

Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes
October 2, 2024
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

This was an in-person meeting with a zoom option.

Present:

Mr. Sam Chew
Mr. Bill Cox
Ms. Adelaide Edgington
Ms. Tracey Forman
Mr. Patrick Grigsby
Dr. Andrew Klein
Ms. Debbie Lollar
Mr. Bill Meredith
Ms. Kaylee Rackley

Online:

Ms. Lilia Gonzales
Dr. Angie Hill Price

Absent:

Mr. Ed Costello
Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Jennifer Enloe
Mr. Brad Hall
Ms. Erin Jones
Mr. James “Jim” Kovar
Ms. Amanda Pelton
Mr. Tom Reber
Prof. Dale Rice
Dr. Dave Tarvin
Ms. Deborah Wright

Guests:

Mr. Daniel Roberts for Ms. Jennifer Enloe
Mr. David Schwoegl for Ms. Erin Jones
Ms. Tamra Young for Ms. Deborah Wright

Called to Order 11:45 a.m. by Ms. Debbie Lollar

1. Review/Approve Minutes from September 4, 2024, Meeting – Ms. Debbie Lollar
 - 1.1. Approved by – Mr. Bill Cox
 - 1.2. Seconded by – Ms. Kaylee Rackley
2. Updates – Ms. Debbie Lollar

Howdy, thank you all for joining us today! We have a few designees/subs with us today:

 - Mr. Daniel Roberts, University Staff Council, for Ms. Jennifer Enloe
 - Mr. David Schwoegl, Athletics, for Ms. Erin Jones
 - Ms. Tamra Young, Office of Budgeting and Planning, for Ms. Deborah Wright
 - 2.1. We have a lot going on. The Old Main and Penberthy updates have been approved. This will set the stage for the Bush/Wellborn grade separation project. Mr. Clint Willis will be presenting on this.
 - 2.2. We have been alerted that we did not receive the federal grants we applied for in collaboration with Brazos Transit. We will be exploring other options for bus replacements.
3. Stallings Update – Mr. Clint Willis (PowerPoint Presentation)
 - 3.1. Slide one shows the current traffic movements. We have heavy pedestrian movement. I performed a study on the vehicle traffic coming in and out of the garage from 7AM – 7 PM
 - 1,758 vehicles entered heading northbound.
 - 732 vehicles entered heading Southbound.

- 131 vehicles exited to the North.
- 1,922 exited to the South.

The garage has elevators, stairwells, and three main exits. The south entry utilized by 1,100 throughout the day, the drive lane 607, northeast lane closest to the elevator utilized 2,800.

- 3.2. Garage entry slide: We are not setup to take in two lanes of entry into the garage. There are about 35 vehicles waiting during peak hours.
- 3.3. Garage exit slide: Everyone is going to one lane and not two. The light cycle allows for about 15 vehicles to pass through. This would equate to about 30 minutes of delay when it is backed up.
- 3.4. This project was initiated by the traffic study that was done by Kimley Horn. It follows the travel mode hierarchy. We would be creating space to get vehicles into the garage and creating two lanes of traffic from Wellborn Road to push vehicles out. The goal for multimodal would be to get them all to utilize the area on the east side of the garage. We were successful with signage before; we will have to do something similar. This can be successful if we have the effort from everyone.
- 3.5. The creation of bollards at two locations would allow for special event traffic, emergencies, and would push everyone to the northeast. This gives pedestrians a safe place to cross. We are looking at closing the entry point next to the drive-in and pedestrian pathway.
 - Ms. Tracey Forman – I would be concerned about pushing peds to the loading dock.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – We are still meeting with the constituents of this area. Additional conversations need to happen.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – Have you had any discussions with the City of College Station so that the lights have flow?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – We still need to have those conversations.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Is there no northbound egress from the garage?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – That is correct.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – What about in from the north?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – No.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – The challenge would be forcing them to come in the same way, traffic flow creation.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – We have taken this into consideration, that is why we feel we need three lanes in rather than just one.
 - Ms. Lilia Gonzales – Is there a possibility of trial runs for this?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – We currently do not have the ability for three lanes into to the garage.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – Are there plans for upgrades for a nicer walk at the MSC, it is not very pedestrian friendly.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – We will have to have those conversations.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – It's ugly, poorly designed.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – The pedestrian study will extend to that area.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – There will be bike lanes on each side, bi-directional lanes will allow for free flow for all modes.
 - Ms. Tracey Forman – Pushing bikes to the BOR parking area is not safe.
 - Ms. Kaylee Rackley – From a student perspective, we don't go to that area because of the loading dock and because you might get in trouble.

