

TSAC Minutes
September 7, 2016

Present:

Mr. Mike Caruso
Mr. Ralph Davila
Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Sue Edmisson
Mr. David Glockzin
Dr. Zachary Grasley
Dr. Eleanor Green
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Clint Magill
Mr. Chris Nygren
Mr. Nick Page

Mr. Robert Pottberg
Ms. Flora Reeves
Dr. Bob Strawser
Dr. CJ Woods
Mr. Landon Woods
Ms. Deborah Wright

Guests:

Mr. Christian Trevino

Absent:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Dr. Rajesh Miranda

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:45 am, and asked everyone who was on last year's committee to review the minutes from the May 4, 2016 meeting. Mr. Joe Dillard motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Ms. Flora Reeves seconded; minutes approved.
2. Mr. Lange thanked everyone for volunteering to serve on the committee and asked people to introduce themselves and indicate whom they represent.
3. Mr. Lange gave an overview presentation about the background, goals and responsibilities of the TSAC. His goal for the committee is that through good discussion, feedback and suggestions, it would help guide department decision making on concerns and policies brought to the committee's attention. The TSAC has provided invaluable input for Transportation Services for more than a decade. Mr. Lange also stressed the importance of committee members communicating discussions and decisions back to constituents. He asked members to send substitutes and to feel free to suggest agenda items. Similarly, he asked members to tell constituents about the upcoming agenda and ask for input.
4. After explaining the duties of the committee co-chair, Mr. Lange asked the committee to nominate someone to fill that position. Ms. Flora Reeves nominated Dr. Clint Magill. Mike Caruso seconded, motion carried. Dr. Clint Magill will be co-chair of the 2016-17 TSAC Committee.
5. Mr. Lange provided a handout entitled "Campus Transportation Technology Initiative RFI Brief," a "smart campus" initiative started by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and funded by the Texas A&M president's office. The university will provide a place for transportation technology demonstrations and research opportunities at the RELLIS campus.

The university wants to recruit participation in a test-bench environment. An existing example of this type of technology testing from a Transportation Services standpoint is the “Mobileye” pedestrian, bicycle and collision warning system that has been mounted on a bus for more than a year. Another forward-looking project is photo-luminescent green paint markings for the new Dutch Junction bicycle lanes, which will be completed in a few weeks. Our Dutch Junction is the second in the country and the use of this green paint will be the first in the country.

6. Mr. Lange then gave a short summary about the TTI Transformational Mobility Study, a two-year study that works to hang the “cladding” on the Campus Master Plan (CMP) update (which is due in final draft by December). The CMP gives a framework for mobility and transportation and defines pedestrian zones in the core campus. TTI will clad the study by determining what changes need to be made to implement the plan. The research will also engage the university with the surrounding community and may include the TSAC as part of the process.

7. Mr. Lange gave an update on the Cain Garage. The contractors were able to give us all 1,434 spaces by Gameday last week. We were also able to park the Board of Regents for their meeting and about 1,000 12th Man spaces on Gameday. Contractually, the garage should be finished by October 15th, but we anticipate it to be earlier and will have it fully ready for parking on or before that date. It will function like our other garages for business parking. Some features of the garage will include:
 - Parking guidance system (overhead lights and sensors that will indicate parking availability)
 - 17 variable message signs
 - Roof sensors
 - Credit Card in and out system similar to Houston airport system.
 - EV charging
 - Two banks of elevators

- 7.1. Dr. Angie Hill Price asked how cars exiting Cain on gameday affected other exit patterns. Mr. Lange responded that we opened up Fish Pond and pushed exiting vehicles toward the front of campus, which worked well.
- 7.2. Ms. Deborah Wright asked what the rates would be on gamedays. Mr. Lange responded that on big-attendance games it would be \$75 and smaller games \$55.
- 7.3. Dr. Clint Magill asked if Student Services was still going to be housed in the Cain building, and Mr. Lange responded that the plan changed and it will now be a high-use classroom building.
- 7.4. Mr. Christian Trevino asked what company will build the hotel. Mr. Lange responded that instead of being branded as a chain hotel, it will instead have a hotel operator.

