

**Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 3, 2023**

**This was an in-person meeting with a zoom option.**

**Present:**

Dr. Fuller Bazer  
Ms. Mary Cearley  
Mr. Bill Cox  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Mr. Nick Farmer  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Ms. Erin Jones  
Mr. Peter Lange  
Ms. Robbie Lukeman  
Mr. Tom Reber  
Ms. Deborah Wright  
Ms. Tamra Young

**Absent:**

Mr. Corbitt Armstrong  
Mr. Ed Costello  
Ms. Katelyn Kellogg  
Dr. Andrew Klein  
Mr. Andrew Moore  
Ms. Flora Reeves  
Mr. Ethan Tan  
Mr. Mark Welsh  
Mr. Graham Wolfe  
Mr. Dale Rice

**Guests:**

Called to Order 11:37 a.m. by Mr. Peter Lange

1. Review/Approve Minutes from April 5, 2023, Meeting – Mr. Peter Lange
  - 1.1. Approved by – Mr. Bill Cox
  - 1.2. Seconded by – Dr. Angie Price
2. Welcome – Mr. Peter Lange
  - 2.1. Welcome everyone, this is the last TSAC meeting for the semester. Some quick thoughts as we close out this semester. Transit is set to finish up the year with 6.5 million rides. We have the most drivers we have ever had on the roll, with about 300. We anticipate losing about 80 drivers, 44 are set to graduate this semester. We are currently in a good spot and better than we were in last Fall.
3. Update on Lot 47 and 51 Summer Construction – Mr. Peter Lange
  - 3.1. Construction bids are due back tomorrow, and hub paperwork is due Friday. We are in good shape to have this project accomplished in the Summer. The surveys for permit holders have been completed. About 250 permit holders requested to be moved to Lot 54 which has limited spots available. Permit holders did not submit a response to the survey. These customers will be assigned to Polo garage by default. We are currently in good shape to utilize Lot 50 for New Student Conferences (NSC), the numbers calculated should workout. It is much easier to place NSC to surface lots than in the garage. We have a plan in place if we need to pivot. The bulk of the permit holders will be going into the garage which makes this work.
    - 3.1.1. Dr. Angie Price – How many available spots do you have for NSC?

- 3.1.1.1. Mr. Peter Lange – We don't count, we roughly utilize a couple hundred.
  - 3.1.1.2. Dr. Angie Price - We anticipate a lot of drop offs.
  - 3.1.1.3. Ms. Lynn Wiggs – This section in the back of the lot has 82 spaces, we feel comfortable with the plan.
4. Update on Permanent Closure of Lot 61 – Mr. Peter Lange
- 4.1. Lot 61 will be coming offline at the end of the Summer. There are 850 surface lot spaces and about 1500 permits. About 900 of the permits are assigned to seniors so the bulk of permits will be gone. We will sell daily and weekly permits for the Summer. Parking peaked at about 700 in the Fall. We can accommodate everyone, but things will be a little bit tight.
    - 4.1.1. Dr. Angie Price – Where is Lot 61?
      - 4.1.1.1. Mr. Peter Lange – It is located across West Campus Garage
    - 4.1.2. Ms. Mary Cearley - What will be going on Lot 61?
      - 4.1.2.1. Mr. Peter Lange – This will be the location of the new Aplin Center
  - 4.2. We will have an issue to work through with ADA spots. ADA customers are currently parking at the North edge of Lot 61. We will need to come up with some ADA spaces to accommodate these customers. The team is currently working on this. There will be some road projects but no complete road closures only some detours and lane closures are anticipated.
5. Mobility Master Plan Update – Ms. Debbie Lollar
- 5.1. The Mobility Master Plan implementation team was awarded the Sustainability Champion award! We continue to meet monthly looking at low hanging fruit and big projects. Summer project will be on Penberthy crossing from Physical Education to Lot 100c this will include bus shelters.
    - 5.1.1. Mr. Bill Cox – Will the cross walk be raised? With peak times at 5:00 p.m. traffic gets backed up past Kimbrough.
      - 5.1.1.1. Ms. Debbie Lollar – It will not be raised; the big idea is to enhance the travel pattern down Penberthy. There may be some potential land additions.
      - 5.1.1.2. Mr. Bill Cox – Once the bus moves the traffic begins to flow.
      - 5.1.1.3. Ms. Lynn Wiggs – We can't move the bus stop further south since there is no sidewalk.
      - 5.1.1.4. Mr. Bill Cox – The challenge seems to be the one turn in past the bus stop.
      - 5.1.1.5. Ms. Debbie Lollar – A component of the study is that connecting sidewalks could help.

