

TSAC Minutes
March 6, 2019

Present:

Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Andy Deuel
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. Purna Doddapaneni
Dr. Zachary Grasley
Dr. Julie Harlin
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Katie Morris (Mr. Landon Mendez)
Mr. Chris Nygren
Ms. Renee O'Banion
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Ms. Flora Reeves

Dr. C.J. Woods
Ms. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Ms. Ashali Chimata
Dr. Eleanor Green
Ms. Erin Jones
Dr. Clint Magill

Guest:

Mr. Jett Black

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:45 am, and asked the committee to review the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting. Dr. Angie Hill Price motioned for approval of the minutes as presented, Dr. Julie Harlin seconded; minutes approved.
2. Mr. Lange announced some promotions/restructuring in our department. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann was promoted to Director and now leads all forward-facing parking operations. Mr. Kenny Kimball was also promoted to Director and now leads the Finance and Administrative operations, to include IT. Ms. Lynn Wiggs and Ms. Julie Villarreal were both promoted to Assistant Directors, and both are part of Debbie Hoffman's operations.
3. Mr. Lange presented a construction update.
 - Polo Road Garage mobilized on Monday with a shift of some permit holders from Lot 50 to West Campus Garage. After spring break, the fence will go up, job trailers will be on site, and they will start preparing the site. This will include drilling about 500, 80-foot piers into the ground. We expect to see the first upright construction to commence in June. Polo Road garage will house our offices, a satellite recreation center, and five concept dining facilities. We brought a 3-D-printed model of the garage to show TSAC members.
 - The MSC Streets project is into Phase 2. This phase will remove the median, and create 30-foot-wide sidewalks, which will be beneficial for the thousands of students expected to fill the 21st Century Classroom building.
 - The Music Activity Center/Band Hall at George Bush and Throckmorton will be online in the fall. They will hold a grand opening on a gameday.
 - The Student Services Building is a little behind, but will be substantially complete by the fall. All the student affairs activities at White Creek will move to

the SSB after the end of the fall semester and over the break, with the facility ready for the spring semester operations.

- Mr. Lange attended a Lot 19 Charrette hosted by the university architect. We will reconfigure Lot 19 much like Lot 10, with only ADA spaces, and some service spots. The other part of the lot will become green space, as we follow the Campus Master Plan to create green space in mid-campus.
- Ag 5, (Plant Pathology Building) on West Campus will be substantially complete by fall.
- The White Creek Restoration (storm water retention and detention project) continues, with boring under Wellborn east to west to widen storm drainage extending until April 1st. The entire project will continue for another year.
- Our department is working on Lot 100j, adjacent to Olsen. We are restoring the southern section, improving our RV lot there, and building a new pavilion. We are using RV funds and the Olsen Park endowment. Those projects will be complete by fall semester.
- In response to concerns raised at our last meeting, we added six, two-hour business spaces to Lot 47.

4. Dr. Tim Lomax, from TTI, gave an update on community road projects.

- The City of College Station will work on the University Drive Improvement Project over spring break (weather permitting) to try to pave most of the roadway. There will be some associated road closures at Lodge, Tauber, and Nagle. Expected completion by May.
- The Diverging Diamond project (interchange at FM 60 and FM 2818) will also be complete by early summer. They are close to finishing work on the islands and are working on the median barriers. The lanes from the west will open before May and signaling will be complete before summer.
- The Holleman Drive widening project will be finished soon.
- The FM 2818 (Harvey Mitchell Parkway) widening project will probably start construction summer of 2020. It will probably be a 2.5 to 3-year project. See: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/bryan/fm2818.html>.
 - The FM 2818 project will create a bridge over Jones-Butler. This will allow the City of College Station to create a through street from Holleman to Jones-Butler to Penberthy.
- Meetings concerning widening State Highway 6 will take place this spring and summer. The idea is to add a third lane in both directions, and add collector/distributor lanes. This will alleviate safety problems at the ramps to the main lanes, and will help with mobility through the corridor.
- They are still looking at starting work for the Bush-Wellborn Crossing sometime after 2022 to 2023, if funding can be obtained. They won't start work until the FM 2818 widening project is complete. They will hold community meetings from April-June this year. Dr. Lomax gave detailed information about how portions of

that area could be prepared in advance, with minimal traffic disruption, before major work begins. See: <https://www.bwx-bcs.org/>.

5. Mr. David Brown, Campus Planner, said pavers are going down for “Spirit Plaza,” a Class of ’69 gift. The project is on time and on budget. It will be dedicated April 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. during the 50-year reunion of the class of 1969. Learn more: <https://classof1969.aggienetwork.com/spirit-plaza/>

6. Ms. Hoffmann gave an update about RELLIS campus parking. She reminded the group that in fall 2018, we opened Lot 8535 to serve CIR (and now TTI) buildings, and Lot 1000, to provide student parking for Blinn and Texas A&M Students (Phase 1). We have been working through the process of providing optimum parking management there. We have provided the options for employee parking and visitor/guest parking via the Parkmobile app, pay stations, and the ability for Departmental Parking Representatives (DPRs) to purchase guest permits online. For parking in Phase 1 lots, customers with Texas A&M permits may purchase a reduced-price RELLIS Add-On permit online. We manage the lot as permit-less, where we use License Plate Recognition (LPR) to provide enforcement. We have had some challenges, and have been working diligently with constituent groups to address those issues.

In February, we started Phase 2 of our RELLIS parking operations, to include the rest of the RELLIS campus not behind the secure gates at Flight Line or at the TEEEX Law Building. All of this parking area requires purchasing a RELLIS permit, securing a Texas A&M permit with the vehicle license plate registered, paying by the hour to park, or driving a vehicle with exempt or disabled veteran license plates. It is an Any Valid Permit area. We are trying to be as careful as possible before issuing citations. We have implemented booting for extreme cases only, where the customer has a high level of unpaid citations. Our officers have stayed on site to collect the boots from the customers, and we will soon have a boot locker return area in the pay shelter at Lot 1000. We are doing our best to inform, educate, and communicate our policies as we make changes and refine processes.

Additionally, our Bus Route 47 serves RELLIS. We’ve experienced more than 700 rides per day, mostly serving students and student workers, with some faculty. We’ve had some requests to serve more of the campus, but cannot do so until the additional roadways are more improved.

6.1.1. Mr. Joe Dillard, Dr. Harlin, and Dr. Hill Price asked some questions concerning refunds to those who purchased two types of permits, University Business permits, signage at RELLIS, and volunteer parking. Ms. Therese Kucera answered that we’ve issued refunds where they were due. Ms. Hoffmann answered that University Business permits are not part of our plan there, as we have a RELLIS add-on permit for Phase 1 and Phase 2 lots, and anyone with a Texas A&M permit with the vehicle license plate registered is authorized to park there. No business permit is needed. She also mentioned that we are engaging RELLIS administrators to collaborate on getting better signage posted. Mr. Lange said we are evaluating Phases 1 and 2 of our operations to determine the best policies and procedures and may have refined plans for the fall.

6.1.2. Dr. Zach Grasley mentioned some problems they've had with hosting visitors to the CIR, and offered some ideas. Ms. Hoffmann said we have a task force working on some of these issues, and we will work with him to provide some solutions.

6.1.3. Ms. Hoffmann referred the group to the FAQ portion of our website:
<https://transport.tamu.edu/parking/faqrellis.aspx>

7. Mr. Lange concluded the meeting at 12:50 pm. *(Please feel free to bring anyone you think would be interested in serving our committee to our two final meetings of this term.)*

The next meeting will be April 3rd, Rudder 601.
Please visit our website: transport.tamu.edu