

**Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes  
February 2, 2022**

**This was an in-person meeting with a Zoom option.**

**Present:**

Dr. Fuller Bazer  
Mr. Bill Cox  
Mr. Andy Deuel  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Ms. Erin Jones  
Mr. Jim Kovar  
Mr. Peter Lange  
Ms. Robbie Lukeman  
Ms. Helena MacCrossan  
Mr. Tom Reber  
Ms. Flora Reeves  
Ms. Staci Rende  
Ms. Mary Schubert  
Mr. Nathan Shelley  
Dr. Patti Smith  
Mr. Fawaz Syed  
Mr. Mark Welsh  
Ms. Deborah Wright  
Ms. Tamra Young

**Absent**

Mr. Dale Rice  
Dr. John Stallone

**Guests:**

Ms. Lilia Gonzales

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:32 a.m. and asked the committee to review the minutes. Mr. Bill Cox motioned for approval of the minutes as presented, Mr. Tom Reber seconded; minutes approved.
2. Strategic Plan – Save the Date: April 1, 2022
  - 2.1. Internal initiative – This is not the Mobility Master Plan through Walker Consultants (draft tomorrow) which addresses micro mobility
  - 2.2. Creating strategic plan - more tactical on the employee level. How to have employees engage and achieve departmental goals & mission. Focusing more on the strategic priority
  - 2.3. Two professors who are acting as the moderators of the process & events.
    - 2.3.1. Mary Lea McAnnally with Mays
    - 2.3.2. Marian Eide with Liberal Arts
    - 2.3.3. Focusing on strengths, aspirations & results

- 2.3.4. Positive take on what is being done and how we continue to grow and move forward.
- 2.4. Committee – Debbie Lollar & Madeline Dillard are co-chairs
  - 2.4.1. Madison - dual role: PM and grad student perspective
  - 2.4.2.3 Internal TS employees at various roles within the organization and each has held different positions.
  - 2.4.3.2 TSAC members - 1 for faculty and 1 for undergrad perspective
  - 2.4.4.1 outside member - triple role: customer, vendor & partner of TS
- 2.5. Summit - 75-100 participant engagement - April 1, 2022
  - 2.5.1. Participants engage with consultants, steering committee
  - 2.5.2. 6hrs. But have been told it's a very positive and engaging process, people typically leave energized
  - 2.5.3. TSAC will be invited to participate at the summit
- 2.6. Peter: If I can address the difference between micro mobility which addresses areas of need within our community (i.e., shared use paths, pedestrian safety and intersections, direction of parking for future, etc.) This plan is more internal, how do we get our front-line mechanic/driver to see themselves part of our plan and future. Overall strategic plan is 6 months, so we hope to have this wrapped up by summer.
- 2.7. Example - replacing 1/2 our buses in the last few years. However, we have 50 to still go. So how do we go about it besides just asking for \$25M to replace those buses. How do we prepare to answer questions with a strategic plan & goals for future to get money? How do autonomous vehicles play into our future? Having the research and answers to those questions and how those fit into our plans, our future, etc.
- 3. Lot 47/51 Reno Displacement Plan - Debbie
  - 3.1. This is a project we had postponed for this summer - now financially we are able to move forward this summer.
  - 3.2. We have had a couple of constituent meetings regarding scope of project, design, and future.
  - 3.3. Drawings & designs are shaping up.
  - 3.4. Will require closure of lot for the summer
  - 3.5. Infrastructure in this area of campus is tight.
    - 3.5.1. Offer PRG or Lot 50
    - 3.5.2. They can choose what they want and have access to both.
  - 3.6. NSC Parking in PRG
    - 3.6.1. Not in Lot 50 or 51
    - 3.6.2. Will be allowed in PRG
  - 3.7. Lot 50 will not on summer parking map.

