

## **Use of Small Vehicles on Sidewalks**

### **Introduction:**

Facility Services is committed to efficient, effective, and sustainable operational work practices. As part of this effort, we are replacing our older, larger, and less efficient vehicles with smaller, more efficient ones. These smaller vehicles limit our environmental impact by reducing raw material and energy needed for manufacturing, production, and transportation; reducing fuel consumption and vehicle fluid use (e.g. engine oil, coolant) during operational lifetime; and minimizing the impact to landfills at the end of the vehicle's life cycle.

The reduced size and increased maneuverability of these smaller vehicles allows pedestrian sidewalks to become part of our vehicle access routes. Sidewalks are a shared resource used by bicyclists and pedestrians and now, by our smaller vehicles. In order to insure safety for all users please abide by the following rules—

### **Rules governing vehicle use on sidewalks:**

- Pedestrians and bicyclists ALWAYS have the right-of-way.
- Driving on sidewalks is prohibited during class changes with the exception of emergency response.
- The speed limit on all sidewalks and service roads is 5 MPH, no exceptions.
- Sidewalks may be used for transit only. Park in designated areas.
- Drive on hard surfaces to minimize damage to turf and landscapes.
  - Parking/transit on turf areas is only permitted for staff actively involved in a task when the work area is more than 30 feet from a walk or drive. Protect access/egress points as necessary.

### **Always be Safe – Avoid Conflicts**

- Be alert and drive defensively.
- The wider the sidewalk the less chance for conflict between users.
- Plan your route to avoid traditionally congested areas and scheduled events.
- Remember that many students walk and bike campus with headphones on – they may not hear you approaching.

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