1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:47 am, and asked for a review of the minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting. Mr. Mike Caruso moved to approve the minutes as presented, Dr. Angie Price seconded; minutes approved.

2. Mr. Lange thanked the committee for faithful attendance, assistance and feedback. He mentioned that we are carrying forward some agenda items until next year, such as RELLIS parking and transit options.

3. Mr. Lange gave a quick overview of plans for a new garage, “Polo Road Garage,” which is envisioned as a large garage with a final build out of about 3,000 spaces. It will occupy one of the five locations set forth in the Campus Master Plan for future garage sites. The goal for completion is fall 2020. He mentioned that we will lose some surface parking during construction, which will move to West Campus Garage.

4. Mr. Kenny Kimball presented the plan for increasing citation amounts by $5.00. See “Citation Rate Increases” presentation here: http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations. He mentioned that the last rate increase was in 2005, and the new rates are in line with those of our peers around the nation. There was some general discussion about handicapped parking abuse, and enforcement. Mr. Lange said we can investigate what our peers are doing and bring it up in our next TSAC term.

   4.1. Ms. Therese Kucera reminded the group that effective September 1, 2016, we started citation accumulation procedures to discourage repeat offenders. Since that time, 1,988 accumulated citations were issued, and 1,675 have been paid to date. If the violator is a student, the charge rolls to student fees after 15 days.

   4.1.2. Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith commented that it seemed like a large number of citations. Mr. Lange said it is small in light of the 55,000-60,000 citations that are issued each year.
4.1.3. Dr. Price mentioned that if the student’s payment plan is automatically drafted that it may cause parents (who are often paying the bills) to miss seeing it.

5. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann informed the committee that Transportation Services earned the International Parking Institute’s (IPI) “Accredited Parking Organization” designation, and additionally earned the “With Distinction” qualifier to that award. She gave a quick overview of the matrix of items that were required for our organization to receive the distinction. For example, the department provided 1,889 files for the IPI committee to review. Furthermore, all three of the parking facilities we showcased for review were recognized as “Premier Facilities.” We join less than a dozen organizations internationally who have won these prestigious designations.

6. Ms. Kucera gave an update on Donations for Citations. See presentation link, above. Donations for Citations ran April 3-14th, and was a great success. We reduced 133 citations and received 1,132 pounds of food, which we delivered to the Brazos County Food Bank.

7. Ms. Kucera gave an update on Self-Releasing Boots. We implemented the program on April 26th. We added a FAQ page to the website. As of May 2nd, 13 vehicles had been booted, 10 paid and released, 2 were still due, and one was considered a “runaway.” In that case, the boot was brought in, but the fine was not paid.

8. After the agenda items were complete, Mr. Lange gave a brief update on upcoming projects, to include Adriance Lab Road renovations and reconstruction and sections of Joe Routt, Gene Stallings, and West Lamar. He also discussed some of the challenges that will be presented by the new RELLIS campus and possible construction at Park West.

9. Mr. Lange concluded the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Next TSAC Meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 11:30 am, Koldus 110-111