

**TSAC Minutes**  
**February 1, 2017**

**Present:**

Dr. Fuller Bazer  
Mr. Mike Caruso  
Mr. Ralph Davila  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Ms. Susan Edmisson  
Mr. David Glockzin  
Dr. Zachary Grasley  
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Mr. Peter Lange  
Dr. Clint Magill  
Mr. Chris Nygren  
Mr. Robert Pottberg

Dr. CJ Woods  
Mr. Landon Woods  
Ms. Deborah Wright (Ms. Shelly Janac)

**Guests:**

Ms. Lilia Gonzales  
Dr. Tim Lomax  
Ms. Madison Metsker-Galarza  
Mr. Christian Trevino

**Absent:**

Mr. Ja'Cory Clark  
Dr. Jonathan Coopersmith  
Ms. Susan Edmisson  
Dr. Rajesh Miranda  
Ms. Flora Reeves

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:45 am, and asked for a review of the minutes from the December 7, 2016 meeting. Dr. Angie Price moved to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Chris Nygren seconded; minutes approved.
2. Mr. Lange gave a brief overview of the Transformational Mobility Plan. The presentation shows a tactical side of campus mobility as it relates to the Campus Master Plan, which is close to finalization.
3. Ms. Therese Kucera gave a quick review of last month's presentation, "Proposed Waiting List Process Changes," which can be found here:  
<http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>
  - 3.1. She mentioned that if TSAC approves the recommended changes, they will be communicated and implemented as early as April registration, and will be communicated for fall registration as well.
  - 3.2. Dr. Price asked how the waitlist procedure change affects study abroad students in the fall.
    - 3.2.1. Ms. Kucera said those students need to register for a permit, and once a lot is assigned, they need to tell Customer Service when they will be gone (and expected return). In turn, Customer Service will hold a space for them until they return. The same applies to faculty and staff members.
    - 3.2.2. Mr. Mike Caruso asked if the same would apply to students who are new in January.
      - 3.2.2.1. Ms. Kucera replied that we assign what is available at the time, with no preference to class year.
  - 3.3. Mr. Landon Woods said he discussed the recommended waitlist changes with his constituents, and they agreed it was more realistic and would help manage expectations.

3.4. Dr. Price said she and her constituents could help communicate the message if Customer Service provided DPRs the information so they could share with staff and faculty. The study abroad information would be good to share with advisors.

3.4.1. Ms. Kucera said they would be having a meeting with all DPRs before April registration to communicate the message.

3.5. Dr. Zachary Grasley mentioned the idea of freeing up parking spaces with an “a la carte” type parking system. He acknowledged it might be difficult to enforce.

3.5.1. Ms. Kucera responded that the way we provide that type of service is to have pay by hour or pay by day options.

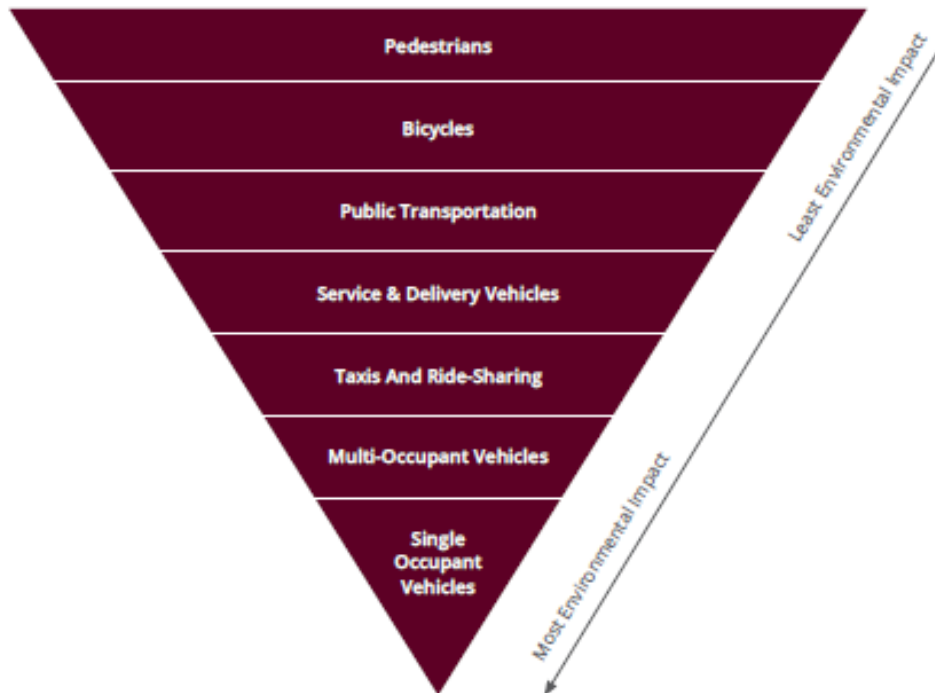
3.6. After the discussion, Ms. Kucera asked the committee for a vote on the proposed changes to the waiting list procedure.

