

UAF North Campus Subcommittee Agenda November 3, 2003; 12 p.m. (noon) Facilities Services Conference Room, RM 122	No agenda available
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Notes

Discussion of Smith Lake Parking

Attending:

Paul Prusak, Tim Stallard, Rich Boone, Pat Holloway, Michael Hay, Carol Adamczak, Stan Justice, Don Lokken

- A couple years ago DOT put up signs per troopers request.
- Jeff Roach talked to Master Planning Committee previously about this area and the bike path.
- Don't know ROW widths for road in this area.
- Pat noted that people are parking where the "No Parking" signs stop, across from the intersection.
- Paul said that more stop signs could be added to make an all way stop. It seems possible. Would want to upgrade curbs on intersection and create actual islands.
- Don noted that a flashing yellow light at a crosswalk will help.
- Paul explained that UAF maintains W. Tanana Drive to the intersection.
- Paul will talk to safety engineers about improvements to intersection.
 - There is usually resistance to adding a pedestrian crosswalk.

- Don would like to keep the pedestrian walk at parking lot.
- Paul believes islands at the intersection will help.
- Tim asked if rumble strips would help to slow down traffic. Paul said that a speed hump, if designed properly, would work. He did not know if a rumble strip would work. Would have to check with design engineers.
- Miller Hill/Yankovich upgrade is planned to have a separate bike trail. Another project is scheduled to fix the road.
 - Bike path design does not include Sheep Creek. Design for Miller Hill bike path scheduled for '05.
- DOT has over programmed recently.
 - Bike path construction scheduled for '08.
- UAF committed to maintenance of bike path. Approved by Board of Regents.
- People still want Miller Hill as country road. Need to upgrade to 12' traffic lanes.
- Generally look to DOT to fund road improvements. Will be several years for additional programming to be added..
- The latest census requires a local committee to determine DOT priorities.
 - Local mayors are on the committee. We would have to work with committee to get on list.
- We would like to talk to safety and traffic people.
- If project small enough, can be worked through maintenance.
 - It also may be possible to get safety money.
- All way stop probably low cost but need islands improved.
- Look on internet for speed hump design. May help pedestrian crossing.
- Need advance notice for cross walks.
- Enforcement of speed would help to slow down traffic in this area.
- There is still ¼ mile of road that will not have a bike trail when planned improvements are completed.
- Paul will check with safety engineers about 3 way stop and pedestrian crossing.
- Lime green crosswalk signs might be a good way to get people to notice the crosswalk. People do not pay attention to signs in general.
- Elevated crosswalk -- speed hump should be looked into. They usually cause people to slow down. Have to be designed correctly so they are not a safety problem.
- We would like to request a bike path to be built past the farm.

- Existing bike path was pushed by groups using 4 wheelers. University does not allow motorized vehicles on trails. All paths signed "no motorized vehicles" on campus.
- State law says that motorized vehicles can't use paths used by pedestrians.

Paul Prusak said that he would follow up on these ideas with DOT and would get back to us with possibilities for us to consider.