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ROADMAP REVIEW



THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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It seems to be a recurring theme over the past decade, but the operational pace at the University of Kentucky continues to show no signs of slowing. This is no different for Transportation Services. As a critical support service for the University, we are heavily imbedded into the broader campus planning and decision-making process. To the credit of UK's leadership, they have given Transportation Services a seat at the table for these discussions, and I continue to be encouraged by the willingness to collaborate across departments and divisions.

While there are countless projects, initiatives, and programs that are ongoing at all levels of the department, I want to highlight several priority efforts, and key strategic initiatives that the departmental leadership and I will be focused on over the next three months.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget & Revenue Plan Development

The University's budget process kicks into high gear during the spring months. With the increase in price of goods, services, equipment, and maintenance costs

and increased debt payments associated with the Sports Center Garage expansion, we will likely be asking the administration to approve a permit fee increase effective on July 1, 2025.

Fall 2025 Planning

As most know, the most challenging time of year is during the first few weeks of the fall semester. To ensure we are prepared, planning starts early and involves all aspects of the department.

Accredited Parking Organization (APO) Application Process

Department leadership have set a goal to achieve recognition as an Accredited Parking Organization with Distinction by the International Parking and Mobility Institute at the 2026 national conference. We are well underway with this effort, having documented over 50 percent of the requirements, with plans to complete this effort by summer 2025.

UKHC Expansion Site Planning

The University is actively working on the design of the transformational UK Hospital expansion project. Ensuring the site is designed to best accommodate our patients and visitors, while also effectively addressing the many competing demands for service, delivery and other essential services is a daunting but essential task that we continue to work in tandem with the project team to achieve.

Fall 2026 Virtual Permit Planning

We are working diligently and methodically to be prepared to transition to virtual parking permits for the permit year beginning July 1, 2026. While we have made significant progress, we still have several milestones to reach but remain on pace to implement on time.

As I wrap up, I want to take a moment to thank all members of the Transportation

Services' team for your continued commitment to our mission. Your contributions are essential to the operations of the University and do not go unnoticed.

Welcome Sarah Nikirk!

You may have already met Transportation Services' new Deputy Director, Sarah Nikirk. If not, stop by her office to say hello!

Sarah joined the department on August 1, 2024, but she's been with UK for almost 36 years. Before joining Transportation Services, Sarah served as Executive Director for Auxiliary Services, but she's also worked in UK Housing, Dining, the UK Bookstore, the Supply Center, and Postal Services.

"I love the University of Kentucky," said Sarah. "Being part of something that positively impacts the growth of so many people inspires me. I love knowing that the work we do is important. Everyone who works here at Transportation Services can be a positive influence in someone's life. There are so many good, hardworking people at UK; I feel blessed by my association and the work we do."

In her spare time, Sarah enjoys spending time with family and friends, including her husband, Harold, her daughter, Grace, and their beloved dachshund, Cleopatra. She's also passionate about fitness, and can often be found on the pickle ball courts or in the gym.

One of Sarah's primary goals in her new role is to shine a bright light on the good work our department does for the UK community.

A favorite quote sums up Sarah's philosophy:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly." Theodore Roosevelt

Transportation Services Seeking APO Status

UK Transportation Services is committed to delivering the highest standards of service and efficiency. That's why we're working toward achieving the Accredited Parking Organization (APO) with Distinction certification from the International Parking & Mobility Institute (IPMI).

This prestigious designation recognizes organizations that demonstrate leadership, innovation, and a strong commitment to best practices in parking and mobility management. Earning this accreditation is no small task; it requires meeting rigorous industry standards and undergoing a thorough review process.

Dance Blue

University of Kentucky
Dance Marathon

All citation fees collected from **March 2 - 8**
will be donated directly to DanceBlue.



For the first time this year, UK Transportation Services is partnering with DanceBlue, a student-run organization that collects donations to support the UK Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic.

Transportation Services will donate one week's citation proceeds to support the mission of this fully student-run organization. One-hundred percent of parking citation revenue collected during the week of March 2-8 will be donated to DanceBlue.

