



Transportation Services Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Attending:	Mr. Mike Caruso	Absent:	Dr. Beverly Kuhn
	Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith		Mr. Thomas McNutt
	Mr. Rod Weis		Dr. Thomas Strganac
	Mr. Robert Jensen		Dr. Bani Mallick
	Mr. Joe Dillard		Mr. Chase McCaskill
	Dr. Merna Jacobsen		Jaime Brannan
	Dr. Clint Magill		Mr. Kyle Womack
	Dr. Joe Newton		Mrs. Flora Reeves
	Mr. Robert Pottberg		Mr. Tyler Moquin
	Ms. Jennifer Slovacek		Ms. Lindsay Miles
	Mr. Peter Lange		Dr. Angie Hill Price
	Dr. CJ Woods		

Special Guest: Mr. Justin Tippy and Mr. Mark Matus from Transit at Transportation Services

Guests:	Mr. Kenny Kimball	Mr. Doug Williams	Ms. June Broughton
	Ms. Rose Berryhill	Ms. Therese Kucera	Ms. Lana Wolken
	Ms. Debbie Hoffmann		

1. Opening of Meeting

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by Peter Lange; he requested for the committee members to review minutes from March 7, 2012
- 1.2. Mr. Lange asked for any corrections to the minutes; none noted
 - 1.2.1. Dr. Joe Newton made a motion to approve the minutes;
 - 1.2.2. Mike Caruso 2nd the motion to approve the minutes; all voted in favor; minutes approved

2. Asbury-Ireland Traffic Study

- 2.1. Peter Lange stated that some of the issues with these streets are the one-way traffic entices cyclists to ride against the flow of traffic and to lodge complaints that UPD is issuing citations for this unsafe practice. The results of the engineering study both Ireland and Asbury Streets should be timed and done in conjunction with the changes to University Drive associated with the Pedestrian Improvement Plan. Transportation Services will share this study with the city of College Station so that their planning engineers can consider following the engineers' recommendation. There is not a short term solution for Asbury and Ireland Streets.

3. Lot 100h

Peter Lange reminded the committee that several years ago we added Pay-By-Space (PBS) visitor parking to lot 100h, north of the Rec Center. At the time visitor volume in West Campus Garage (WCG) was low and the equipment needed to be updated to add this service. The equipment to convert all 16 lanes in WCG to paid visitor parking was very expensive. With the re-opening of MSC and with a primary entrance on the southwest corner, WCG can and should be a primary parking location for MSC guests. The equipment in the WCG has been updated to accommodate visitor parking so we reduced the number of visitor spaces in lot 100h. We visited with staff members from the REC Center and they would like for 100h to be short term parking and dedicated to the REC students that utilize their facility and not consumed by the students who go there in the morning, and leave their vehicles for much of the day while they go to class, minimizing turnover in the lot.

3.1 In addition to the equipment, the enforcing of a timed area is labor intensive. We reached out to REC Center administrators and told them there are new things in the market that would allow us to automate the timed lot process.

License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras can record the license plate as a vehicle enters the lot and identify the ones that stay longer than a timed limit. The LPR equipment has the capability of doing many things to help with the enforcement.

3.1.1. The last time we changed this lot to PBS it was ready in the fall and people complained because they didn't know about the changes. Could we begin this change during the summer and implement it in the fall?

3.1.2. REC Center recommended a two hour limit for the lot Monday-Friday from 6:00 am – 5:00 pm. This would allow permit holders to park in 100h for two hours or allow individuals without a permit to purchase parking for two hours.

3.1.3. Dr. Coopersmith recommends beginning this summer because he has a spouse that uses this lot and gets frustrated because of students abusing it. Could you notify students and not wait a semester? He asked what would happen if they overstayed – would they just receive a ticket in the mail. Peter explained an enforcement officer would be dispatched to the lot to cite vehicles parked for longer than the limit.

3.1.4. Peter stated that there is a PUCK technology that could do the same as the LPRs but it more expensive and does not have the data needed to back up the citation like the LPR.