- 3.8. RNS – reduced to surface lot price – may have to do sooner due to APD schedule (or keep price the same and put temp space in Lot 50)
- 3.9. DVS – will be refunded and will work with us to setup validations for PRG
- 3.10. ADA – add some spaces in Lot 50 to account for the loss of those in Lot 47. We will monitor and adjust based on needs
  - 3.10.1. FAQs will be created and added to our website for anyone interested in this project. In the next couple of weeks, we will email our constituents in this area.
- 3.11. Outcomes of the design
  - 3.11.1. Improved pedestrian paths through and around the parking lot.
  - 3.11.2. New sidewalks, hashed areas through east to west are all new pedestrian paths
  - 3.11.3. Significant improvement to sidewalk along Bizzell
  - 3.11.4. Bike parking at bus stop, new shelter
  - 3.11.5. Better vehicular paths, correcting conflict points at both Polo Rd. entries/exits
  - 3.11.6. Creating entry and exit to the south via new 3-way stop at Bizzell St. near the Bonfire Memorial
  - 3.11.7. More motorcycle parking
    - 3.11.7.1. Angie Hill Price: seems odd to have motorcycle parking in the corner with no direct sidewalk out of the parking area.
    - 3.11.7.2. Debbie: we will review with Kimley Horn.
  - 3.11.8. More bike parking at bus shelter and near Bonfire memorial
  - 3.11.9. Add more length to Polo Rd. right turn lane to University Dr.
    - 3.11.9.1. Working with arborist and Bonfire Memorial committee to see if we can extend this lane without impacting the trees.
    - 3.11.9.2. Adding an additional exit south of lot to Bizzell
    - 3.11.9.3. Lilia: Have presented drawings to Bonfire memorial committee.
  - 3.11.10. Questions:
    - 3.11.10.1. Angie Hill Price: Concern expressed regarding with combining of lots and loss of reserved spaces
    - 3.11.10.2. Debbie: Reserved numbered spaces are not going away, although may shift based on standardizing size of parking space.
- 4. Spring update – Peter
  - 4.1. In our 2nd week of the semester, starting third.
  - 4.2. Transit:
    - 4.2.1. Comparing to Jan. 2020 (pre-covid) - down 20%, fall was down 25% so seeing a little incline.

4.2.2. Permit sales were up 3000 through the fall from the 2019. Understand due to people opting out of Transit due to COVID. We do expect they will return to transit.

4.2.3. Jan. 2022 vs. Jan. 2020 - we start the spring off around where we end-fall ridership which equates to less than our mid fall ridership. This Jan. we started off immediately at mid-fall numbers. So, this may account for some of our permit returns.

4.3. Permit sales:

4.3.1. Fall is down 10% from 2019

4.3.2. Downtick in Jan. for revenue on permit sales due to refunds - believe may be due to some opting to start utilizing Transit again.

4.3.3. We are finding it odd the number of monthly permits we are seeing purchased ~500

4.3.4. Spring in Lot 100 is higher than typical. Continue to work the wait list hard to create movement and move some customers out of Lot 100.

4.4. Transit driver struggles:

4.4.1. Pulled a few buses beyond what we typically do for reduced hours in the spring. (5) - mostly due to staffing issues

4.4.2. Hiring furiously - 50 drivers hired in 5 weeks is our goal. \$1.00 increase Nov. 11 for drivers –

4.5. Spring Updates/Community projects:

4.5.1. 2018 project - impact to commuters to campus - still has 2 years left on project.

4.5.2. TxDOT is talking about a full closure of Holleman and 2818 during spring break. Will hear more from TxDOT.

4.5.3. Other road/intersection closures have occurred as part of this project, continue to adjust routes as needed.

4.5.4. On track for this summer to eliminate the 'hump' at Wellborn Rd. and Holleman. 6-week project (June - mid-August) so it will be impactful to the community. Goal-done before start of fall 2022.

4.5.5. Quiet Zone work continues to progress. Track work is complete at F&B and Wellborn Rd.

Paperwork is progressing for Joe Routt and Kimbrough - waiting on right of entry. Fence has been added by Lot 61 at Kimbrough, is looking nice. Monument lights are formed and still a work in progress.

5. **Additional Questions/Comments:**

5.1. Patti Smith: With basketball games faculty/staff are frustrated with having to show their permit to go to work. Why can't the technology used for issuing citations be used in this aspect?

5.2. Peter: Good news - on weekend games we don't have issues. As part of an agreement with Athletics we have made all of Lot 100 around Reed as AVP. The change is by allowing them to park around Reed we still have classes that are starting so we have individuals coming in to go to class and need to park. We

are still out there trying to capture Lot 100 and so we start about 2 hours pre-game so at 4pm is when we will start asking for permits.

5.3. 3 more weekday/night games which are going to be impactful. We have increased our communication efforts to remind customers, encourage them how to prepare to show their barcode, and be prepared.

5.4. Lynn: Another point to consider is while this is an event, we are still monitoring the rest of the campus. We only have so many vehicles equipped, and they are hard to park at the entrance. We are working with a vendor on handheld options, but we are ahead of the curve for this technology and asking for technology that doesn't work the way we want it to (yet).

6. Peter: Agenda for next meeting -

6.1. Sustainability update from Byron Prestridge (VEO, bike #s, EV chargers, etc.)

6.2. Presentation from Bill Clark - donor for the infrastructure of the EV chargers in Lot 51. His passion is for green energy and sustainability.

7. Meeting was concluded at 1:00 p.m.