoid large increases all at once. Keeps pace with increases in the Consumer Price Index. Funds additional deferred maintenance.

	Current	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
Faculty & staff					
Weekday rate	\$8.75	\$9.10	\$9.45	\$9.84	\$10.23
Swing rate	\$4.37	\$4.55	\$4.72	\$4.92	\$5.11
Night rate	\$2.92	\$3.03	\$3.15	\$3.28	\$3.41
Students					
Daily rate	\$7.00	\$7.28	\$7.56	\$7.87	\$8.18
Visitors					
Weekdays, per hour	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Weekdays, maximum	\$18.00	\$18.75	\$19.50	\$20.25	\$21.00
Nights & weekends	\$6.00	\$6.25	\$6.50	\$6.75	\$7.00

A full list of rates is at <http://transportation.uw.edu/hearing>. All rates include fees and taxes. Rates are not final until they are approved by the UW Board of Regents (March 10).



Lower cost parking options

Rideshare (per day)	Current	FY23 proposed	Increase
Vanpool (2 people minimum)	Free	Free	\$0.00
Carpool			
• Cost per person (2 people)	\$4.38	\$4.55	\$0.18
• Cost per person (3 people)	\$2.92	\$3.03	\$0.12

Value lots (per day)	Current	FY23 proposed	Increase
E1, E18	\$7.00	\$7.28	\$0.28
E3, E4	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00

Regular lots (per day)	Current	FY23 proposed	Increase
Weekday (6 a.m.-midnight)	\$8.75	\$9.10	\$0.35
Swing (2:30 p.m. - midnight)	\$4.37	\$4.55	\$0.18
Night (4 p.m. - midnight)	\$2.92	\$3.03	\$0.11
Saturday (7 a.m. - noon)	\$2.92	\$3.03	\$0.11



Deferred maintenance

Increasing parking fees by 4% will provide additional funding for critical safety and infrastructure needs in UW lots and garages.

- > Operational revenue currently pays for \$1 million a year in minimal deferred maintenance for parking lots and garages (safety, concrete, painting, wayfinding, etc).
- > Current revenue insufficient to address >\$23M deferred maintenance backlog.
- > Transportation Services intends to increase deferred maintenance spending by \$1-2M/year, with a focus on \$6.7M in priority projects:
 - Repairs and upgrades to Padelford, UW Tower, Triangle and Central Plaza Garages.
 - Fire system upgrades in Stevens Court and Portage Bay Garages.



PUBLIC TESTIMONY



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Next steps

- > **February 22 (TODAY), 3 p.m.**
Deadline to submit additional feedback via email to **tsfeedback@uw.edu**.
- > **March 10, 8:30 a.m.**
Board of Regents will discuss proposed fees.

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