

TSAC Minutes
April 6, 2016

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Wayne Beckerman
Mr. Zach Carlson
Mr. Ralph Davila
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. David Glockzin
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Erin Jones (for Mr. Mike Caruso)
Ms. Ashley Knorr (for Ms. Marissa Bondi)
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Robbie Lukeman
Dr. Clint Magill
Mr. Aaron Mitchell
Mr. Robert Pottberg

Dr. Bob Strawser
Ms. Deborah Wright

Guests:

Mr. Nick Page
Mr. Travis Mendoza

Absent:

Dr. Eleanor Green
Dr. Margaret Hobson
Ms. Flora Reeves
Ms. Misty Skaggs
Ms. Veronica Sprayberry
Ms. Hannah Wimberly
Dr. CJ Woods

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting and asked everyone to review the minutes. Ms. Deborah Wright motioned to approve the minutes; Ms. Ashley Knorr seconded and all voted favorably to approve as presented.
2. Ms. Madeline Dillard reiterated the bus route naming process and reported the results of the process after it was presented to three student government agencies who brought it to their constituents. The Traditions Council, Graduate & Professional Student Council and the Student Senate all voted for "Century Tree" as the name for Route 40, and "Vet School" as the name for Route 09. Mr. Zach Carlson motioned to approve the new names as presented, and Dr. Clint Magill seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Lange presented a campus construction update. (All construction maps are available for review at:
<http://transportmap.tamu.edu/parkingmap/constructionmap.htm>)
 - 3.1. Mr. Lange started with a report on Century Square, a ground lease project adjacent to the Gardens Apartments. The developer is Midway, from Houston. The first phase is two hotels plus a cinema (draft house concept). The project has taken over some parking areas; Transportation Services Customer Service has already communicated that to the permit holders.

3.2. Old Zachry was gutted, and we are now seeing landscape and hardscape plans along University Drive. Transportation Services has had good meetings with TXDOT and the City of College Station about the plans. The expected finish date is January 2018. There will be a domino effect with the tear down and removal of the High Bay Lab, with moving people out to the new Center for Infrastructure Renewal near the Gilchrist Building in Research Park.

3.3. The Doherty Annex will come down, with the goal to create a green space.

3.4. The City's University Drive Pedestrian Safety Improvements Phase II from Post Office to Bizzell is still in the works. The city is incorporating feedback into the design. See: <http://www.slideshare.net/ColinKillian/university-drive-pedestrian-safety-improvements-phase-ii>

3.4.1. Dr. Angie Hill Price asked how the city will remediate closing the westbound entrance from University into the Northside Garage. Mr. Lange answered that they are looking at extending the length of turn lanes and extending green light times.

3.5. Mr. Lange gave an update on the Lot 16/54 renovation plans. He said the service truck turning radius problem in Lot 54 had been remediated, with the loss of only 7 parking spaces. The Lot 16/54 renovation project has been through the CBE process and was approved. Construction should be complete by the end of August 2016. Some street work will start soon, which will result in some lane closures.

3.5.1. Dr. Hill Price asked if the intersection near the planned Dutch junction would remain narrow. Mr. Lange said it would not; the drive lanes will be standardized and properly aligned with wider sidewalks and four defined crosswalks. All communication plans are in place and messages already being sent.

3.6. The Commons renovation is ongoing and is still a year away.

3.7. Corps Dorm Renovation: One impactful part of the renovation is the need for a protected pathway on Lewis Street for cadets to get to the band hall. The 2nd phase of the renovation is challenging because there is a north/south path through the construction, preventing contractors from moving east/west. The protected pathway maintains access to the front of Duncan from existing Corps Dorms, because the construction splits the site in half. There is also talk of an auditorium space as part of the new band hall planned on Duncan Field.

3.8. The Cain Student Services Garage is being built up to the 3rd deck, with 1,000 spaces contracted for football. It is anticipated to be fully complete by the 1st football game of the 2016 season. It is already a selectable location during registration for fall permitting. The Cain building will include Student Services and possibly Transportation Services. There is still a Hotel option in play. The System hasn't signed a ground lease yet.

The hopeful date for completion is fall 2017 for the Student Services building and spring 2018 for the hotel.

3.9. In the area south of Kyle Field, we have a new MOU with the A&M Foundation to construct Lot 60, formerly known as the "Rock Lot," already a selectable lot during the current registration since it will be open fall 2016, providing 175 spaces off of George Bush Drive.

3.10. The Recreation Center has experienced some delays in renovation; the completion is now forecasted for this summer.

3.11. On West Campus, Athletics has plans for a new softball stadium and a new track stadium being built for the 2018 season.

3.12. Athletics is building replacement fields for Rec Sports south of George Bush. Transportation Services will build a supporting parking lot with 300 parking spaces and approximately 95 RV spaces. The parking lot should be finished by fall 2016.

3.13. Parkwest Residential Development, a ground lease project east of Penberthy and south of George Bush Drive, is set to open in fall 2017.

3.14. Agriculture and Life Sciences Complex – is a consolidation of all Ag Buildings on West Campus, with the exception of Ag Engineering. The 4th Agrilife Building is under construction and the 5th building is planned for the area west of Rosenthal Meat Lab.

3.15. The Human Clinical Research Facility is scheduled to be complete by the end of this year.

3.16. The White Creek Commons Building is scheduled to be presented at the next Board of Regents meeting for approval.

3.17. The TEES Centennial Research Building, which will be adjacent to the Gilchrist Building, is in the planning phases.

3.18. Update on 2818 improvements: TXDOT will add a lane to the bridge to eliminate dangerous left turns. Another project in the works is the George Bush and Wellborn Grade separation. TTI is involved in helping with phasing and construction methods to minimize closures and impact on traffic.

3.19. Vet School parking – Half of the new parking lot 24 is already online. The new bus route 09 "Vet School," will start in fall 2017.

3.20. The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory on Agronomy, (across from Fleet) is scheduled to be complete in January 2017.

3.21. The Fleet Bus Shop Expansion is underway to provide expanded space to repair buses.

3.22. The Data Center project to convert the Commissary to a new space for TAMU IT is underway. The anticipated completion date is spring 2017.

3.23. The "Bike Box" traffic marking/protected area for bicyclists along Olsen and Agronomy is set to be complete this summer.

3.24. Adriance Lab Road – Transportation Services has received some complaints about its deterioration. It is slated to be fixed summer 2017.

3.25. The Campus Master Plan is still being updated, with an emphasis on more limited access areas and more green space.

3.26. Some of our Transportation Services parking radar issues:

3.26.1. Service Parking Permits. Our Customer Service office is seeing a continual increase in people coming in for service permits – 900 annually. Some workers only need temporary service permits. The problem is we cannot forecast where these permits will be used and how it will affect parking. It appears people are using service permits to get around parking challenges. Need solutions to mitigate the problem. Transportation Services will put together a group to come up with a draft idea to present to the TSAC.

3.26.2. The other issue is Lot 88, which is becoming fuller because people are using it as a commuter parking lot to catch the bus to the Vet School. Transportation Services will observe the data and monitor the lot to come up with solutions.

3.27. Dr. Hill Price asked if Transportation Services received extra money this year for road improvements. Mr. Lange answered that we did not, because we are in the inaugural year of being responsible for streets and sidewalks. We didn't have any budget figures to go on from last year. We do have \$3 million earmarked for the Joe Routt/Stallings project.

4. Mr. Lange closed the meeting at 1:00 pm.

The next TSAC meeting will be May 4, 2016, Rudder Tower, Room 301