

ALL-UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2014

PRESENT

BROWN, BUCKWALTER, DYER-DECKROW, FASHBAUGH, KACOS, KASHIF, MARTENIUK, MILLER, NICHOLLS, NOWICKI, PRUSH, ROBERTSON, RUTAN, SMITH-TYGE

ABSENT

ASMSU REPS, AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES REP, BECKER, CALDWELL, GREEK SYSTEM REPS, GREENE, MARTIN-STONEY, MITCHUM, PERLBERG, POTTER, RHA REPS

GUESTS

KATE RICE: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT- MSU DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

CALL TO ORDER

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

NICHOLLS welcomed the committee and attendees introduced themselves

REVIEW and APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FASHBAUGH motioned to approve the agenda as presented.

NOWICKI seconded the motion.

All were in favor of approving agenda, none were opposed.

REVIEW and APPROVAL of NOVEMBER 2013 MINUTES

RUTAN motioned to approve the minutes as presented.

PRUSH seconded the motion.

All were in favor of the November minutes as presented, none were opposed.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

a) Department of Police and Public Safety (John Prush)

PRUSH Landscape Services did a fantastic job of hauling 5000lbs snow to old MSP Police site after the large snow storm. WLNS did a news piece of the snow removal.

Permit pricing possibly going up for 2014-2016 permit years. History of permit parking going up by 3% and holding for 2 years.

Rate is ~\$489, would need to alter to be divisible by 8 and 12 months. We are #8 in faculty staff parking compared to other universities.

MILLER asked about new parking options.

PRUSH new pass for \$15/ month, very limited number of passes sold.

PRUSH looking for a vote to approve 3% increase

NOWICKI stated he knows people he represents will not approve of the increase. Would actually like to see the permit cost decrease.

KACOS asked why there would be a rate increase.

PRUSH stated that the increase was for resurfacing and maintenance of lots in keeping with the increased rates to do so.

MILLER stated that lots 30 and 32 had huge potholes that needed repair and questioned whether the proposed plans for Wilson Road to continue to Hagadorn Road were in progress. She stated that lot 30 and 32 should be fixed if the cost of parking permits are going to be raised.

PRUSH responded that he could coordinate with IPF for cost effective repair to Lots 30 and 32.

BROWN asked if there was a plan in the future for new employees parking at FRIB

PRUSH stated that there was a plan.

SMITH-TYGE asked if the 3% raise to permit cost would affect all rates.

PRUSH stated that it would.

NICHOLLS stated that the vote to support the rates should be tabled until the March meeting so that representatives could inform constituents.

SMITH-TYGE asked if the committee could get a break down of costs sent out for review.

MILLER asked for actual documentation of plans for the new road and parking on south east campus.

KACOS stated there were plans and they were being pursued.

b) Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (Jim Fashbaugh)

FASHBAUGH stated that there are no updates to report.

c) Campus Planning and Administration (Jeff Kacos)

KACOS stated that they are near the winding down stage of the campus way finding project.

KACOS also stated that CATA was spearheading a bus rapid transit option. He stated that the route would run down Michigan Avenue to Grand River Avenue - Capitol to/from the Meridian Mall areas and replace the current #1 route. He stated that the proposal could be found at migrtrans.org. KACOS stated that it was proposed that hybrid buses be used. KACOS stated that CATA was looking to cut 8 min of time off the current route. He stated that the number of stops would be reduced from 43 to 28. KACOS stated that there would be a dedicated lane and Lansing and East Lansing had raised concerns regarding lack of space to widen the roads.

KACOS stated that there is a public meeting being held March 19-23, 2014, where concerns and comments can be brought up. He continued that on March 23rd CATA will present findings and what they would propose to do about concerns.

MARTENIUK asked if this project was even necessary.

KACOS stated that the project has been accepted and environmental assessment must be done.

MARTENIUK asked how well used was the current route #1.

KACOS stated that it was the most used route. He added, that while not guaranteed, in most places economic development tended to increase in the new route areas.

BROWN asked if the number of CATA drivers would be cut if implemented.

KACOS stated that the intention of the project was to improve the route and transportation and decrease congestion. He stated that it did not intend to reduce CATA drivers.

SMITH-TYGE asked if part of the newly redone section of Michigan Avenue would have to be destroyed in that area.

MILLER asked if this would tie into campus.

KACOS stated that forethought was given and the newly redone road should not need to be destroyed. He stated if there was any physical impact to campus, it may be along Grand River Avenue.

d) Mass Transit- CATA (Matthew Greene)

No updates are reported.

- e) Office of Campus Sustainability (Judy Marteniuk)
MARTENIUK stated that there were no updates to report.
- f) MSU Bike Service Center (Tim Potter)
No updates were reported.
- g) Auxiliary Enterprises (1x)
No updates were reported.
- h) Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (Virginia Rutan)
RUTAN stated that there were concerns with snow removal based on numerous reports RCPD had received from able-bodied people becoming injured after slipping and falling. She continued that for the most part, there were few concerns from chair-users.
- i) Ombudsperson (Bob Caldwell)
No updates were reported.
- j) Union Representatives (Danielle Martin-Stoney, Jeanette Robertson, Robert Nowicki)
ROBERTSON stated there were no updates to report.
NOWICKI stated there were no updates to report.
- k) Office of Student Affairs and Services (Pat Dyer-Deckrow)
No updates were reported.
- l) Associated Students of MSU Representatives (Meghan Mitchum, Kevin Perlber, x2)
No updates were reported.
- m) Residence Hall Association Representatives (x5)
No updates were reported.
- n) University Apartment Representatives (Malik Kashif x1)
No updates were reported.
- o) Greek System Representatives (Meghan Becker x1)
No updates were reported.
- p) Graduate Student Representatives (Parissa Brown, Nathaniel Smith-Tyge)
BROWN stated there were no updates to report.