- Ms. Tracey Forman – We need people to avoid walking by the entries/exits, this is very dangerous.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Yes, this is very dangerous, there have been many near misses.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – If someone is leaving the garage needing to go to Kyle/MSC, where will they walk?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – They would use the Southeast entry. The south crosswalk is still needed.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – Will students cut through the intersection by Lamar? Do we get a lot of traffic by that loading zone?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Not much at all, 90% of the traffic is from personal vehicles.
 - Mr. Bill Meredith – Will there be striping and not medians (area by Corps march)?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Yes that is correct, like what is currently done.
4. Penberthy and Old Main Update (PowerPoint Presentation) – Mr. Clint Willis
- 4.1. Ms. Lilia Gonzales has presented this project to TSAC in the past. We are happy to announce that both projects have been approved by the Facilities Executive Committee. Proposals are due on October 15th and then the selection process will begin. We are hoping to start around graduation, May 2025, and completed by the Fall. This will be critical for the Bush/Wellborn grade separation project. We have alerted Athletics and the REC.
- 4.2. Penberthy expansion will include adding two additional lanes to the West side. This will create multi modal separation and help with pre- and post-game traffic.
- Dr. Angie Hill Price – Will the additional funding for this project come from permit holders?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We have budgeted for this out of our parking revenue, and not anticipating a change in permit pricing. Roads have been under our purview for about nine years now. I appreciate you mentioning this, Angie.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – It is important to always remember public roads on campus would be fixed and maintained by Transportation Services, and this falls on faculty/staff/students.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – This used to be centrally funded and handled by the Physical Plant. We take pride in the projects we have been able to make.
 - Rice/Klein(?) – There will be four lanes for cars, what is the consideration for bikes? Will they be forced to share the share/use path?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Yes, we will do our best to make it wider. We will maximize it where we can.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – Using the green paint?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Yes, it's standard and we will adhere to those guidelines.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – What is the anticipated completion date?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – We do not yet have this information as the contractor has not been selected.
 - Mr. Daniel Roberts – Any consideration for signals?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Conditions remain rough in the piping to this project.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – The design allows for the add in.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – We are hoping we don't see a backup and have safer crossing in this area.

4.3. Old Main – We want to create a transit hub. Removing all the off-campus routes off the trigon area and on to Old Main.

- Ms. Debbie Lollar – This will create one large hub.
- Mr. Clint Willis – Visitors and first-time users will have a central location. The buses coming from the trigon would be heavily impacted with the Bush/Wellborn grade separation project.
- Mr. Bill Cox – Were there conversations on students using Simpson drill field?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Yes, conversation to do “Simpson right”.
- Second Slide – Ms. Lilia Gonzales was concerned about the historical view. This has been taken into consideration and not being ruined. It makes the connection from the academic plaza to the passageway. We have already made some changes, and the road system is in good shape. We will continue to make road repairs this winter break.
- Ms. Tracey Foreman – There will be more bus traffic at the corner where the gate is, past Beutel?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – Yes, this has been taken into consideration. The traffic will increase but not significantly.
 - Ms. Madeline Dillard – There will be more buses down Ross Street (off campus) dropping people off along the way, with less pedestrians needing to transfer.
- Mr. Bill Meredith – How about the design of the shelters and people walking across the field?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – The Commandant will be a part of the conversation.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – The post and chain concept we are considering has been really effective. We will need to determine where the right application will be.

5. Ross Street Gate – Ms. Darla Guerra

5.1. The Old Main project will affect Ross Street and we will have to clear out the number of vehicles going thru. Currently there are a lot of drop offs and backing out happening. To make the increase of buses passing through we will have to move the gate to Ireland just past New Street. New Street will become a one-way right hand turn from Ireland. This will free up Ross Street.

- Dr. Angie Hill Price – One challenge I see would be that people will come up by Asbury Street and get stuck at Ross Street. What about gameday? The only access to NSG from University is Ireland Street.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – The only entry is on New Street; the south entry and others are closed off for game days.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We watch this on gamedays and coach our cashiers.
 - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – We have been able to increase pre-sale parking which helps the traffic flow.
- Dr. Angie Hill Proce – The loading dock at Thompson Hall is used quite a bit, something to consider.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – This popped up on our radar from the mobility study and prompted us to start this project.
- Ms. Darla Guerra – We will have conversations with Lot 7 permit holders. We currently have a lot of accessible spaces, by moving the gate we will lose the unrestricted access to these

spaces. Our group will have conversations on what we can do and will also speak with other groups.

- Mr. Bill Cox – The Cyclotron will expand into Lot 5 where accessible spaces are located.
 - Ms. Darla Guerra – We are aware and will be able to maintain some spaces.
- Ms. Darla Guerra – The gate will be equipped with LPR (License Plate Recognition) and will be hands free. This should eliminate the backing out when stuck.
- Dr. Angie Hill Price – What is the timeline for this project?
 - Ms. Darla Guerra – Will go along with the Bus Hub project, starting in the Summer and completed by Fall.
- Ms. Darla Guerra – We have communicated with the groups that will be impacted. Do you have any group suggestions that you think we need to communicate with?
 - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – We are evaluating who has asked for access to this area, and who is necessary.
- Ms. Kaylee Rackley – With the multiple drop offs at Ireland and New Streets, what is the consideration for pedestrian safety?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – This will stop the U-turn traffic.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – The location of the crosswalk will move into the sightline of vehicles (moving the current crosswalk).
- Dr. Andrew Klein – Are there any updates on the New Street – visual?
 - Mr. Clint Willis – There are some possibilities to update it.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – We will fix the vegetation, nicer looking.
- Ms. Lynn Wiggs – University Business and the 30-minute spaces will stay for Phase I and will go away for Phase II.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – We appreciate your input! Please let us know any additional thoughts you may have.

Meeting adjourned – 1:00 PM