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Wildcat Wheels to Have a New Home!

Wildcat Wheels will soon move to a brand new location with updated amenities. UK Transportation Services is collaborating with RossTarrant Architects to design and build a new space for the bike shop. It will be located in the heart of campus on the first floor of Sports Center Garage.

Wildcat Wheels recently celebrated 20 years on campus and is currently located in the basement of Blazer Dining. This new location will place the shop front and center, raising its visibility on campus.

It will feature a reception area, a workshop area with tables, lockers, and a sink, and a new storage room that will house up to 300 bicycles. The entire space is approximately 3,000 square feet.

Several existing offices in the garage were revamped and updated as part of this project. Alexander Short, project coordinator for RossTarrant, said the interior work should be substantially complete early this month.

Afterwards, an exterior concrete entry apron will be constructed, to be completed by late April.

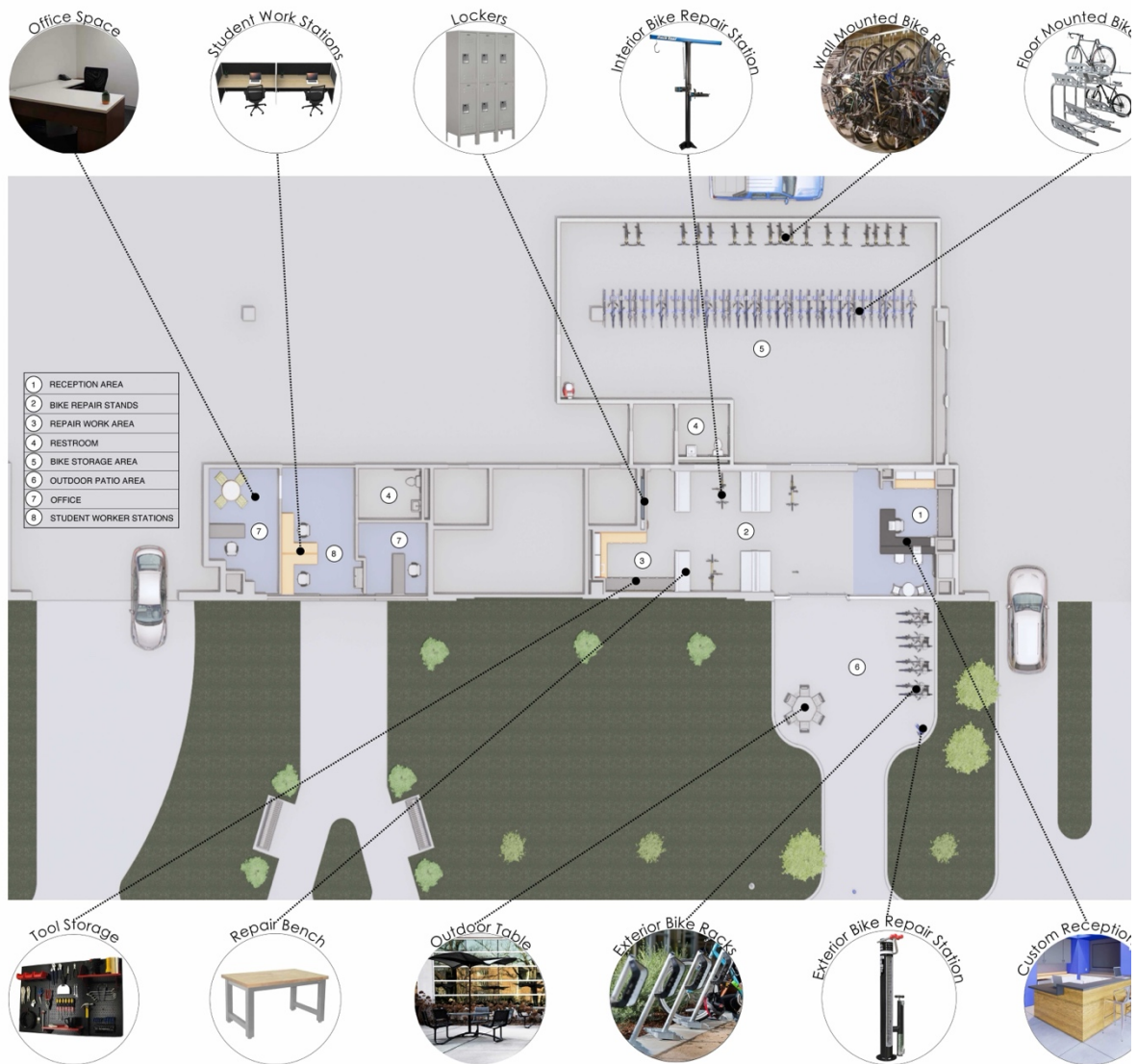
The shop will have an industrial-inspired aesthetic, with polished concrete flooring and stainless steel panels on the walls. The reception desk and bookshelves were created from reclaimed wood from trees cut down on campus and kiln-dried on site.

