



Transportation Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Attending:

- Mr. Mike Caruso
- Mr. Robert Jensen
- Mr. Joe Dillard
- Dr. Angie Hill Price
- Dr. Beverly Kuhn
- Mr. Peter Lange
- Dr. Clint Magill
- Dr. Joe Newton
- Mr. Robert Pottberg
- Ms. Flora Reeves
- Mr. Kyle Womack
- Mr. C. J. Woods

Absent:

- Dr. Bani Mallick
- Mr. Thomas McNutt
- Dr. Johnathan Coopersmith
- Ms. Jennifer Slovacek
- Dr. Thomas Strganac
- Mr. Rod Weis
- Ms. Casi Wilbanks
- Mr. C. J. Woods

Special Guest: Mr. Chase McCaskill

Guests:

- Mr. Kenny Kimball
- Ms. Rose Berryhill
- Ms. Therese Kucera
- Ms. Debbie Hoffmann
- Ms. June Broughton
- Mr. Clint Willis

1. Business

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Peter Lange and members requested to review minutes from September 7, 2011
- 1.2. New members were identified: Dr. Bani Mallick, Mr. Robert Jenson, Mr. Thomas McNutt and Mr. Chase McCaskill will be the designated alternate for Thomas McNutt
- 1.3. Mr. Lange asked for corrections to the minutes;
 - 1.3.1. Mr. Joe Dillard made a motion to approve the minutes;
 - 1.3.2. Mr. Mike Caruso 2nd the motion to approve the minutes; all voted in favor; minutes approved

2. Joe Routt Presentation – Transportation Services Advisory Committee By Kyle Womack

- 2.1. This presentation is from an informal, non-scientific gathering tool that gathered likes and dislikes about the Joe Routt Street construction options
- 2.2. From the 5 options there was not a clear cut winner
- 2.3. Kyle asked the TSAC members for a vote for postponed reconsideration
- 2.4. Dr. Angie Hill-Price moved that TSAC review and re-evaluate the access provision of Joe Routt in Fall 2012 and again in Fall 2013, and as necessary when access needs to be adjusted;
 - 2.4.1. Mr. Mike Caruso seconded the motion; all voted in favor

- 2.5. Kyle then stated that if there were any changes to the plan he would send the changes to Director Lange
- 2.6. Presentation link: <http://transport.tamu.edu/tsac.aspx>

3. Lot 71

- 3.1. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann explained that Transportation Services has many lots designated as "any valid permit"; these lots have plenty of room for parking and we do not displace any permit holders of the lot. "Any Valid Permit" means that any valid TAMU permit can park in the lot as well as the permits that are assigned to the lot, example a Lot 71 permit. We have watched Lot 71 for the last two years and it keeps getting overcrowded and at this point we are asking that we not sell any Lot 71 permits. We would like to change 71 to just an "any valid permit" and make the lot not selectable during next year's registration period.
- 3.2. Dr. Price asked if it would have any impact cost wise to the department
 - 3.2.1. Debbie stated no, because the current 71 permit holders would need to purchase a permit for another lot in order to park there
- 3.3. Debbie continued that she considers it a personal failure when a permit holder cannot find a space to park in the lot that they have purchased a permit for and this has happened this year three times
- 3.4. Peter Lane reminded the committee that this is not an immediate action; what we are discussing now is for next fall
- 3.5. Dr. Price stated the she would not want to make a comment without input from the students first
 - 3.5.1. She would like to know; how many permits are sold, who are the current permit holders and how many were on the wait list;
 - 3.5.1.1. Debbie stated that we will get the data and send it out to the committee
- 3.6. Kyle asked if we could talk about this again next month, at the next meeting
- 3.7. Dr. Kuhn asked if we could survey the students with a lot 71 permit to see what or if they want it again next year
- 3.8. Peter stated, again we are talking about next year and not current school year

4. Summer Construction Updates:

- 4.1. Peter gave a Parking Lot Maintenance Update:
 - 4.1.1. Lots 26, 38, 40, 76, 100m, the dump stations in Lot 115 and the drives in Reed Arena. Projects are all completed
 - 4.1.2. Presentation link: <http://transport.tamu.edu/tsac.aspx>

5. Lubbock Street Construction

- 5.1. The Campus Master Plan calls for Lubbock Street to be part of the inner-loop on campus and a limited access street. We are hoping to tap into some ADA money with Facilities Services to fix the sidewalks and accessible areas in front of the commons.
- 5.2. Dr. Price asked about the cost to fix Lubbock Street; Peter stated the street portion approximately \$120,000 the other, sidewalks and ADA requirements another \$80,000
- 5.3. Dr. Newton asked about the access; Peter stated that it would be the same as it is now
- 5.4. I am showing you this today, it is just in the beginning stages; it will have to go through the CBE (Council of the Built Environment) process

6. Parking Rates/Fees

- 6.1. Peter told the committee that there are no plans to submit an increase for Fall 2012. Financially we are in solid shape. This year we spent 3 million in maintenance and we will spend that much again next summer.
- 6.2. Transportation Services is hiring a parking consultant to do a feasibility study for a parking garage. Parking has been lost on main campus but gained on west campus.
 - 6.2.1. The study will determine a site for the facility; don't want to build one without a strong visitor component, in the area. This is planned to be built in 5 years.
 - 6.2.2. The 100 lots around Reed look very different than they did last year or the years before; more cars are parking there during the day.
- 6.3. Peter explained that five years ago we had overnight parking at Reed Arena for resident students or for any 100 permit holder. This was messing up Reed Areas Events, Special Events and Athletic Events so we chose to drop the price in the WCG from \$444 to \$275 to give the residence students a place to park. Now we would like to get it back up to the regular garage rate by the time a new garage comes on line. The increase will be placed back in steps, the amount will be divided between the years if it is in two years or three years
 - 6.3.1. Other concerns about the facility are when the MSC reopens; two years ago we removed the visitor parking from West Campus Garage and University Center Garage will not be able to handle the entire visitor parking. We have lost flexibility for larger events because visitors can no longer park in the WCG.
 - 6.3.2. Questions are how do we do it; when do we do it
 - 6.3.3. Robert Pottberg ask what resident students pay now that are parking in South Side Garage or North Side Garage; they pay the \$444 rate

7. Additional Business

Meeting adjourned