We are continuing with the roadshows. We have been vocal about the traffic signal study. The Pickard Pass project is underway, and we are hoping to complete it this summer. The bike lanes have faded, and we are now incorporating a green color, highlighting the passageway. We are also looking at widening the radius, more prominently marking the direction with green. This will help channelize the bikes and slow people down.

- 5.1.1.6. Mr. Bill Cox – with cones being there it sees people are getting the idea.
- 5.1.1.7. Dr. Angie Price – Ireland Street goes into Ross, people are going the wrong way, they go down Ireland to get back out. Is there any other way to sign it?
- 5.1.1.8. Ms. Debbie Lollar – We can look into signage. The Master plan calls for changing access to this area, no decisions have been made yet, but blocking access to this area may help.

- 5.1.1.9. Dr. Angie Price – The only access we have is for our guests.
6. Update on City Projects – Ms. Deb Albert (presentation)
- 6.1. Thank you all for having me again. I wanted to give an update on the city projects. I have put in some maps to help show the locations. I won't be able to cover everything that's under construction. We highly encourage people to check your travel apps for any traffic alerts before leaving home each day.
- 6.1.1. Mr. Bill Cox – Is there a specific app you would recommend?
- 6.1.1.1. Ms. Deb Albert – Not necessarily, I use Wazes. They have been working with us and using the information we provide them. Make sure to check your settings.
- 6.2. 2818 – This project is currently in Phase 3 of 4, it will move to Phase 4 in Fall 2023 with an expected completion date in early 2024. Negotiations are still happening so the completion date could change. This is a 3–4-mile project – 2818, Wellborn Rd., Raymond Stotzer Parkway with 6 lanes replacing the 5-lane “Chicken Lane” roadway. The super street intersection is a much more efficient operation. You will no longer be able to make a direct left turn on the cross streets. The remaining work consists of drains, paving, Jones Butler bridge, West leg of Holleman, West leg of Bush, U-turns, crossovers, and signals. There is still quite a bit of work that needs to be completed.
- 6.3. Texas Avenue Safety & Mobility – Phase 1 is under construction with Old Hearne Road intersection improvements. Phase 2A is under construction with raised medians. Phase 2B is the design phase. Completion date has moved to 2025
- 6.4. Texas Avenue & Highway 21 – Phase 1 expected completion in 2024. Phase 2 median installation expected completion 2023.
- 6.5. SH 30 (Harvey Rd.) – Raised medians started in Fall 2022 completed. Milling and overlay to be completed by the end of May 2023
- 6.6. Lincoln Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Reconstruction as 2 lane concrete roadway. Adding roundabout at Nimitz St. & Munson Ave. Construction set to begin Summer 2023.
- 6.6.1. Mr. Peter Lange – will one lane remain open?
- 6.6.1.1. Ms. Deb Albert – at least one-way
- 6.7. South College Ave. & FM 1179 (E. Villa Maria & Briarcrest Dr.) – Construction to begin early 2023 lasting 18 months. One lane in each direction with a center turn lane and ped/bike facilities.
- 6.8. Wellborn and Deacon – New intersection raised to the railroad. Will close the Cain crossing. Southbound lanes have been completed. The old part of the Wellborn intersection is underway. Finishing northbound lanes and signal poles. Expected completion in Fall 2023.
- 6.9. Rock Prairie Rd. (Holleman to Wellborn) – Roadway work has been completed and the close out is expected in Fall 2023
- 6.10. Quiet Zones – There are collaborations between TAMU, City of Bryan, City of College Station, for designated Quiet Zones. The TAMU Quiet Zone is currently in Phase 3 awaiting signal designs and interlocal agreements for the signal operations. Goal to complete in 2024. Bryan Quiet Zone is currently in Phase 1 – 10 downtown intersections. UP will need to make the track improvements. College Station Quiet Zone currently making the necessary safety improvements before starting the process. This will make the intersections Quiet Zone compliant.

