



**TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES**
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Transportation Services Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2012

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| Attending: | Mr. Mike Caruso | Absent: | Ms. Tiffany Daniels |
| | Mr. Joe Dillard | | Dr. Merna Jacobsen |
| | Mr. Robert Jensen | | Ms. Flora Reeves |
| | Mr. Tyler Kubala | | Dr. Beverly Kuhn |
| | Dr. Thomas Strganac | | Mr. Scott Bowen |
| | Mr. Peter Lange | | Mr. Mark McGraw |
| | Dr. Clint Magill | | Ms. Holly Scott |
| | Dr. Joe Newton | | |
| | Mr. Darryl Peterson | | |
| | Mr. Robert Pottberg | | |
| | Dr. Angie Hill Price | | |
| | Mr. Taylor Smith | | |
| | Dr. Bob Strawser | | |
| | Mr. Rod Weis | | |
| | Dr. C. J. Woods | | |
| | Dr. Guoyao Wu | | |

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| Guests: | Mr. Kenny Kimball | Mr. Doug Williams | Ms. June Broughton |
| | Ms. Debbie Hoffmann | Ms. Therese Kucera | Ms. Rose Berryhill |

1. Opening of Meeting

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by Peter Lange; he requested for the committee members to review minutes from October 3, 2012
- 1.2. Mr. Lange informed the committee that the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) new member would be Ms. Tiffany Daniels. She is unable to attend the meeting today.
 - 1.3.1 Mr. Lange asked for any corrections to the minutes; Dr. Wu recommended to remove the word “of” from 5.1.4
 - 1.3.2 Mr. Lange asked if there are any other corrections for the minutes; none noted
 - 1.3.3 Robert Jensen moved to approve the minutes with noted correction;
 - 1.3.3 Daryl Peterson seconded the motion to approve the minutes; all voted in favor; minutes approved

2. Texas Universities Parking Space Comparisons

- 3.1 Peter explained that the parking space comparison ratio information was collected and shared by the director or parking at Stephen F. Austin University. The report uses three simple data points: the number of students; number of faculty and staff; number of parking spaces on the campus. The ratio is people:space. This chart is available online at [2012 Parking Space Comparisons](#)

3. **Engineer Street Studies for Ireland, Asbury and Jones Streets**

- 3.1 Doug Williams, Director for Transportation Services informed the committee that he would be discussing engineering studies related to bikeway improvements on Asbury, Ireland, Central Houston and Jones Streets
- 3.2 Mr. Lange then added that we will take this information through the Council of the Built Environment process but wanted to give the committee a preview of the information. The work required to accomplish the improvements would be minimal, mostly involving re-painting and only a little concrete work. Much of the work could occur over a week-end.
 - 3.2.1 Dr. Hill inquired if all of the remaining spaces on Ireland Street would be designated as disabled parking?
 - 3.2.2 Mr. Lange stated that Transportation Services made an agreement with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations that we would not designate any space as disabled that did not meet accessibility requirements and that we would improve 25% of the non-compliant spaces per year for the next four years. Although it hasn't been studied yet, we believe only the spaces between the Blocker Building and the entrance to Lot 7 meet the compliance standards and could be designated as disabled.
 - 3.2.3 Dr. Hill asked if TSAC is aware that the old Graphics Services building that is being converted and remodeled by the College of Engineering for student computer and group project work space, with equipment in the rear of the building. This may impact the number of temporary parking spaces needed.
 - 3.2.4 Lange informed her that Transportation Services was unaware of the improvement to this building and asked who would we contact we will need input on how to redistribute the other spaces on Ireland Street
 - 3.2.4.1.1 She identified Dr Robin Autenrieth, Executive Associate Dean for the College of Engineering would be a good contact for the project
 - 3.2.4.1.2 Debbie Hoffmann agreed to reach Dr. Autenrieth to request her input
- 3.3 Dr. Strganac inquired about the plan for renovating West Lamar Street
 - 3.3.1 Mr. Lange reported the funding planned for West Lamar went toward the Joe Routt renovation project. He plans to take the West Lamar plan to university administrators and ask for financial support for it to be reconstructed
 - 3.3.2 Mr. Caruso asked how cyclists currently travel on West Lamar
 - 3.3.3 Dr. Magill and Mr. Lange reported everywhere/haphazardly
- 3.4 The Bike Lane Improvement presentation presented by Mr. Williams can be viewed at: [2012 Bike Lane Improvements](#)

4. **Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) Task Force Update**

- 4.1 Mr. Lange reported letters were sent to the designated unit heads to request a representative be designated to serve on the task force. Responses from these individuals are due by Friday, November 9th. The goal is to finalize plans for the 1st LSV Task Force Committee meeting within the next week.

5. **Transportation Service Parking Maps Updated**

- 5.1 Mr. Lange and Ms. Hoffmann demonstrated the new parking maps on the Transportation Services web site that are GIS based. Customers can pull number of spaces, search for a lot by number, see where bike racks are located and even pull individual maps by athletic events.

6. **"ParkMe" App**

- 6.1 Transportation Services is the first University Parking System to partner with "ParkMe", a public parking locator application designed by this California-based company. The service is provided at no cost to Transportation Services or its customers and it gives information about where to park and shows the utilization of the visitor pay areas in real-time. Customers can pull up parking lots near where they need to be and see rules for parking in the lot. We shared this information last week via a public service announcement to the campus community and within the 1st hour we had 300 hits to the link. This new service provides good information to our customers at no cost and the company makes their revenue from selling the information to GPS companies such as Garmin and Tom Tom.

7. Other Business

- 7.1 Taylor Smith inquired about the big buses that park on Throckmorton Street near the President's house. He asked if there was a way to get them out of the bike path and into a lot
- 7.1.1 Mr. Lange explained most often the buses are associated with OPAS performances and they wish to be as close as possible to Rudder Theatre; other times school buses park at this location after dropping students off to attend midday performances or tours. He feel in the future there will be a tipping point when parking anything in a bike land will not be tolerated
- 7.2 Taylor asked if there is a way to post information about where to catch a bus during an evacuation
- 7.2.1 Peter responded during the recent evacuation the university only had 9 minutes to make a decision and UPD dictated to us the pickup locations for the buses. Transportation Services does have an evacuation plan that dictates buses should be staged at Polo Road for Bryan routes and Lewis Street for College Station routes. The Transportation Services Evacuation plan is tied to the College Station Police Department's plan and the CSPD plan is an appendix to our plan.
- 7.3 Mike Caruso informed the committee that during the last home game against LSU, Athletics conducted a home football game day census. Prior to the LSU game, our largest crowd on campus was during the Texas games. They estimated that during the Texas games between 26,000 to 27,000 fans were at on-campus tailgate sites during the game. During this year's LSU game, they estimate there were 25,000 fans tailgating and not going to the game.
- 7.4 Peter asked the committee if anyone else had questions or information; none mentioned

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm