

**Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes
April 5, 2023**

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

Present:

Mr. Corbitt Armstrong
Dr. Fuller Bazer
Ms. Mary Cearley
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. Nick Farmer
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Erin Jones
Ms. Katelyn Kellogg
Mr. Peter Lange
Ms. Robbie Lukeman
Mr. Tom Reber
Ms. Flora Reeves
Mr. Ethan Tan
Mr. Mark Welsh
Mr. Graham Wolfe
Ms. Tamra Young

Absent:

Mr. Ed Costello
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. Andrew Moore
Mr. Dale Rice
Ms. Deborah Wright

Guests:

Called to Order 11:43 a.m. by Mr. Peter Lange

1. Review/Approve Minutes from March 1, 2023, Meeting – Mr. Peter Lange
 - 1.1. Approved by – Mr. Tom Reber
 - 1.2. Seconded by – Mr. Bill Cox
2. Spring Updates – Mr. Peter Lange
 - 2.1. Welcome everyone. Hudson Kraus (new SBP-elect) sitting in on today's meeting. Transit ridership is up about 16.7% from last Spring. We have had about a quarter million rides and will hit about 6.5 million rides for this year. This will get us back to our pre-COVID era.
 - 2.2. Ms. Debbie Lollar and Ms. Julie Villareal are continuing to present our Strategic and Mobility Master Plans. We have presentations scheduled with the Chamber and Staff Council. We are receiving a lot of positive feedback from the presentations.
 - 2.3. Summer Construction – Big project of resurfacing lots 47 & 51. The survey was sent out this morning to all 47 & 51 permit holders, there will be no price differential. We do not have any complete street redo's scheduled. We will be focusing on Throckmorton, some spots on Olsen and Kimbrough, and a few others.
 - 2.4. Lot 61 – This lot will be going away in the Fall. The new Aplin Center will take its place. The 12th Man Foundation has been made aware and we have already relocated their permit holders.
 - 2.5. Museum Project – This will be located next to the old TTI Building – Fan Field.

- 2.6. We are tracking the Gardens and Greenway expansions and the Performing Arts Center. There is a possibility of a location change for the Performing Arts Center, settling closer to the Engineering area.
- 2.7. Polo Garage – When we built Polo Garage, we built it with the intention of expanding it towards the East. We will be tracking this.
- 2.8. If there are more buildings built, are there more plans to address pedestrians?
 - 2.8.1. Mr. Peter Lange – We are looking to signalize those areas and intersections. There is an acute problem with the class change that signalization might be the answer. We are awaiting a signal feasibility report.
 - 2.8.2. Mr. Ethan Tan – On the topic of construction, is there anything going on Polo Fields?
 - 2.8.2.1. Mr. Peter Lange – Atmos gas line
- 2.9. Dr. Price – Thank you for cutting the overgrown bush at Northside Garage! We have 19 New Student Conferences for Engineering/Summer and need parking. Currently the Polo Garage rate is higher for an annual permit, will it ever be aligned with the other garages?
 - 2.9.1. Mr. Peter Lange – We had a deal with Administration that the Polo Garage rate would be \$100 higher than the others. Currently the waitlist for Polo is still in the 1,000's.
- 2.10. Mr. Peter Lange - I will get with Deb Albert to present another Community Road Project update soon. The 2818 proposed new finish date is May 2024. The Bush and Welborn project has been fully funded for FY2026 and could start as early as December 2025. This project will be extremely impactful as there will be a full closure for some amount of time. Hwy 6 will be potentially under construction at the same time.
 - 2.10.1. Mr. Joe Dillard – What would the length of closure be?
 - 2.10.1.1. Mr. Peter Lange – Possibly in November (9 months) after the football season. 2818 must be done for this project to begin.
3. Changes to Student Priority for Registration – Ms. Lynn Wiggs (Power Point Presentation)
 - 3.1. Ms. Lynn Wiggs – We have discussed this a bit previously. This should not be a shock to students. Going to this classification system simplifies the process, this is a standard classification priority system.
 - 3.1.1. Mr. Peter Lange – Registration will start next week and will remain open for 90 days. Student registration does not matter when it is completed. Assignments are based on the class priority. This is easier to understand. The changes will not be seen until the Fall. We are processing staff the same as we did last year. We will change up our internal process a bit. We will automatically renew the permit they currently hold in July, and the pay portal opens August 1st for those paying by credit card.
 - 3.1.2. Ms. Debbie Lollar – Resident process is not changing.
4. Personal Electrified Vehicles – Mr. Byron Prestridge
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – I am sure you all have seen the many different electric vehicles on campus. There are many electric variances with kits being stored on bike racks. We talked a little last year on the need of regulations and policies. We have utilized the Texas Transportation code and external third-party information, using Title 7 Vehicle and Traffic, standards, and definitions. We will not allow personally built vehicles. TAMU will follow all related Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) advisories and recalls related to micro mobility devices. All this information has been listed on our webpage. Any micro mobility devices over 750 watts, or 1 horsepower are prohibited for use on campus. If it is not certified it will not be allowed on campus. We are seeing electric motorcycles with 3-5 horsepower capable of keeping up with