Once completed, the exterior area will have bike racks, an outdoor maintenance area, and a picnic table.

One of the most challenging aspects of the project involved moving the motorcycle entryway and relocating an existing emergency generator. Short said the relocation and associated electrical work added both time and expense to the project, which cost approximately \$1.3 million.

"We're very excited for the new Wildcat Wheels location," said Joey Daniels, alternative transportation manager. "With more work stands we'll be able to service more bikes at once, and the new location will make us more accessible and visible to the student body. The location and layout of the shop also provides a more hospitable environment for hosting events and building community."

Stay tuned for more information about a grand opening celebration!



Event Wrap Up: *Winter Bike to Campus Day*

UK Transportation Services celebrated all-season cyclists during its annual Winter Bike to Campus Day, held on Wednesday, February 26, at Alumni Commons.

Cyclists paused their pedals at our table for free coffee and donuts, plus swag. Wildcat Wheels' mobile repair station was also on-site and staff offered quick tune-ups for those who needed it.



Kudos to our Team!

The Transportation Services' team goes above and beyond to provide high-quality and courteous service to our customers. Occasionally, our employees are publicly recognized for their outstanding customer service. Below is one example that was sent to UK President Eli Capiluto:

From Parent Rich Clark, concerning our free regional airport shuttle service:

"I would like to express my extreme gratitude for making sure my freshman made it to and from the airport during a busy and chaotic travel holiday. Andrew Erickson went above and beyond, holding a shuttle at the airport as my son's flight was delayed. The shuttle driver even went into the terminal in case my son had gotten lost on his way to the shuttle. I can't tell you how impressed our family has been with the professionalism, organization and thoughtfulness we have experienced at the University of Kentucky. You truly have treated us like family, and we can never thank you enough!"

Welcome New Team Members!

UK Transportation Services recently hired five employees, **Joey Daniels, Robin Wilson, Joseph Mink, Melissa Byrd, and Mahlon Parker**. Welcome to them all!

Joey is serving as our new Alternative Transportation Manager, and Robin is a new full-time bus driver. Joseph, Melissa, and Mahlon were STEPS employees with our department, but were recently hired as full-time shuttle drivers.



Help your coworkers celebrate their special day! Here's a list of upcoming birthdays from March 1 through May 31:

March:

March 5: Gregory Brewer

March 22: Samuel Levy

April:

April 5: Andrew Erickson

April 16: Andrew Hainley

April 17: Jenell Clem

April 18: Mandi Cummins

April 23: Julia Cristi & William Varney

April 27: Larry Mitchell

May:

May 2: Michael Parker

May 6: Callie Brown

May 10: Amy Botts

May 13: Mahlon Parker

May 14: James Hutchins

May 22: Lance Broeking and Charles Blincoe

May 25: Glen Shinn

May 28: Donald Reavis

May 29: Ralph Tinsley

Professional Development Opportunities

UK Human Resources offer courses throughout the year to help expand employee leadership skills. Below are upcoming training opportunities. Please speak with your supervisor if you're interested in taking any of these classes.

[Managing staff conflict, March 11](#)

[Teamwork in a changing workplace, March 20](#)

Leading effective teams, March 25

Coaching and feedback, March 27