

Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes
March 4, 2026
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Present:

Mr. Bill Cox
Ms. Tracey Forman
Mr. Patrick Grigsby
Dr. Kristen Harrell
Mr. James Jim Kovar
Ms. Amanda Pelton
Ms. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Dr. Robert Carpenter
Mr. Sam Chew
Mr. Ed Costello
Mr. Brad Hall
Dr. James Howell
Ms. Erin Jones
Ms. Joy Pritz

Online:

Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Adelaide Edgington
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. Bill Meredith

Guests:

Ms. Debbie Albert
Ms. Faith Kersey for Ms. Joy Pritz
Mr. Chase LeMasters for Mr. Sam Chew
Mr. Rene Ochoa
Mr. Dan Rudge
Mr. Patrick Yee for Mr. Brad Hall

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

1. Review/Approve Minutes from the February 4, 2026, Meeting: Ms. Debbie Lollar
 - Approved by – Ms. Tracey Forman
 - Seconded by – Mr. Patrick Grigsby
2. Updates: Ms. Debbie Lollar
 - Howdy! Part of our transit operation traveled to California last month to visit Gillig. We are likely to receive some of our buses by the end of the year. Upon arrival, they will need to be processed for branding, equipment, etc.
 - Executive Facilities Committee 2/19 – We have three possible locations for Garage #9. The committee will give us feedback after this month's meeting (3/19). We are still on hold with Garage #8.
 - Budget Review – We have submitted the proposed permit rate schedule for the next six years. We have requested a 6% increase. It has not been approved yet, but we will post it to the webpage once approval is received.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – 6% across the board?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Yes, across the board. We try to spread the load across different revenues, so there is not just one constituent group bearing the load. Building two garages in six years has a huge impact.
3. Complete Streets Project Presentation: Ms. Debbie Albert and Mr. Dan Rudge
 - Ms. Debbie Albert – I talked briefly on this concept back in October. Dan will have some questions for your feedback.
 - Mr. Dan Rudge – We studied University Drive for numerous years. Those results are feeding into this implementation.

- The first study included Texas Avenue to Wellborn Road. The next one will include the City of Bryan, extending further West.
 - Study area intersections: Polo/Century Square, Century Court, Spence Street, Nagle Street/Ireland Street, Houston Street/Boyett Street/College Main Street.
- Polo Rd./Century Square Ideas – At grade crossing, with University Drive lowered. Unimpeded access.
- Spence Street Idea – Below grade tunnel concept. Street closure, with separate bike and pedestrian areas. Shared with the developer on the Northside.
- Nagle Street/Ireland Street Idea – Below grade tunnel that retains access to Northside Garage. Effects on one property on the north side.
- College Main/Boyett Ideas - Two ideas were generated for this area. One at grade crossing with lowered University Drive and Boyett/Houston Street closures. This is the less expensive concept (open). Second idea at grade crossing with lowered University Drive with deck (covered). This idea is more expensive.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – We need Spence Street access for Zachary.
- Agronomy Road Ideas – Outside of the TxDOT study area. Renderings show possible ideas; nothing has been defined yet.
- Summary – Projects are expensive and there will be a study to determine priority.
- Next Steps MPO Study – Kicked off in February 2026 and is structured similar to the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Focused on the implementation of University Drive. Extensive funding analysis and thinking strategically on how to fund the project. Focusing on the community ideas and plans for landowners. The new student housing at Northgate will shift and we will need to identify safe connections.
- Complete Streets Plan – Steering committee with 20 members with the first meeting kicking off the 3rd Thursday in April. Study was originally funded by MPO but decided to ask planning partners for funds and we were able to extend the study. What is a complete street? If you don't feel safe it's not a complete street.
- Complete Streets Plan University Drive – All studies were great, but none showed what priority was so we will prioritize as we move forward. New concepts have been developed, and we will be discussing them with property owners.
 - These are the factors we have established to determine prioritization; did we miss any?
 - Maximize connectivity across University Drive for vulnerable road users
 - Ability of property owners on the north side of University Drive to accommodate proposed grade separations
 - Constructability

