

## **Overview on Transportation Committee**

The Yale Transportation Committee will be responsible for making recommendations on the full range of issues that relate to transportation demand management, including public transportation, parking, and alternative transportation.

Committee recommendations will take into account: the transportation needs and desires of faculty, staff, students, and campus visitors; mutual interests of Yale University and the City of New Haven with respect to transportation policy and infrastructure; funding sources and levels that are realistic and feasible within Yale budgetary policies and constraints; best practices; projected institutional growth; and the teaching, research, and public service missions of Yale University.

## **Goals and objectives**

The primary function of the Committee is to develop a set of recommendations that guides the University towards the development of a systemic transportation management plan. The recommendations will respond to current demand as well as projected growth and development.

Recommendations will consider:

- The supply and demand characteristics of transportation
- Customer satisfaction
- Existing Yale University transportation and parking systems
- Cost-effectiveness and financial viability
- Accessibility and fairness for all University constituents
- Projected institutional growth
- Local and regional transportation services
- Benefits of alternative transportation services
- Opportunities that provide educational training and outreach to encourage the use of alternative transportation systems in place of the single-occupancy vehicle.
- Health and safety- costs/benefits
- Alternative work schedules (ie. compressed work week or telecommuting)
- Existing student parking policies
- Air emissions regulations
- Yale's transportation infrastructure and potential upgrades to build upon and improve multi-modal and alternative options (ie. carpooling, bicycle racks)
- Perceived institutional barriers (ie. revenue driven parking system)

Goals include:

- A reduction of single occupancy vehicles on campus which leads to reduced demand for the development of future parking garages
- A measurable increase in the use of public transportation
- An increase in the use of the Yale Homebuyers Program

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- Development of fleet replacement standards that consider mpg and emissions.
- Improved parking permitting process

### **Deliverables and time line**

Phase I: complete by January 15, 2005

Phase II: complete by May 1, 2005

### **Approach**

Phase I: complete by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005

*a. Data gathering:*

1. Survey the Yale community to gain insight about use and attitudes of current and potential parking and transportation services at Yale.
2. Gather information about best practices for transportation from other comparable institutions.
3. Conduct a campus wide commuter survey to determine commuter choices, habits, perceptions, needs, desires, and geographic placement.

*b. Outreach and engagement*

Public community forum: The public forum would provide an opportunity for the Yale community members to learn about and provide input into the process.

Outreach to established groups/organizations: Strategically reach out to existing groups to solicit input and feedback.

Phase II:

*a. Analysis*

1. Review the collected data and apply a framework by which to analyze the information and develop conclusions.
2. Document the current university transportation system by providing a systemic perspective from parking and transit to opportunities for alternative modes of transportation.  
\*\*One framework to consider for this is derived from the principles of a “Transportation Demand Management” (TDM) system. TDM is “a collection of tools, approaches, and strategies to encourage single-occupant drivers to use other means of transportation.”<sup>1</sup>

*b. Outreach and engagement*

Organize a follow-up public community forum and return to the visited groups. The second visit will both inform and solicit input on the first draft of recommendations.

*c. Recommendations and opportunities*

Develop and present a set of short and long-term recommendations that responds to the issues of supply and demand of transportation services for Yale University while taking into consideration the economic, social and ecological benefits.

**Leadership and Committee members**

Membership and participation on the committee will be for one year. At the end of each academic year, a review process will take place to assess the progress and determine the needs and next steps. Proposed members of the committee are listed below.

**Chair:**

Janet Lindner, Associate Vice President for Administration

**Committee Members:**

John Bollier	Facilities
Michael Morand	New Haven & State Affairs
Don Relihan	Support Services
Ed Bebyn	Parking and Transportation
Gerry Apuzzo	Traffic, Receiving and Stores
George Longyear	Parking and Transit/Operations, Med School
Ginger Chapman	ACEM, Project Mgmt & Construction, Med School
Chris Bartollota	Procurement Office
David Gingerella	Shared Science Service Branch
Terry Nixon	Medical School
Tom Benincas	Administrative Services Division
Steven Syverud	Yale College Council
Jeffrey McCutcheon	Graduate and Professional Student Assembly
George Knight	School of Architecture
Joel Creswell	Graduate Student - FES
Julie Newman	Sustainability

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<sup>i</sup> Toor, W. and Havlick, S. 2004. Transportation and Sustainable Campus Communities – issues, examples, solutions. Island Press. Washington D.C.