8. Ms. Madeline Dillard gave an update on Transit operations.
 - For the first couple of days of the new semester, ridership was up 3%.
 - On the first day of school we carried 62,000 riders.
 - Stops along Route 34 were reduced/modified because of low ridership as planned and communicated beginning last fall.
 - Introduced the two new routes TSAC voted for last spring: Route 9 to the Vet School and Route 40 to the Barracks. Route 9 had more ridership than expected, so a third bus was added to that route. Route 40 has had some timing issues, which are still being monitored and tweaked.
- 8.1. Mr. Mike Caruso asked if there was on-bus technology to count riders. Ms. Dillard responded that they are able to track loads with automatic passenger counters. Also, our website and the university's mobile app allows riders to hover over a bus and see how full it is.
- 8.2. Dr. Hill Price asked if there was a future plan to provide opportunities to get students to doctor appointments, shopping, etc. Ms. Dillard responded that the Bryan/College Station Metropolitan Planning Organization did a study on where our routes intersect with the Brazos Transit District (BTD). The hope is the outcome will drive weekend service for BTD deeper into College Station. She said she thinks we will see improved connections. Some of our routes already take students to Target, HEB, St. Joseph's, pharmacies and the on-campus clinic.
9. Ms. Dillard gave a summary of gameday bus shuttle operations. The Park and Ride shuttle in downtown Bryan provides transportation three hours pre-game and 1.5 hours post-game. The Get-to-the-Grid shuttle provides services from Momentum Plaza 3.5 hours pre-game and 1.5 hours post-game.
10. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann gave an update about gameday changes to RV Parking. RV parking was in Lots 50, 88, 43 and 100e. All were consolidated to two areas for RVs, with the largest move to Aggie RV Park. The RV community voiced concerns over crushed concrete, and there were some problems with leveling large RVs. The first gameday went pretty well with our RV community. Mr. Lange mentioned that this lot change was a big win because on Fridays we did not have to ask faculty, staff and students to move out of lots 43, 50, 88, or 100e. That is 2,000 spots that were not affected by Friday gameday moves. We did offer 12th Man Foundation to move their RV Lot from Lot 74 to Lot 100e, with the thought that it is easy to barricade Lot 100e to set it apart for gameday. However, the Foundation indicated they wanted to remain in Lot 74, so we still have to move vehicles out for gameday. If patrons don't move their vehicles, they risk being towed. This week we are offering an incentive: if we don't have to tow anyone from Lot 74 for the 9/10 gameday, all Lot 74 patrons will be put into a drawing for an iPad.

10.1. Dr. Zachary Grasley asked if faculty and students would be allowed to park in their assigned lots if they wanted to come into the university to work on gameday. Ms. Hoffmann responded that they could in some cases, and suggested that in the future he can look at the maroon highlighted lots at our website to determine the best place to park: <http://transportmap.tamu.edu/parkingmap/tsmap.htm?map=ft>

11. Ms. Hoffmann provided information about Gameday road closures:

- Old Main at Wellborn is closed 3 hours pre-game and until 1.5 hours post-game to expedite Cain and bus traffic.
- For 1.5 hours post-game, inbound Coke is closed at Lewis Street; traffic must turn right on Lewis. This helps exit patterns from University Center Garage.
- Wellborn at University is closed for 1.5 hours post-game. Specifically University traffic may not exit to southbound Wellborn and Wellborn may not exit to eastbound Stotzer.
- Holleman is closed at Wellborn for 1.5 hours post-game.

12. Ms. Therese Kucera gave an update about turning over outstanding parking citation debt to a collections agency. She reminded the committee that this was for university employees and non-affiliates (not students). Her unit started alerting those with citations in early March that unpaid citations would be turned over to collections on September 1, 2016. She sent 14 of the most expensive citations to the collections agency and has had no issues. She will send 100 more at the end of September, and will continue to send them after that. Unpaid citations back to September 1, 2015 are affected.

13. Ms. Hoffmann provided information about stadium employee parking. Their priority of parking lots will be 1) Lot 123 2) Lot 101 and 3) Lot 24.

14. Ms. Hoffmann closed the meeting at 1:05 pm.

The next TSAC meeting will be October 5, 2016, Koldus 110-111