- Cost
- Traffic disruption during construction
- Right-of-way
- Utility conflicts
- Integration into the transportation network of the cities and the university
 - Mr. Bill Cox – Finding a way to get university vehicles to key locations? Support vehicles that maintain the university, safely and quickly.
 - Mr. Dan Rudge – I will add that to the list – support vehicle access to campus.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Add deliveries as well, not just support vehicles. External services.
 - Mr. Dan Rudge – Updated – Support and delivery vehicle access to campus.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Ross Street is not off limits, off hour deliveries if possible.
 - Mr. Bill Meredith – The Northgate area, safety concern with lowering the area.
 - Mr. Dan Rudge – This speaks to the constructability of the project.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – When looking, not constructability, how do we live and navigate?
 - Mr. Dan Rudge – Each planning partner who funded gets to select 4 members for the committee.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – We need Spence Street access to Zachary.
 - Mr. Dan Rudge – Not currently in the proposed but it's possible.
 - Ms. Debbie Albert – Part of doing this study is to identify ideas.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – We don't have much in the way of off hours anymore, would raising University Drive be an option?
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Just a thought, possibly a loop?
 - Mr. Dan Rudge – We had that idea and it would be costly.
- Pick your Top 3 Prioritizations – Votes (Slide #19):
 - Cost – 13 votes
 - Maximize connectivity for vulnerable road users – 11 votes
 - Traffic disruption during construction – 10 votes
 - Integration into the transportation network – 9 votes
 - Constructability – 8 votes

- Preserving access from University Drive – 5 votes
- Ability of property owner to accommodate grade separation – 1 vote
- Right of way – No votes
- Utility conflicts – No votes
- Price/Cost, who is paying for this? A study will help to determine this. We are looking for innovative solutions to fund. It will be a challenge to find those funding opportunities. We will be meeting with property owners and asking them to share their plans and getting direct feedback. Explore and develop partnerships. Focus on a prioritized list of grade separations on University Dr and develop a plan for South College.
- Complete Streets Plan South College – Needs assessment for existing conditions. Meet with property owners. Develop multiple scenarios for corridors. Identify long and short-range mobility recommendations. Generate one page project sheets to assist with public recommendations and feedback. Requesting a checklist template for future use when conducting analysis.
- Complete Streets Plan Next Steps – RFQ responses received November 18th, MPO Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and scored submissions for contract determination. Negotiations with the selected consultant on price and scope. Start date in February.
- Thank you all for your time and feedback. I appreciate MPO for giving us an opportunity for feedback.

4. Retiree Permit Update: Ms. Lynn Wiggs

- It has been 5 years since we had significant price increases. Anyone who retired prior to 8/31/2021 was grandfathered for the free permit for 5 years, all others paid for permits. The 5-year time frame has ended, and we have notified those retirees, only 16% had a permit. The new rate will still be at a significant discount. We will include it on the permit price increase of 6% beginning '26-'27 (\$58/annually).
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – If an employee comes back as a working retiree, we notify them that they are no longer eligible for the retiree rate of \$58/annually.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Have you met with the faculty retiree group? Where are they able to park?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – There is a map on our website. I was not aware of a faculty retiree group.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – I can share that contact information with you.
 - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – They also have event parking, anything shown in maroon. We see a significant use for events.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – Will the changes at Reed have an impact on retiree parking?
 - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – We will pull data as we did not show significant usage there.
 - Mr. Patrick Grigsby – How many retirees have permits? What are they using them for?
 - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – There are 746 active retiree permits
 - Dr. Kristen Harrell – Is there an employee flag for that?
 - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – About 20% of retiree have permits.

- Dr. Angie Hill Price – We have retired faculty that participate on committees.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein - Do we have any data on how much time these faculty actually park on campus?
 - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – We only have data if they park in the garages.
5. Additional Comments:
- Dr. Angie Hill Price – Future topic: updates on Highway 6 project.
 - Ms. Debbie Albert – I can have someone from TxDOT to present.
 - Mr. Patrick Yee – I wanted to share some events happening at RELLIS: Texas 4-H State Headquarters ribbon cutting April 30th, TEEX new complex ribbon cutting in early May.

Adjourned: 12:40 PM