

**TSAC Minutes**  
**May 2, 2018**

**Present:**

Mr. Mike Caruso  
Mr. Bill Cox  
Mr. Andy Deuel  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)  
Dr. Zachary Grasley  
Dr. Julie Harlin  
Mr. Peter Lange  
Dr. Clint Magill  
Mr. Chris Nygren  
Mr. Robert Pottberg  
Ms. Flora Reeves  
Ms. Deborah Wright

**Absent:**

Dr. Fuller Bazer  
Mr. Jett Black  
Dr. Angela Clendenin  
Ms. Sue Edmisson  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Mr. Dakota Plesa  
Dr. CJ Woods

**Guests:**

Mr. Purna Doddapaneni  
Ms. Lilia Gonzales  
Dr. Tim Lomax  
Ms. Madison Metsker-Galarza

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:40 am and asked for a review of the minutes from the April 4, 2018 meeting. Mr. Mike Caruso motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Dr. Julie Harlin seconded; motion passed, minutes approved.
2. Mr. Lange presented some updates.
  - The Polo Road Garage Design phase kick-off meeting was April 18<sup>th</sup>, and this phase will continue until August, when the Construction Document phase starts. That phase will last until November. Construction should start in early January 2019 with the garage completion set for July 2020.
  - The construction on Joe Routt will start May 24<sup>th</sup>, with Gene Stallings construction continuing. It is providing some challenges, but the contractor is maintaining the August completion date.
  - The University Drive Improvement project, Phase 2 is ongoing and will be completed by the end of 2018/January 2019. During that time we can expect pedestrian problems, as medians are constructed and signals installed. Other area road closures are upcoming for May 14-21, which will be communicated through bulk email.
  - The Diverging Diamond project at FM 2818 continues, with a completion date goal of this summer. See: <https://blog.cstx.gov/tag/diverging-diamond-interchange/>
  - Our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of offering “Donations for Citations” was even more successful than the first, with the amount of citations reduced and food donated almost doubled. We were able to provide 1,600 meals to the Brazos Food Bank.
  - Peter welcomed Mr. Purna Doddapaneni, representing the GPSC, and thanked everyone for their service on the committee this past year.
3. Mr. Kenny Kimball presented information and statistics about Reserved Numbered Spaces (RNS). See Presentation: <http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>.
  - 3.1. Mr. Lange made the point that we have one-half of the RNS we had in the past; but the change was largely unnoticed by staff and faculty, because we took the spaces away from students. As we come into compliance with the Campus Master Plan, we will need to look at all the ways to use our parking resources effectively and efficiently. We use our Central Campus Garage as a model – of the 385 spaces in the permit pool, we are able to oversell 22%, which is an efficient use of that garage.

3.2. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann made the point that we don't oversell at the same rate across the board. When we decide to oversell, it is after we have watched the ebb and flow of a lot over the years, and we do it with maximize efficiency and best customer service goals in mind.

3.2.1. Dr. Zach Grasley asked if keeping so many RNS was a hit to revenue. Mr. Lange said it was to a degree, as in a typical (not RNS) lot we are able to turn over spaces about three times a day.

3.2.2. Dr. Grasley commented that it was basic economics; if we were selling large numbers of RNS, then we should triple the price. This may discourage some and help us do away with their RNS, while at the same time increasing revenue from those who are willing to pay.

3.2.2.1. Mr. Kimball commented that it isn't about revenue as much as it is about serving customers better.

3.2.3. Dr. Clint Magill asked if we considered a two-tiered approach to selling the RNS. Mr. Kimball said we had, but the problem is people who use the spaces during both time frames.

4. Dr. Tim Lomax and Ms. Madison Metsker-Galarza, from TTI, presented traffic and parking plans/solutions for the upcoming August 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday night football game. The presentation was called "Two 'Typical' Aggie Days in One." They have been meeting with student and faculty leader groups and other members of the Texas A&M community and soliciting feedback. See presentation: <http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>

4.1. Dr. Magill said his class on the day of the football game is in the Biochemistry building from 3:55 to 5:10 pm. This conflict with the gameday parking plans may raise problems with students who drive to campus. Dr. Lomax said the university would be providing a message to professors to tell their students, in addition to many related communications beforehand. They will also provide a one-page map with details for professors/staff to give everyone.

4.1.1. Dr. Grasley said email communications with students aren't effective. He asked if we would provide portable message boards and other forms of information. Ms. Hoffmann responded that there is a communications subcommittee that will be using all modes/methods of communication to publicize the plans for the event.

4.2. Mr. Chris Nygren asked who will communicate the message to the graduate students. Mr. Lange said we will figure it out and communicate the plan.

4.3. Mr. Lange made the point that not all the parking lots are "capture and clear," but we do want people to leave the lots as soon as possible.

4.4. Dr. Grasley suggested we speak with the administration about a faculty workday that day, or maybe reducing the number of faculty on campus by 10% by allowing a "telework" day from home. Mr. Lange said some of these ideas have been considered, but we are very sensitive to the promise that classes will continue. Dr. Lomax said some of these ideas came up in their meeting with the deans, which will allow them to make some options available.

4.5. Dr. Harlin pointed out that the first week of school is always chaotic, and inquired about the plan to manage the extra people. Mr. Lange said the parking plan drives the Transit plan. We will run normal Transit operations by day, but will have to supplement by adding more buses to existing routes, not run charters, and rely on external coach resources.

5. Mr. Lange concluded the meeting at 1:00 pm, again thanking everyone for a productive year.

*Next TSAC Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2018, Rudder Tower 601*