



Conversation with Council Progress Report as of September 22nd, 2023

Meeting Date: September 14th, 2023

Action Item	Status
<p>Can CU and CAT partner to do a Park and Ride to campus to help with traffic?</p> <p>Park N' Ride permits are incentivized and available for \$50/semester versus the standard commuter permit rate of \$184. Park N' Ride lots are available at locations both east and west of campus. The East Park N' Ride lots are in P-7 and P-8 at the intersection of Hwy. 76 and SC93. The West Park N' Ride lot is located at P-6 at the Snow Family Outdoor Wellness and Recreation Center. Transit service provides shuttles directly to campus from 7am to 6pm every 9 minutes during peak hours in the mornings and afternoons. Headways are reduced to every 16 minutes during off-peak hours. Transit service from the East Park N' Ride includes stops at Hendrix Center, Edwards Hall, Redfern Health Center, Academic Success Center, and Cherry Rd at Bryan Circle. Transit service from the West Park N' Ride includes stops at Sikes Hall, Brackett Hall, McAlister Hall and Fike Recreation Center.</p> <p>More information is available at: https://www.clemson.edu/campus-life/parking/transit/park-n-ride/index.html</p>	Procedure in Place
<p>Will Clemson ever create satellite campuses to relieve growth pressure in the City of Clemson?</p> <p>Clemson University is in the early stages of aligning long-range planning with the goals of the new strategic plan, Clemson Elevate. That plan calls for an increase in research space to 1,200,000 square feet by 2035. As the Long-range Framework Plan is updated, the University will need to look beyond the main campus for opportunities to accommodate this growth. It will be critical for the plan to identify strategies to leverage the Innovation Campuses (ICAR in Greenville, CURI in North Charleston), the Research Park in Anderson County, and Ravenel Research Campus (across the lake in Oconee County) to help accommodate the facilities and world-class infrastructure needed to expand the research enterprise. Research facilities will also be located at the new College of Veterinary Medicine near the intersection of West Queen Street and Starkey Road near Pendleton. While there will be further development on the main campus, facilities there will primarily be focused on undergraduate education. The University recognizes the critical need to preserve the 'Clemson experience' and will remain sensitive to the amount of growth and development density appropriate for the main campus. Although not defined yet, it is anticipated that a significant portion of the research growth will be distributed to the University's existing satellite campuses throughout the State and Upstate.</p>	Conversations Ongoing
<p>Where can I find the City's budget?</p> <p>The full budget and budget in brief can be found on the City's web site under the Division of Finance Tab.</p>	Complete
<p>Why did my stormwater bill increase?</p> <p>The proposed rates are based on a comprehensive CIP and operations funding plan for the water and wastewater utilities. The stormwater rates have not been evaluated since the department's inception in 2015. The increase was needed to have sufficient revenue to fund a stormwater capital improvement projects plan.</p>	Procedure in Place



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<p>Why is the City testing for Lead and Copper in the water?</p> <p>The US government has worked extensively over the past 40 years to remove lead contamination from the drinking water of US citizens. These actions include restricting lead from pipe and faucet materials, adding corrosion control to potable water, and regularly testing water samples throughout the city for lead content. Recently, the EPA has strengthened these regulations to require water service providers (like the City of Clemson) to identify the material of their service lines, with the intention of removing and replacing any lead service lines that are found. Please note that the City of Clemson has yet to find a lead service line in over 40 years. The household lead testing program allows our citizens to narrow possible sources of lead contamination beyond the initial point of entry into the house. This program will begin in November. To receive more information on the program, join the lead service line program email list here, or visit nolead.org.</p>	Ongoing
<p>How can we keep the Walmart Pylons in better shape?</p> <p>The delineators near the neighborhood market were required by SCDOT to prevent left turns to the horizontal curve that exists on Berkeley Dr. The Delineators are replaced by Walmart as a requirement of their encroachment permit with SCDOT. We recently discussed with the SCDOT Pickens County Maintenance & District 3 Traffic Office that letters sent to the Walmart contact on their permit in Texas have gone unanswered. The SCDOT is going to review and see if a different solution can be made instead of the delineators. The original decision was made due to the existing width of Berkeley Dr. travel lanes. The valley gutter would need to be converted and the road widened to accept a concrete median instead of the delineators. While SCDOT is reviewing alternatives, the City plans to assist by handing the letter that will be sent to the Walmart permit contact to the local store manager as well. The City has had luck with direct communication with the Store Manager on many other issues before that resulted in quick resolutions as soon they are made aware of concerns.</p>	Ongoing