3.6.1. Dr. Price moved to adopt the new process, Mr. Nygren seconded, motion passed.

4. Dr. Tim Lomax, from Texas A&M Transportation Institute gave a presentation on campus mobility. See presentation “Campus Transportation Infrastructure:”

<http://www.transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>

He made the point that the goal was to keep foremost in the planning the inverted mobility hierarchy pyramid in keeping with the goals of the Campus Master Plan.



The Campus Master Plan takes into account building in a concentrated area to encourage transit nodes and pedestrian access.

4.1 Mr. Lange mentioned that the presentation uses the success of Gameday traffic control, crowd control, and parking and gives an idea of how we could use these ideas to transfer over to future campus mobility planning.

4.2 There was some general discussion concerning the presentation.

- Dr. Price wanted to know about the statistics about single vehicle ridership, and noted that there was no distinction about who was in each car. Her concern was for out-of-town faculty, who will likely continue to be single-vehicle operators.
- Dr. Grasley mentioned that as the Council of Principal Investigators labs are located at the RELLIS campus, that providing transportation back and forth from that campus would be beneficial. Dr. Lomax mentioned that the plan does take it into account, along with transportation to and from Blinn.
- Dr. Price mentioned the increased cost to provide such a service to RELLIS.
- Mr. Caruso wanted to know how far in the future the Campus Master Plan (and campus mobility plans) are looking. Ms. Gonzales said the plan is dynamic and there will be a natural progression of when it is executed. She said the near term execution is 0-5 years, medium term is 5-10 years, long term is 10-15 years, and extended is 20-plus years. She said part of the discussion to view each term with improving access, building incrementally, and building projected growth into the plan.
- Dr. Price asked about the net cost of moving parking to the periphery of campus. Mr. Kenneth Kimball, Assistant Director of Fiscal Affairs and Compliance for Transportation Services, replied that resources are in place before things come online. All our garages are financed 20-30 years.
- Dr. Grasley mentioned that if the plans are looking 30 years out, that perhaps the problem will be self-solving, with automated vehicles, Uber, etc. Mr. Lange agreed, but said already cities are seeing increased traffic congestion because services like Uber, although may decrease parking needs, alternately cause increased traffic and driving.
- Mr. Caruso asked what methods of transportation are being looked at besides bicycles and walking. Dr. Lomax said 10-passenger automated buses were being considered for transporting from remote lots into the campus core.
- Dr. Price wanted to know if Slow-Moving Vehicles were considered in the plans. Mr. Lange responded that they were; except for pedestrian, “no wheel” zones, similar to Gameday, to avoid highly congested pedestrian areas.
- Dr. Lomax highlighted the Gameday example, in which we successfully handle moving and parking 130-140,000 people in a very compact area campus.
- Dr. Clint Magill mentioned that if bicycle traffic is being encouraged, there should be more bicycle parking offered. He cited the MSC as an example. Ms. Debbie Hoffmann mentioned that the hotel and classroom services building construction sites have prevented more bike parking from being added for the increased demand brought by parkers in Cain Garage. This is causing overcrowding in the bike parking at the MSC. Ms. Gonzales mentioned that more bike racks are part of the Campus Master Plan.

4.3 Dr. Lomax concluded by saying that his office will be setting up an advisory committee, and will ask the TSAC Committee members to participate. The Transformational Mobility Plan for the campus wants to create beneficial scenarios to serve the community, while using the right technologies to create those preferred scenarios.

5. Mr. Lange mentioned that Transportation Services could not host the April TSAC meeting on its scheduled date of April 5<sup>th</sup>, since most will be at a Texas Parking and Transportation

Association annual conference that day. We will reschedule that meeting to April 12<sup>th</sup>, details to follow.

6. Mr. Lange concluded the meeting at 1:05 pm.

*Next TSAC Meeting: Wednesday, March 1, 2017, Koldus 110/111*