SMITH-TYGE stated there were no updates to report.
- q) Faculty Representatives (Whitney Miller, Sarah Nicholls)
NICHOLLS stated there are no updates to report.

MILLER stated that the gate arm from lot 32 was missing and reported students were parking in the lot due to the missing arm.

PRUSH stated that he would check into it.

DISCUSSION of CHIEF DUNLAP'S DIRECTIVES

Accessibility:

PRUSH stated that Dr. Maleck had completed his inventory of accessible concerns across campus.

PRUSH showed several examples of the pictures from Dr. Maleck's inventory.

PRUSH stated that if there were items that member's noticed, that they should bring those to his attention at the AUTTC meetings.

RUTAN stated that people could report accessible concerns at the RCPD website, www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs/architecturalaccess.

BROWN stated that there was an application for phones where you could download and record what was malfunctioning and report it.

Harmony in Mobility:

i. International Students

PRUSH stated that there were two-part sessions with the Office of International Student Services (OISS) and the MSU Police to discuss driving and parking with international students and employees. He continued that on the OISS website there were videos that included how to interact with the police.

ii. Scooters and Mopeds

PRUSH stated that scooters and mopeds were treated as motor vehicles while driving and had to register with the MSU Parking Office. He continued that they were not allowed to drive on sidewalks. He stated that the police were allowed to cite if people were disobeying the laws.

KASHIF stated that he had witnessed people parking and storing mopeds and bikes behind the stairs since the weather had become poor.

PRUSH stated that the police could give citations if the mopeds or bikes were impeding paths and entrances, but that would usually start with a warning or parking could write a violation and impound.

NOWICKI commented that DPPS had been great at responding to complaints and issuing violations and impounding mopeds that had been parked in a building.

MILLER asked if moped specific parking had been researched.

PRUSH stated that it may be a good idea to be brought up in a meeting.

iii. Skateboards

PRUSH stated that skateboards were treated as pedestrians in roadways. He continued that they were not allowed in bike lanes. He stated that MSU had signage stating that there was no skateboarding in prohibited areas. He stated that the police responded when a call was placed for destruction of property.

NICHOLLS stated that both Penn State and Missouri State Universities did not allow skateboarding/ longboarding on campus.

NICHOLLS asked if there was research from Olin on accident data from skateboard specific accidents.

PRUSH responded that it would likely be lumped in with pedestrian statistics.

FASHBAUGH stated that the University knows it's a problem but that it may never be stopped. He stated that the best bet was to make people aware and enforce when the problem was occurring.

NOWICKI asked if there was a way to administer a simple test so people to know the rules of the road.

MILLER asked if there was a simple test for mopeds and bike riders as well.

RUTAN stated that maybe we could share the rules through signage as well as post in buildings and with communities.

BROWN suggested that the University share the rules by reaching out to mentors and resident hall staff who must meet with students.

SMITH-TYGE stated that we also need to change the behaviors of those seasoned students who may be providing inaccurate information and bending the rules.

DYER-DECKROW stated that students communicating information to students would be better than an authoritative figure doing so.

BROWN stated that public service announcements might be a good option.

- iv. CATA
- v. Private Buses on Campus

PRUSH stated that CATA was the contracted mass-transit service for campus. He stated that the police department was allowed to control transit on campus. He continued that other buses were similar to a taxi service.

MILLER recommended that the AUTTC suggest that Chief Dunlap request schedules from outside bus services and obtain the rules for riding their buses.

SMITH-TYGE asked if the Lodges buses were conflicting with traffic and ruining our campus and grass areas when loading and unloading on non-paved areas. He agreed that polices and schedules should be acquired.

PRUSH stated that he would discuss with Chief Dunlap.

- vi. Zip Cars

PRUSH stated that there were six Zip Cars on campus. He stated that the parking spaces were leased by Zip Car. He continued that an individual could become a Zip Car member and have access to Zip Cars in other states.

- vii. Electric Cars

PRUSH stated that the electric vehicle power stations were managed by IPF. He reported that there were five locations: Two in Lot 79, two in the Kellogg Ramp and one near Life Sciences. He added that the life sciences space and equipment was paid for by the department who had requested it.

NEW AUTTC WEBSITE

PRUSH introduced features of the proposed AUTTC website.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Draft Education priorities
- 2) MSU Bicycle Advisory Committee

CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING

- 1) Construction Junction: 8:30am, February 13, Anthony Hall Room 1279
- 2) AUTTC 2:30-5pm, March 20th, 2014, MSU Police Department- Community Room

ADJOURNMENT