

**Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes
December 7, 2022**

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

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Ms. Mary Cearley
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. Nick Farmer
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Erin Jones
Dr. Andrew Klein
Ms. Katelyn Kellogg
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Robbie Lukeman
Mr. Tom Reber
Ms. Flora Reeves
Ms. Tamra Young

Absent:

Mr. Corbitt Armstrong
Mr. Ed Costello
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Andrew Moore
Mr. Dale Rice
Mr. Ethan Tan
Mr. Mark Welsh
Mr. Graham Wolfe
Ms. Deborah Wright

Guests:

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

1. Review/Approve Minutes from November 2, 2022, Meeting – Mr. Peter Lange
 - 1.1. Approved by – Dr. Fuller Bazer
 - 1.2. Seconded by – Ms. Katelynn Kellogg
2. Update on football season trends – Mr. Peter Lange
 - 2.1. President Banks Town Hall Meetings – These are some of the items to come out of these meetings that will have impact on Transportation Services:
 - 2.1.1. Small Animal Hospital – This will not be too impactful to parking. There would be a potential expansion of Lot 101 & Lot 24 in that area for parking.
 - 2.1.2. Aplin Center – The timeline for this project is aggressive for next fall. This would be impactful for Transportation Services and the 12th Man Foundation. Expecting to lose Lot 61 completely
 - 2.1.3. Performing Arts Center – Will be located at the corner of Bizzell Street and George Bush Drive. This entire area is scheduled for re-development. This is very impactful as there is no plan to add or replace parking. Expecting to lose Lots 40b-c. Also, keep in mind there is a new Corp dorm slated for 40d.
 - 2.1.4. Museum/Cultural Corridor - Possibly Fan Field area. This is currently trailing other projects and would be less of an impact on parking.

- 2.1.5. E-sports – Leasing space at the old Macy’s at Post Oak Mall. This will need some connection back to campus, possibly enhanced transportation. There is currently no timeline set.
- 2.2. Students – Permit numbers are still down about 1,000 when compared to this week in 2021. Students seem to be going back to transit, but ridership is still down. WCG & Lot 100 sold out but were back on sale online at the end of October.
 - 2.2.1. With a growing campus and community plus construction, traffic this fall has been impactful. The improvements made on Polo Road and Bizzell Street have definitely helped make a difference in that area of campus.
- 2.3. Football – Football operations worked well and survived, even through the bad or delayed weather. The workforce did a great job. Operations requires 300 employees to run, including 50 police officers. We put a lot of effort and energy to make this a great experience. Thank you to my staff and the campus support/cooperation.
 - 2.3.1. This year’s gameday transit ridership and parking revenue numbers have surpassed 2019
 - 2.3.2. Ms. Katelyn Kellogg – Did you reach your bus hiring goal?
 - 2.3.2.1. Mr. Peter Lange – Yes, we did, 80 drivers have been hired this semester.
- 3. Proposed Transit Changes for Fall 2023 – Mr. Justin Tippy (Power Point Presentation)
 - 3.1. Fall 2023 changes will include some earlier start times, reallocations, relocations. Nothing too big.
 - 3.2. Earlier start time – we will be bringing in 7 employees to start off-campus routes at 6:15 AM. This will allow for more rounds to campus before 8:00 a.m. We will monitor and make adjustment as needed.
 - 3.3. Route #22 – Proposed reduction of service hours to 26:17. This route has been decreasing in rides. Reallocate bus from Route 22 to Route 15. Proposed headway 15 minutes with 2 buses.
 - 3.4. Route #15 – Proposed increase in service hours to 60:59. This route has grown quite a bit and is the 4th highest ridership. Changes would make headway 7 minutes with 5 buses.
 - 3.5. Route #12 – Proposed reduction of service hours to 25:00. This route holds the 2nd lowest ridership. We will reallocate a bus to Route 40. This would make headway to 30 minutes with 2 buses.
 - 3.6. Route #40 – Proposed increase in service hours to 48:49. This route has the highest ridership with less than 4 buses on route. This route has had several issues with the construction on 2818. The proposed headway is 11 minutes with 4 buses.
 - 3.7. We currently run 4,253 service hours per day. The proposed changes are fairly small.
 - 3.7.1. Mr. Peter Lange – This is a reallocation to balance our current resources with the service demands.
 - 3.8. Relocate Route 01 Lot 100g Stop – Location change of the current stop. This will now be an accessible location with a crosswalk.
- 4. Bryan/College Station Roadway Project Updates – Ms. Deb Albert (Power Point Presentation)
 - 4.1. Ms. Deb Albert – works to keep Transportation Services informed and share their input about regional construction projects.
 - 4.2. FM 2818 – Expected completion at the end of 2023. The project is currently in phase 3 of 4 which will go through the summer. Phase 4 will take 6 months to complete. The biggest change will be the cross streets will no longer have the option to travel straight across; right turns only. There will be new signals that will allow for postgame traffic to flow more readily.

