

Transportation Services Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 25, 2010

Attendees:

Ms. Rosey Saenz
Mr. Mike Caruso
Ms. Casi Wilbanks
Ms. Lallah Howard
Alternate for Mr. Konrad Johnson
Dr. Joe Newton
Mr. Darryl Peterson
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Mr. Peter Lange
Mr. Jeff Wilson
Dr. Susan Bloomfield
Mr. C.J. Woods
Ms. Brandy Kosh
Dr. Doug Slack

Absent:

Ms. Olga Martinez
Ms. Flora Reeves
Dr. R. J. Golsan
Mr. Jonathan Howson
Ms. Mary Tess Eggebrecht
Mr. Tanner Wilson

Guests:

Mr. Clint Willis
Mr. Doug Williams
Mr. Kenny Kimball

Ms. Debbie Hoffmann
Ms. Rose Berryhill
Ms. June Broughton

1.0 Business

1.1 Dr. Price asked members to review the February 18, 2010 minutes

1.2 Meeting called to order by Dr. Price;

1.3 Dr. Price introduced Peter Lange to the members.

1.3.1 Peter explained that Rod Weis is now the Interim Executive Director of Physical Plant; he has assumed duties as Interim Executive Director of Transportation Services and Doug Williams is the Interim Director of Transportation Services

1.4 Dr. Price asked for corrections to the minutes; none noted.

1.4.1 Dr. Newton made a motion to approve the February 18th minutes;

1.4.2 Robert Pottberg seconded the motion; all voted in favor, minutes approved.

2.0 Transit – Road Construction Projects and Vehicular Underpass

- 2.1 Peter Lange updated the group on plans allowing limited access to Ross Street during the days for non-authorized vehicles
- 2.2 Peter Lange discussed the plan for the underpass at Old Main
 - 2.2.1 Improvements in both of these areas could really have a positive impact on the bus routes that pass through the areas
 - 2.2.2 The underpass is scheduled to begin after the fall 2010 football season; completed near February, 2012
- 2.3 Peter Lange identified the Jones Butler extension (off campus) that will align with Penberthy Drive
- 2.4 Peter Lange informed the committee that Transit now reports to Doug Williams
- 2.5 Transportation Services is in the process of acquiring new management software for Transit
 - 2.5.1 The software will give Transit employees the ability to schedule; acquire automated real time counts on buses; GPS on buses; mobile data terminals on buses.
 - 2.5.2 Transit the ability to share this real time data with customers, on the web and to data-enabled phones
 - 2.5.3 Software providers are narrowed down to two groups
 - 2.5.4 Software will display and enunciate the next stop on the route
 - 2.5.5 Transportation Services is planning to have the equipment install on the fleet buy fall; costing 1.4-1.8 million
 - 2.5.5.1 This is pending on what decisions are made about adding camera on buses for security

3.0 State Vehicle Counts, taken on March 17, 2010 and University Vehicles driving/parking on sidewalks

- 3.1 Peter explained to the committee that state vehicle counts were taken on March 17, to identify vehicles where they park. This gives us a good idea on where they are parking. All we have to share is just the data, we will continue to scrub it and make some sort of analysis for the next TSAC meeting.
- 3.2 Committee discuss the possibility that all state vehicles should be permitted even if they don't have to pay for permit use in all surface locations; but still require permits
- 3.3 Peter explain that parking could be a tiered plan so that there are places throughout the campus where no payment is required and other, more convenient locations would pay a fee. He requested that TS work on the plan and bring it back to this group with more data and proposals.
- 3.4 Peter told the committee that he and Doug Williams had met with Logistic Services about their needs when driving on sidewalks.
 - 3.4.1 Logistic Services often does not drive on the sidewalks except in the heart of campus, near the Academic Building