traffic on the roads and these are not allowed on campus, they are for personal private property only. Impounding may be necessary to enforce regulations, make parking available, and/or to address improperly parked devices. Booting a device may be necessary in the event impoundment is impractical.

4.1.1. Ms. Debbie Lollar – we talked to the group about a year ago. This industry has been erupting so quickly. Byron has been meeting with the Risk and Compliance office to establish the regulations and have the information ready.

4.1.2. Mr. Byron Prestridge – There is not a bike rack area without some type of electric vehicle on it.

4.1.3. Mr. Ethan Tan – What is the difference between a street legal bike?

4.1.3.1. Mr. Byron Prestridge – Legal bikes will have a license plate, VIN, taillights, for it to be a registered vehicle. This would require it to have motorcycle/moped parking permit.

4.2. Mr. Byron Prestridge - We will need to communicate with our Parking Officers so that they know who they need to be citing. After this summer, we will impound these electric vehicles that are not allowed. We are updating the SAPs to include what is and not allowed in buildings so that everyone is aware.

4.2.1. Ms. Debbie Lollar – We need your help communicating this information. We are preparing a campaign but would like to get the word out now.

4.2.2. Mr. Joe Dillard – I am curious about the one tire skateboard, where do those fall?

4.2.2.1. Mr. Byron Prestridge – It falls under the Skateboard Rule, one wheels are not allowed.

4.2.2.2. Ms. Debbie Lollar – The regulations address them all.

4.2.2.3. Mr. Byron Prestridge – We are building out FAQ's which will include all the new information.

4.3. Mr. Bill Cox – Will there be an enforcement process?

4.3.1. Mr. Byron Prestridge – We are meeting with UPD.

4.3.2. Mr. Joe Dillard – Who is monitoring outside of Transportation Services resources, inside the buildings?

4.3.2.1. Mr. Byron Prestridge – Facilities Management will determine.

4.3.2.2. Ms. Debbie Lollar – Transportation Services cannot manage this alone. This will need to be a campus wide effort, culture. Everyone on campus can help to amplify this communication.

4.3.2.3. Mr. Byron Prestridge – It has been a challenge to come up with regulations. We will do what we can to monitor and regulate.

4.4. Mr. Byron Prestridge – We have a large working group to come up with etiquette and training programs. The intent is to not isolate one user group but to share with all users.

4.5. Mr. Byron Prestridge – VEO Update. We have asked VEO to work smarter and institute a policy for bike rack fields, a buffer zone of 50-60 feet. If you do not end your bike ride in a buffer area it initiates a warning, and then a fine. Some of the racks have unique challenges. We have not received any major complaints by users.

4.5.1. Mr. Peter Lange – I have not reported any bikes in a couple of weeks, so it seems to be working.

4.5.2. Mr. Byron Prestridge – We will place bike racks by Zachary to help offset the mass there. VEO can also create “lucky zones”, if you end a ride in a lucky zone, you receive \$.75 cents

credit back. Creating lucky zones to end/redistribute in racks that are not utilized as much as others. When you open the VEO app it shows you where those lucky zones are located.

4.6. Mr. Byron Prestridge – Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

4.7. Mr. Joe Dillard – Comment for the group. Is it still the case that we do not want bikes on sidewalks as opposed to bike lanes?

4.7.1. Mr. Byron Prestridge – This is a tough struggle. We do allow for cross travel on campus. I wouldn't say we promoted not to ride on sidewalks.

4.7.2. Mr. Peter Lange – In Texas it is legal for bikes to ride on sidewalks.

4.7.3. Mr. Joe Dillard – It is very challenging at Polo/Bizzell, there is lots of movement at this intersection. There is a fear when making a left turn waiting on pedestrian/bike riders.

4.7.4. Mr. Peter Lange – A signal would be the only solution.

4.7.5. Ms. Debbie Lollar – The Mobility Master Plan has focus on separating modes. We are discussing creating wheel routes to inform people of the best routes to get them to their destination faster and avoid those types of areas.

5. Mr. Peter Lange – I will ask Deb Albert to present a Spring Traffic update at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned – 12:44 PM