- 6.11. SH 6 Central BCS Expansion – The design is nearing completion and expected to begin summer 2024. The project is underfunded and TXDOT is working on requesting additional funding. This is expected to be a 3-year project. Phase 1 will widen it to 6 main lanes, frontage road improvements, auxiliary lanes, new collector distributor lanes, and a Texas Avenue interchange. Phase 2 will improve major intersections and include ped/bike accommodations. I am thinking southbound highway 6 traffic that is wanting to exit Graham/Barron would exit Rock Prairie in the new design, making this easier and much safer merging.
- 6.11.1. Mr. Bill Cox – Currently the TX/Deacon intersection is experiencing a lot of issues in the right lane with drivers cutting across.
- 6.11.1.1. Ms. Deb Albert – Those are drivers who are trying to bypass the queue and I am not sure if signage would help
- 6.11.1.2. Dr. Angie Price – What would people who live south experience?
- 6.11.1.2.1. Ms. Deb Albert – Nothing has been finalized yet, we are encouraging TXDOT to start the more impactful items during the summer
- 6.11.1.2.2. Mr. Bill Cox – It will be messy but once completed it will be a huge improvement
- 6.12. Bush/Wellborn – This will be a 3-level interchange and funded in FY 2026. Railroad coordination is underway.
- 6.12.1. Dr. Angie Price – How will we access businesses there?
- 6.12.1.1. Ms. Deb Albert – The Marion Pugh and George Bush Drive will be maintained. George Bush Drive will be tied into the highland/Fairview area
- 6.13. Jones Butler Roundabouts – Holleman Dr. West/Jones Butler design is under way and expected completion is early 2023. Holleman Dr. South/North Dowling Rd. design is underway and expected completion is summer 2023
- 6.13.1. Mr. Tad Fifer – Is the underpass to be completed before or after the 2818 project?
- 6.13.1.1. Ms. Deb Albert – It will be completed with the 2818 project
- 6.14. Other College Station Projects – Greens Prairie widening (near Castlegate/Castlegate II) anticipated completion summer 2023. George Bush Buffer Separated Bike Lanes (Wellborn to Texas Avenue) starting the design phase. FM 2154 Widening (south of SH 40) starting the design phase.
- 6.15. Other Bryan Projects – Upgrading the 29<sup>th</sup> street signals. William J. Bryan Improvements (near Sue Haswell Park) anticipated completion in 2025.
- 6.16. Additional questions for Ms. Deb Albert.
- 6.16.1. Mr. Peter Lange – “Do it in the summer” is not the case anymore with the size of our community and massive scope of projects. Funding for TXDOT is pretty flush and nobody sees that changing for a while.
- 6.16.2. Ms. Mary Cearley – Is the construction on Highway 21 complete?
- 6.16.2.1. Ms. Deb Albert – Highway 21 still has lane restrictions with the overall completion expected in 2025
- 6.16.2.2. Ms. Deb Albert – The city of College Station has been sharing information, we need them to share more information to the community. We are trying to get them to understand that people need information earlier to plan ahead.

## 7. Other Comments

7.1. Ms. Debbie Lollar – The updated University Bikes & Wheels Regulations have been posted to our website ([transport.tamu.edu](http://transport.tamu.edu)) and we will also be sharing this information at NSC. We will be hosting popup educational at class changes throughout campus. This should help minimize enforcement. Please help us spread the word.

7.1.1. Dr. Angie Price – We can direct students to this information?

7.1.1.1. Ms. Debbie Lollar – Yes. All information is located on the website

7.2. Ms. Darla Guerra – I would like to thank you all for your commitment, service, and participation. I will be sending out emails in June on your continued service.

7.2.1. Mr. Peter Lange – A big thank you for your input, time, energy, and dialogue, this is invaluable to us. We will continue to hold these meetings hybrid style (in person and Teams).

Meeting adjourned – 1:01 PM