- 4.3. Wellborn Rd/Holleman – This project has been one of the biggest challenges this year. The overall goal is to raise the intersection to the track level. The west leg has remained closed. Union Pacific has completed about 99% of their work. The pavement is curing, and they anticipate opening it up next week, on Thursday.
- 4.4. Texas Avenue Improvements – This is a 3-phase project by the City of Bryan in conjunction with TXDOT. This includes safety and mobility enhancements.
 - 4.4.1. #1 Old Hearne Road to 15th Street freeway turns are being removed.
 - 4.4.2. #2 Medians being installed
 - 4.4.3. #3 Drainage and adding sidewalks beginning early 2023
- 4.5. State Highway 30 – This is a 3-phase project which is currently in phase #1. The roadway is scheduled to open back up next week. Completion is projected for late 2023 (possible summer)
- 4.6. Quiet Zones – There are currently several proposed quiet zones. TAMU has one currently at the end of phase 2.
 - 4.6.1. Railroad – there are 4 intersections that will soon begin phase 3 - F&B, Old Main, Kimbrough, George Bush.
 - 4.6.2. Bryan Q2 – Phase 1 with median improvements. There is no current timeline for completions.
 - 4.6.3. College Station Q2 – 1 quiet zone that is currently established at Royder Rd & Dowling.
- 4.7. South College Avenue – Reconstruction of Villa Maria & Carson starting in early 2023 with an estimated 18-month completion.
- 4.8. Highway 6 Central BCS Expansion – This project is currently under design and projected to begin July 2024
- 4.9. Highway 6 Collector Distributor Roads – The project has funding of \$2.7 million and will need an additional \$3.8 million. TXDOT is currently working to close the funding gap. The goal is to get the weaving and high-speed traffic off the main lanes. Possible 3-year construction timeline.
 - 4.9.1. Mr. Peter Lange – The project is funded at the original amount and inflation has caused the cost to rise to \$3.8 million. The project will happen, but some items that do not affect the main lanes may be removed.
- 4.10. George Bush/Wellborn – 3 level interchange that will include multi use pathways (off street, pedestrian, and bikes) with the final design not yet completed. Projected to be fully funded by FY2026.
 - 4.10.1. Ms. Mary Cearley – How long will the intersection be closed?
 - 4.10.1.1. Ms. Deb Albert – The goal is to close it after football season and open it back up before the next football season. This could mean the work will not be fully completed. Marion Pugh will be rerouted some as well. This will push TXDOT to do as much work outside the roadway footprint prior to closing.
 - 4.10.2. Mr. Tom Reber – How will it handle drainage?
 - 4.10.2.1. Mr. Peter Lange – It currently does not have the pumps to be able to handle. They are budgeting to use 2 sets of pumps. There are some clever conversations happening.
- 4.11. Jones Butler Roundabouts – located on Holleman Dr. West/Jones Butler and Holleman Dr. South/North Dowling. Jones Butler will be built under FM 2818 as part of the FM 2818 project. Will begin spring of 2023 but not until after FM 2818 is completed.
- 4.12. Rock Prairie Road – This project is near completion.

- 4.13. Wellborn Road/Deacon – Closing of Cain Crossing.
- 4.14. George Bush Bike Lanes – Progressing along. There will be added striping for bikes. Discussion about separation of bike lanes with physical barrier. To begin late 2023 or early 2024.
- 4.15. William Joel Bryan Improvements – To take place around the Sue Haswell area.
- 4.16. Question from Zoom – Will there be a Capstone to Barron Road connection?
 - 4.16.1. Ms. Deb Albert – I have not heard anything about this. Will ask and provide a future update.
 - 4.16.2. Ms. Katelyn Kellogg – Will there be a light to U-turn on the loop from Luther to Harvey Mitchell?
 - 4.16.2.1. Ms. Deb Albert/Mr. Peter Lange – Yes, signals will be there.

Meeting adjourned – 12:48 PM