3.1.5. Mike Caruso asked if we would just be looking for the ones that stay longer. Peter stated yes and that we could use any time frame they determined to be best, but we keep coming back to the 2 hour time frame.

3.1.6. Peter stated that if the officers don't make it back to the lot before the customer leaves they will not receive a ticket. Dr. Coopersmith asked if we could send them a warning. Peter stated that we could do that.

3.1.7. Dr. Coopersmith asked about lot 102, could it be used as an overflow for REC Center? Peter stated that it is not part of Lot 100 but that it is a business permit lot.

3.1.8. Peter then informed the committee that he plans to get feedback from the Student Body President within the next month; this is a positive change for the people that do utilize the REC.

4. Lot 30b and 30c

4.1. Peter stated that Transportation Services had met with the RHA Presidents (current and next year's) and we pared down the options for 30b and 30c to the ones we liked and the ones they liked. These were shown at a RHA meeting. The improvements to this lot will be changing the footprint, so it will have to go through the CBE process. He has the support needed from Res Life and RHA. Originally the lots had 1052 spaces and the recommended version has 1004 so it restores all but 49 spaces lost due to the northside dorm and Wellborn passageway construction. He asked the committee to share any concerns.

4.1.1. Rod Weis stated that this was a no brainer, the drive lanes needed to be perpendicular to Wellborn for safety of the pedestrians.

5. SEC Faculty and Staff Parking Rates

5.1. Debbie Hoffmann stated that we were handing out this information because of the request from a committee member. No action is needed on the information. The chart can be found at:

http://transport.tamu.edu/TSAC/files/presentations/2012/SEC_StaffParkingCosts.xls

6. Transit

6.1. Lana Wolken informed the committee that she and her staff would be discussing 3 changes to established routes. 2 are minor changes

6.1.1. Route 1

6.1.2. Route 5

6.1.3. Route 36

6.2. The presentation can be found at:

<http://transport.tamu.edu/TSAC/files/presentations/2012/TransitRoutes.ppt>

7. Plaza Implosion

7.1. Scheduled to happen on May 24th shortly after dawn or around 6:30 am. It will close the intersection of Texas and University starting at 4:30 am and if everything goes well the roads will reopen within 10 minutes after implosion. People coming to the designated viewing area can park in Lot 50 until about 8 am. Peter continued that he has sent a letter to the President requesting permission for traffic to detour through campus and to utilize lot 50 until 8 am.

8. Bike Program Update

8.1. Debbie Hoffmann informed the committee that we now have designated bike dismount zones, around the MSC, LAAH and Rudder. UPD had complaints about a narrow area around the LAAH building from a faculty member.

8.1.1. C J Woods asked if the students knew that they can get a ticket.

8.1.1.1. Debbie stated that UPD does not want to write citations in this area, but they can if they need to

8.2. Debbie also informed the committee that Transportation Services had received a \$40,000 grant and it was used to purchase the new style bike racks

8.2.1. Dr. Coopersmith inquired about year round clean up. Debbie stated that we have released 120-170 bikes multiple times to Surplus. We entered into an agreement with Logistics and we are splitting the revenue 50/50.

- 8.3. Another new service is a bike summer storage program; students can store their bikes with us for a \$20 cost.
- 8.4. Dr.Coopersmith asked about the rise in skateboarding and if it has affected Transportation Services.
 - 8.4.1. Debbie responded that Ron Steedly our Bike Manager found out about a skateboard locker and talked to ETED but they were concerned about funding them. There are some building proctors that are interested, but wanted to get with their departments for funding. UT has just reversed their no skateboarding policy. This subject is on our radar and we are keeping pace with what is happening across the country. This topic will also be addressed in our safety campaign next fall.

9. Other Business

- 9.1. Peter informed the committee that this would be our last meeting for this fiscal year unless a called meeting was necessary in June or July. The Transportation Services Advisory Committee would resume their monthly meetings in August.
 - 9.1.1. Dr. Joe Newton wanted to give his thanks to Transportation Services

Meeting adjourned