



**Transportation Services Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

Attending:	Ms. Erin Willert for Mr. Mike Caruso	Absent:	Dr. Beverly Kuhn
	Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith		Mr. Thomas McNutt
	Dr. Thomas Strganac		Ms. Flora Reeves
	Mr. Robert Jensen		Dr. Bani Mallick
	Mr. Mark Womack for Mr. Kyle Womack		Mr. Chase McCaskill
	Mr. Jorge Alvarado for Dr. Angie Hill Price		Jaime Brannan
	Dr. Clint Magill		Ms. Casi Willbanks
	Dr. Sherry Yennello for Dr. Joe Newton		Mr. Rod Weis
	Mr. Robert Pottberg		Dr. C. J. Woods
	Ms. Lindsay Miles		Dr. Merna Jacobsen
	Ms. Jennifer Slovacek		Mr. Joe Dillard
	Ms. Debbie Hoffmann for Mr. Peter Lange		Mr. Tyler Moquin

Special Guests: Mr. Chris Harris from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.  
Mrs. Jennifer LeGrevellec, Ms. Karissa Johnmeyer, Mr. Justin Tippy, Mr. Randy Davidson,  
Mr. Jimmy Kanetzky, and Ms. Pam Horner from Transportation Services

Guests:	Mr. Kenny Kimball	Mr. Doug Williams	Ms. June Broughton
	Ms. Rose Berryhill	Ms. Therese Kucera	Ms. Lana Wolken

## **1. Opening of Meeting**

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by Dr. Clint Magill and members were requested to review minutes from January 11, 2012
- 1.2. Dr. Magill then asked for members and guests to introduce themselves;
- 1.3. Dr. Magill asked for any corrections to the minutes; none noted
  - 1.3.1. Robert Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes;
  - 1.3.2. Robert Pottberg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve the minutes; all voted in favor; minutes approved
- 1.4. Ms. Hoffmann then introduced Chris Harris from Kimley-Horn and his presentation concerning the redesign of Lot 30 and Lot 77.

## **2. Lot 30 and Lot 77 redesign**

- 2.1. Chris stated that he was sharing the 1<sup>st</sup> preliminary plans for the area around the Northside Dorm area.
  - 2.1.1. The construction of the new Northside Residence Housing caused Transportation Services to lose about 142 spaces. Our thoughts were how to get these spaces back to the area.
  - 2.1.2. We are showing several different options and they each add spaces back to the area
  - 2.1.3. Ms. Hoffmann informed the committee that they are the first to see these designs and that Transportation Services plans to share them with various organizations to get their input on the best design for the lot. Residence Hall Association, Student Senate, etc.

2.1.4. Dr. Coopersmith asked is the assumption that the Bell Building will still be there

2.1.4.1. Ms. Hoffmann answered that we do; and requested that if the committee knew of others needed to view or hear about these options to please let us know.

2.2. This presentation can be located at :

<http://transport.tamu.edu/TSAC/files/presentations/2012/Lot30options.pptx>

### **3. AGGIE SPIRIT: Mentor Software**

3.1. Lana Wolken, Assistant Director of Transit Services, Mr. Justin Tippy, Assistant Manager at Transit Services and Mr. Randy Davidson started their presentation about Mentor and how the Rangers work on the buses, MyRIDE passenger information and in the offices.

3.1.1. Dr. Coopersmith inquired that since these have been installed have the number of complaints reduced

3.1.1.1. Ms. Wolken stated that for as many as we transport -- we get very few complaints. Not sure if this is the reason or if it is because we have changed some of our processes

3.1.2. Mark Womack stated that getting real time information on the smart phones is great but he would like to know if we had any plans to get any more buses in the fleet or purchase more buses.

3.1.2.1. Ms. Wolken stated that we do have a plan to remove the nine smaller buses from our fleet and replace them with the larger buses.

3.1.2.2. Mr. Kimball stated that currently we do not have a pressing need for replacing buses; we may expand the fleet some; according to industry standards our buses are still in good shape

3.1.3. Jorge Alvarado asked about replacing them with the longer buses that cities use

3.1.3.1. Mr. Kimball stated that the really longer or accordion type buses used in cities can only be used on limited streets and that they are used for transporting lots of passengers, but not good to be used on a campus where the streets have lots of turns.

3.1.4. Jorge Alvarado then inquired about having bike racks on the front of the buses or racks installed inside of the buses

3.1.4.1. Mr. Kimball replied that we had a few buses with these racks and they were seldom used and when they were used, they caused a timing problem, because it took time to put them on and take them off. Lana stated that at this time we are not looking into racks on the buses because of the number of passengers.

3.1.5. Dr. Yennello gave KUDOS to Transit for getting the schedule right and ready for students to make their 7:30 finals last fall.

3.1.6. Dr. Strganac stated that he has been a passenger on the transit system for over 20 years and that A&M transit is a benchmark for others but he had a question about the rangers. How is the driver to answer questions when driving the bus? Isn't safety an issue?

3.1.6.1. Ms. Wolken stated that the students only get the question and respond when the buses are stopped. Drivers are not disciplined if the bus is running late and they are never to leave early from a stop. There is a built in cushion of 5 minutes at the MSC and Trigon to make up the late times.

### **4. Additional Business**

4.1. None noted

Meeting adjourned