- 3.4.1.1 Jeff Wilson asked what will happen when Military Walk is opened
- 3.4.1.2 Military Walk is behind construction schedule, about 75 days- completion date will be in May or June
- 3.4.2 It was discussed in the meeting with Logistics that the observation shows many vehicles are quick to jump curbs wherever they want and question on who is the appropriate agency to enforce.
- 3.4.3 Dr. Price stated that this is a vicious circle - University Police Department will not enforce if there are no signs; there will not be signs until the university embraces the cause
- 3.4.4 Lallah Howard asked it would help for the Faculty Senate, student senates and other groups to pass a resolution expressing this concern?
- 3.4.5 Dr. Price stated she is already pursuing a meeting with Dr. Loftin to raise this issue; she requested that members of the TSAC committee representing other groups to go to their constituents and suggest a resolution be passed expressing this concern.
 - 3.4.5.1 Dr. Newton made a motion that the co-chairs needed to draft a resolution or at least phrase one for the committee members
 - 3.4.5.1.1 Dr. Slack seconded the motion; all voted in favor
 - 3.4.5.1.2 Motion approved

4.0 Lot Construction Projects – Lot 61 and 100j

- 4.1 Clint Willis, Manager at Transportation Services reported that Lot 61 is a 1.9-2.4 million project. Design was focused on preservation the trees because of this we lost 10% of the spaces from the lot. Previously the trees were getting enough water because of the failing asphalt allowed water to pass trough. We will also improve the lighting in the lot; the industry standard is .9 kindles. Also addressed will be the poor drainage system. This will be the first parking lot with the new white light required by the university.
 - 4.1.1 Lallah Howard referenced a Battalion article indicating a student was concerned about losing parking spaces in an effort to save the trees
 - 4.1.1.1 Dr. Price asked the students present knew about any issues students had with not saving the trees
 - 4.1.1.1.1 Konrad Johnson's replacement stated that she thought that students are in favor of saving trees; being green is very important for students
 - 4.1.2 Clint Willis informed the committee that the lot would be completed before the start of the football season.
 - 4.1.3 Robert Pottberg inquired on where the university/state vehicles that park in lot 61 would park
 - 4.1.3.1 Peter Lange stated that the vehicles would have access to park in Lot 74

- 4.1.4 Clint stated that since the lot construction project would not begin until May, the entire lot would be closed for construction, instead of three construction schedules of doing only one third at a time
- 4.2 Clint Willis gave an update on Lot 100 J. Right now the project is running into poor sub-grade soil issues that didn't surface during the preliminary borings. Can't seem to pass the proof role test, but added a supplement to the soil and anticipate that the test this Friday will be successful. The project is still within the contract dates, but they are 3-5 weeks behind where they hoped to be. Lot 100J is a 1.3 million project and should be completed by mid-May. This project also includes a mid-block crossing on Olsen Blvd. near the ticket booth for soccer and softball fans.

5.0 Other Business

- 5.1 Lallah shared information concerning a letter that went to the President's Office. A nontraditional graduate student had a question about losing their bike. Not because of it being picked up but because it was stolen. Transportation Services wrote a letter, which she had already received a thank you back on from the graduate student. She told them about the future bike program and how it would help bicyclists; Peter is also looking a cameras to see if they can see the bike being taken. She gave KUDOS to the committee for their great work and what they have already done for the campus in regards to the bicycle plan.
- 5.2 C J Woods asked about the elimination of the short term rental fleet. Asked what they were to do if the rental companies did not accept procurement cards with a department's name.
- 5.2.1 Peter explained that many organizations on campus already use Enterprise and Avis via the university contract; Martha Munguia in Fleet is available to assist organizations who were exclusively using Fleet so they may successfully use Avis and Enterprise. Many groups have established accounts with the private companies so there is no need to use a department credit card.
- 5.3 Dr. Price thanked the committee members and asked if there were any concerns for future meetings.
- 5.3.1 If concerns come to mind, let Rose Berryhill know so that they can become an agenda item

Meeting Adjourned