

**TSAC Minutes
October 7, 2015**

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Wayne Beckerman
Ms. Marisa Biondi
Mr. David Glockzin
Mr. Zach Carlson
Ms. Erin Jones for Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Joe Dillard
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. Margaret Hobson
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Robbie Lukeman

Dr. Clint Magill
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Ms. Misty Skaggs for Dr. Eleanor Green
Dr. Bob Strawser
Ms. Hannah Wimberly
Dr. C.J. Woods
Ms. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Mr. Ralph Davila
Ms. Flora Reeves
Ms. Veronica Sprayberry

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting by welcoming back Dr. Clint Magill to the committee and introducing David Glockzin, assigned as the representative for Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station and Ms. Anne LeGare his new Sr. Administrative Coordinator. Anne will begin October 12.
2. Peter asked everyone to review the minutes. Dr. Bazer motioned to approve the minutes; Dr. Strawser seconded and all approved.
3. Ron Steedly shared elements of the final draft presentation from Alta regarding the bike master plan that was initiated last year. The final version will be posted to the Transportation Services website once it is complete and the link shared with this group. Some of the items highlighted by Mr. Steedly were:
 - 3.1. The 5 e's – Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation & Planning
 - 3.2. Mode splits with biking being flat but population has increased (page 7)
 - 3.3. Crash locations and data (page 9)
 - 3.4. Things we need to work on – Engineering and education.
 - 3.4.1. Ms. Biondi asked is there anything to teach vehicle drivers how to interact with cyclists? Mr. Steedly says they hope to reach them by interacting while riding. He also said there are defensive cycling classes offered when cyclists get tickets for running stop signs. Mr. Beckerman asked if there is a link to these cycling safety classes. <http://ctx.gov/index.aspx?page=3909>
 - 3.4.2. Dr. Strawser asked about the number of citations given to cyclists for running stop signs. We don't have the number since these are issued by University Police, but we believe it is only a handful because we understand their strategy is to give mostly warnings.

- 3.4.3. There are 60+ miles of roads on campus. We need to educate that you can get around campus on roads without using the sidewalks. We hope to let people know using the roads is faster.
 - 3.5. Alta's plan is more regional. They looked data from campus, the cities of Bryan and College Station and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. (page 24)
 - 3.6. Recommendations on facilities and examples (page 41)
 - 3.6.1. Dr. Hill Price asked to educate drivers about bike pavement markings? Mr. Lange went to Baylor and saw green bike lanes and thought "this is different and means something". It took a moment to realize the markings were for bikes. Ms. Hoffmann indicated we would initiate a marketing campaign including sending communications to the campus community and a story in the Battalion.
 - 3.7. Bike parking improvements (page 52)
 - 3.7.1. We currently have areas designated as no overnight bike parking to help facilitate transient use of the nearby buildings and we clear out the bikes parked overnight. Dr. Hill Price asked if there was signage at these locations indicating where there are racks that allow overnight parking are located and yes, there is.
 - 3.8. Bike Parking Projections (page 56)
 - 3.9. Education, Encouragement and Enforcement Plan (page 58)
 - 3.10. Cost Estimates (page 74)
 - 3.11. In wrapping up, Mr. Lange said we have had bike share on campus and it did not work out with that vendor. We do not currently have a bike share program, but we do have Bike Lease and Borrow a Bike programs that operate out of Koldus. Through an RFP process, Transportation Services bought bikes for these programs. Bikes are lease for \$50 a semester. The only advertising we did was A-frame signs near residence halls during move-in and we have 40 lessors with a waiting list of several more. This includes a free monthly maintenance program. We have not given up on bike share but need to investigate it more and are working with other universities to investigate another program. In the interim Bike Lease and Borrow a Bike are working well.
 - 3.11.1. Dr. Magill asked the number of bike/pedestrian accidents on campus. We would not know unless a police report was filed. There are near misses not recorded. In order to change the culture here, it will take some time and education...heavy on the education.
4. Debbie Hoffmann spoke about the many office moves/relocations that are happening on campus. Our Customer Service group works closely with these groups. The problem happens when people move other than over the summer and after permit registration has closed. Depending on where the employees are moving, there are guaranteed lots that are more outlying, like Lots 51 and all garages (except Central Campus Garage) that are readily available for employees year round. The more desirable areas are the smaller, more convenient lots which have long waiting lists. Would it be fairer when office moves happen in

the middle of the year, instead of putting employees at the bottom of waiting lists, to insert them on the waiting lists in order based on their months of service, the same data point used to order the waiting list during the registration process? This would put them on the list according to the published priority system. Currently people see their position move up only. This might make customers' waiting list positions move up or down. Making this change would require education about why the unexpected waiting list position change is occurring. We try to make these office moves as easy and as stress free as possible for those moving. It seems unfair to make them go to the bottom of the waitlist when they are required to change office locations due to no fault of their own and they had no notice during the registration period when they could have put themselves on the waitlist to take advantage of using their months of service to be properly placed on the list.

- 4.1. Dr. Hill Price asked if we would kick people out of the parking areas. No, this would just affect the waiting list. She offered to let the Faculty Senate know.
 - 4.2. Mr. Pottberg said he agrees it would require education if this change is implemented and the employees hands are tied as there is nothing they can do about being required to move.
 - 4.3. Dr. Strawser asked if we could have two lists so customers already on the waiting lists don't see a position change when customers involved in an office move are added. He feels the reaction from the original customers may be better if they don't see their number go down. Ms. Hoffmann said this may cause us to look less transparent.
 - 4.4. Dr. Hill Price thought we should have a detailed policy to explain it all and publish it on our website.
 - 4.5. Ms. Biondi said she is now involved in an office move and it went very smoothly. She said people on the list may feel like they are losing something if others are inserted into the list ahead of them and we should show empathy.
5. Mr. Lange will give a full game day and transit update at the next meeting. He gave a brief transit report to include:
- 5.1. Reported we carried our 1 millionth transit rider over 2 weeks ago.
 - 5.2. We added 18,000 hours of service this year compared to the service hours we provided last year.
 - 5.3. The route to White Creek residence halls is new this year. We are seeing the normal drop off in ridership this year after the first few weeks of school.
 - 5.4. Overall the ridership numbers are much higher than they were last year.
 - 5.5. Mr. Dillard asked if this ridership is just academic days or does it include Game Day. These numbers are just academic and not Game Day. On the first Game Day, we transported 34,000 riders, which was a new record.
 - 5.6. Dr. Strawser asked about the Downtown Bryan shuttle and the count was about 1,000 riders on the second and third games; we carried about half that for the first game.
 - 5.7. Dr. Magill asked if the lots have been full on game days. The bulk of parkers are on west campus. Two out of three games Fan Field was full, but we have not filled up all available parking in Research Park for any of the games so far.

6. Mr. Lange spoke briefly about the Cain Hall site. The developers want to start construction on November 15 with Lot 39 closing at that time. The plans are for a conference center, garage and academic building. We have notified permit holders and there are alternative parking options nearby. We have asked the departments to appoint a liaison to help with the parking permit exchanges. This will prevent everyone from having to come in to the office to make their permit exchange.
 - 6.1. Dr. Hill Price asked for the timeline of the project. The garage should be semi-operational in Fall 2016 and fully operational by about December 2016. The hotel will likely open in 2017 and the office building in 2017 or maybe later, depending on its size.
7. Mr. Lange also wanted to mention that in the Fall of 2016, West Campus Garage will go to the regular garage rate. It has been at the surface lot rate for the last 10 years.