



Transportation Services Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes 5/07/14

Attending:

Ms. Brittany Bounds
Mr. Mike Caruso
Ms. Courtney Charanza
Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith
Mr. Joe Dillard
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mr. Matt Keller
Dr. Beverly Kuhn
Ms. Melody Larson
Dr. Beth McNeill
Dr. Joe Newton
Mr. Darryl Peterson
Mr. Robert Pottberg

Ms. Flora Reeves
Mr. Travis Walters
Mr. Rod Weis
Dr. C.J. Woods
Dr. Guoyao Wu

Absent:
Dr. Merna Jacobsen
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Bob Strawser
Ms. Hannah Weger

Guests:

Ms. June Broughton
Ms. Debbie Hoffmann
Mr. Kenny Kimball
Mr. Collin Kruger

Ms. Therese Kucera
Ms. Jolene Sears
Mr. Ron Steedly
Mr. Christopher Lyons

Mr. Justin Tippy
Mr. Doug Williams
Ms. Lynn Wiggs

1. Welcome and Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.1. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann asked for a review of the minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting. Mr. Travis Walters made a motion to approve, Dr. Beth McNeil seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

2. TTI Update - Kyle Field Transportation Ideas

- 2.1 Dr. Tim Lomax and Mr. Brian Bochner, both with TAMU TTI, gave an update regarding the “game day experience” plan in development.
- 2.1.1 Dr. Lomax explained that the plan is focusing on 1.) parking 2.) pedestrian traffic and 3.) bus stops.
- 2.1.2 Mr. Bochner took the floor and explained that additional parking will be needed because additional tickets for games will be allocated to non-students, who require more parking than students.
- (a) The goal is that more people will ride buses.
 - (b) An app is in development that will give parkers the option to prepay for parking.
 - (c) Revenue from additional fees will support the cost of additional work in parking lots (preparing areas with gravel, restriping, etc.)
- 2.2 Dr. Angie Hill price expressed concern that money is being spent on lots that will only be used a few times per year

- (a) Mr. Kenny Kimball assured members that the revenue from the parking fees will at least fund the debt on the construction and renovation of the lots
- 2.3 Dr. Lomax said an area of focus is around Pickard Pass and West Campus Garage which is congested with pedestrians and vehicles.
 - 2.3.1 The plan includes funneling all the vehicle traffic out and to Wellborn Road.
 - 2.3.2 The curbs at rec sports and West Campus Garage will also be altered to allow for better pedestrian flow.
 - 2.3.3 Temporary fences will be erected at the tunnel to concentrate pedestrian traffic out of Pickard Pass to the south and between the Rec Sports Center and the garage.
 - 2.3.4 The goal is to get cars on their way and then pedestrian traffic can return to normal.
- 2.4 The maps for “Go with the Green” will change and the new app will show the ‘Get to the Grid’ Shuttle, bike routes, and parking, etc.

3. Bicycle District Plan Progress

- 3.1 Mr. Ron Steedly, Alternative Transportation Services Manager, gave an update on the progress of the Bicycle District Plan.
 - 3.1.1 The company selected to develop the plan, Alta, has sent representatives to campus to meet with faculty, staff and students.
 - 3.1.2 Alta will submit both an Action Plan and a Strategic Plan - the Action Plan will contain ideas which can be implemented as early as this summer and the Strategic Plan will specify actions for the next 3-5 years.

4. RV Rules Update

- 4.1 Ms. Lynn Wiggs, Special Events and RV Parking Manager, gave an update regarding the newly formed RV Advisory Committee. Ms. Wiggs told members that she used the TSAC group as a model for the RVAC.
 - 4.1.1 The committee met to clarify some important rules they wanted to focus on, including a set limit for generator noise that is allowed and the number of games permit holders are required to attend in order to maintain their permit.
 - 4.1.2 Reselling of permits will only be allowed at face value, but permit holders will have the option of having the purchaser pick up the permit upon arrival at the lot.
 - 4.1.3 Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith asked how many complaints from RV permit holder we receive and Ms. Wiggs answered that it is about 5 complaints per game. She also said there had been a few confrontations with disgruntled customers and rules needed to be in place to curtail it.

5. Route 8 Update

- 5.1 Mr. Justin Tippy, Assistant Manager at Transit, discussed the changes in service for Route 8. Stops will be added to serve PEAP, Reed Arena.

6. Update from TIGM, NCTM

- 6.1 Ms. Debbie Hoffmann said they are starting to hear from NCTM regarding parking at their location.
 - 6.1.1 Demand is high enough that employees are using all of the allocated spaces and it is crowded with students utilizing it with the “any valid permit” option.
 - 6.1.2 There have been some complaints that students won’t have time to get to their classes, and it has been suggested that there be a change in class start times.
 - 6.1.3 We have already put up temporary signage indicating that it will not be “Any Valid Permit” for next year and will not be available as a student option. It will still be available as a Business permit option for faculty and staff. Graduate students will still be able to select Lot 25 at TIGM.

Ms. Hoffmann requested that members indicate to the head of their organization if they are interested in serving next year on TSAC, as we will send a request for members this summer. After a reminder from Ms. Hoffmann that the Committee would meet again in September, the meeting was adjourned.