



Transportation Services Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Attending: Erin Willert for Mike Caruso
Mr. Peter Lange
Mr. Taylor Smith
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. Robert Jensen
Mr. Tyler Kubala
Dr. C J Woods
Ms. Flora Reeves
Mr. Rod Weis
Dr. Clint Magill
Dr. Joe Newton
Mr. Darryl Peterson
Mr. Robert Pottberg

Absent: Dr. Merna Jacobsen
Mr. Mark McGraw
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mr. Scott Bowen
Ms. Holly Scott
Dr. Bob Strawser
Dr. Guoyao Wu
Dr. Thomas Strganac
Ms. Tiffany Daniels
Dr. Beverly Kuhn

Guests: Ms. Debbie Hoffmann
Mr. Ron Steedly

Mr. Doug Williams
Ms. Therese Kucera

Ms. June Broughton
Ms. Lana Wolken

1. Opening of Meeting

- 1.1 Meeting called to order by Peter Lange; he requested for the committee members to review minutes from December 5, 2012
- 1.2 Mr. Lange asked for any corrections to the minutes noting to add his name to the list as absent from the meeting;
 - 1.2.1 Dr. Magill moved to approve the minutes;
 - 1.2.2 Ms. Reeves seconded the motion to approve the minutes; all voted in favor; minutes approved

2. Slow Moving Vehicle Update

- 2.1 Ron Steedly gave an overview of the process that was followed by the Slow Moving Vehicle Task Force. They are currently drafting the SAP.
 - 2.1.1 Dr. Magill asked how many SMV's are currently on campus. We won't have any idea until we register them.
 - 2.1.2 Robert Pottberg asked if this would only include main campus and what about TEEX and Poultry Science. Mr. Lange said Riverside is included and the others would only have to follow if they come to campus. The way the SAP is written is for use on campus.
 - 2.1.3 Taylor Smith asked if there would be training for students too. Yes, a driver's license is required and then basic training and awareness is important. Training would be taken every 2 years and EHS would have a part in this component
 - 2.1.4 C.J. Woods asked about purchasing. That is addressed in the SAP and SMV's must be equipped according to the SAP.
 - 2.1.5 Erin Willert remarked that Athletics requires training for use of their Gators. Will this be the same thing? This training will come through EHS, but could be similar and will also include suggested routes on campus and restricted access areas.

- 2.1.6 Peter commented that this has been a good group and they are nearing the end. They have had 2 hour meetings since November and the final produce will be the SAP with webpages behind it with additional information needed regarding registration, etc.

3 Bus Route Name Request

- 3.1 Big Event has requested to have a bus route named after their organization. Peter informed us we get these requests from time to time. The only name we have an issue with is Wehner Express, because of the name, students think that is the only bus between MSC and Wehner, when there are 3 other options to get to Wehner. Maybe we could change the name of that route. It would still be 07, but Big Event instead of Wehner Express. Taylor Kabala liked the idea and Taylor Smith didn't know about the other buses that go to Wehner, but asked if there are requirements in naming a route.
- 3.1.1 Lana Wolken said these names were in place when she got here in 2007 and it seems students use the route number more now than they did in the past.
- 3.1.2 June Broughton suggested we consider guidelines as we have said no to organizations in the past. She said we have tried to stay with names that did not choose or show favoritism, but a name common with TAMU.
- 3.1.2.1 Peter suggested a process that includes recommendation to a committee, resolution of support through Student Senate and signed off by the Director and Vice President. He also said the names should describe the route. The marquis on the bus currently gives the stopping points.
- 3.1.3 Taylor Smith said if the names are going to change eventually, then a process should be put out to get feedback. Peter asked that our homework is to come up with criteria process. When asked for a route name change, we present to committee, we vote, take to student senate/council for a resolution of support. We should probably get Traditions Council in the loop and possibly even start with them.
- 3.1.3.1 Peter asked C.J. to present it and see if he gets any feedback from students, maybe Student Activities. Possibly SGA may have a committee that may take an interest in it.

4 Kyle Field Garage Request

- 4.1 There is a desire by the 12th Man Foundation for a 1000 space parking garage on the west side of Kyle Field on existing Lot 62. They currently use 600 spaces in Lot 62 on game day. The Kyle Field renovation will bump out to the west reducing the number of spaces in Lot 62 to 300. They want lots of suites and premium parking to go along with it. If we have to build this garage, we will not be able to keep our current garage plan. We would have to raise our rates, or raise the 12th Man rates, or a combination of both.
- 4.1.1 They could pay us 10-15K per space and we could use that as a down payment, raise football rates a little and use the garage for visitor parking. This would not affect our parking rates. University administration likes plans that don't affect permit rates.
- 4.1.2 A pair of tall garages would be more expensive than a long skinny garage. We are talking to them and we know what they want and we are giving them options. Our current garage plan calls for a garage in the engineering corridor and one in the residential area.
- 4.1.2.1 Dr. Newton asked if there was more of a hurry on this garage. Peter indicated the engineering garage would be first but they seem to be lining up about the same time frame. Our plan has garages to be built 7 years apart.
- 4.1.3 Rod Weis commented that 10 years ago, we thought no one would pay \$5 to pay for football parking. Keep in mind; the higher you raise the price, more people would ride together. If you charge less, you will have more cars. Raising parking rates to subsidize the garage would not go over well.
- 4.1.3.1 Taylor Smith asked if we would move resident students to the new garage. Peter said we could put 1000 students in there and have 200 visitor spaces, but it would be problematic. WCG is \$275/year and this garage would be \$444/year. In our numbers, we raised WCG to the current garage rate of \$444/year. Debbie Hoffman said the plan has always been to raise WCG to \$444/year and is not a new concept and should have already happened.
- 4.1.4 Dr. Newton asked what we charge 12th Man on game day for Lot 62. Peter said \$15 per space per game. He also stated we can put the 300 lost people from 62 in WCG and UCG on game day.

- 4.1.5 Peter said he needs to take the other 2 garages to CBE, but is waiting to see what happens with this garage and said it has to be built by the time the stadium renovation is complete. Erin Willert remarked the plan is to renovate Kyle east, south then west.

5 Lot 30 redo

5.1 We will redo Lot 30 this summer. In an earlier plan, we wanted to expand 30d. Now there is a plan to tear down Dulie Bell. They are currently working on where to put people. Later this year, when it comes down, it will become parking. We are in the process of retracting our original idea of taking in green space to enlarge lot 30 and use Dulie Bell parking instead. We will pick up 5 more spaces with this plan and we don't lose any green space. I will also save Dulie Bell money because they won't have to landscape; they can leave it as dirt and we can take over from there. We don't know the timing, but we will do the rest of lot 30 so it is ready by mid-August and can stripe later when Dulie Bell is gone.

- 5.1.1 Robert Pottberg asked if a parking garage is planned for Lot 30. Peter said the site is what is in the masterplan 10 years from now.

6 Other Business

- 6.1 Dr. Magill asked if at the next meeting we can go over what the Wellborn Passageway will look like. Peter will do so noting that while the passageway helps with bus routes, pedestrian and bikes; the reality is it won't help a personal car drive from one side of campus to another.
- 6.2 Taylor Smith asked if the new resident garage on Lot 30 will have visitor parking pay by the hour. Peter said we are looking at visitor parking in NSG to determine if the number of visitor spaces there meets the demand to accommodate all the visitors.
- 6.3 Taylor Kabala noticed when he was parking in SSG during the break that handicap spaces had been added and that all of them are empty and unused. What is the reason for this? Peter said we added 27 disabled spaces to SSG and 14 to NSG because it's the law regarding standards of accessibility. We had a study done on campus and we have a really good plan for the surface lots and found that the garages must all have the compliant number of spaces, even though we have more than enough in close proximity to the buildings in the surface lots. We committed to getting all campus disabled spaces compliant in 4 years completing 25% each year. In this first year, we are halfway there.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm