

ALL-UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

PRESENT

GROLL, HOLLIS, KACOS, KNOOIHUIZEN, MAGOMBO, MARTENIUK, MARTIN-STONEY, NICHOLLS, NOWICKI, POTTER, PRUSH, RICE, RUTAN, SILVER

ABSENT

CALDWELL, DYER-DECKROW, GREENE, LUDMAN, MOSES, ROBERTSON, WIEBRECHT

GUESTS

PEYTON LOMBARDO: SITTING IN FOR COLIN WIEBRECHT

CALL TO ORDER

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

NICHOLLS welcomed the committee and attendees introduced themselves.

2014-2015 CHAIR- NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

KACOS nominated Sarah Nicholls to serve as chair for next year.

MARTIN-STONEY supported that vote.

No discussion or other nominations.

ALL in favor.

NO abstentions.

NO oppositions.

REVIEW and APPROVAL OF AGENDA

POTTER moved to approve agenda.

PRUSH 2nd that motion.

Approval of agenda.

ALL in favor.

NO abstentions.

NO oppositions.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

PRUSH moved to approve March Minutes

MARTIN-STONEY 2nd that motion.

Approval of March Minutes.

ALL in favor.

NO abstentions.

NO oppositions.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

Prush moved to approve April Minutes.

POTTER 2nd that motion.

Approval of April Minutes.

ALL in favor.

NO abstentions.

NO oppositions.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES and REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

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

PRUSH stated that outside of Student Services, MSU is piloting a digital payment kiosk, which is a multi-space meter. Does credit card, cash, and coin. This is pay by plate.

PRUSH stated that the MSU Police Department is working the Communication Arts to produce better safety messages, and how we can best reach our target audiences.

NICHOLLS asked what the time line in for that study.

PRUSH stated that it would be a 2 year study. It is a 3 phase process. They are collecting data and have currently in phase one.

POTTER asked if we are working with the Communication Arts College.

PRUSH stated that professor Donahue is who is heading the project and has a few graduate students assigned to the project.

b) Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (Jeff Groll)

GROLL stated that they are working on the timing of traffic signals campus wide. Right now the issues are tabled and IPF is currently waiting on data from Stephanie O'Donnell to move forward.

PRUSH stated that MSU Police contracted with URS to do a study and traffic diagrams so that campus signals was in alignment with MDOT standards of 80 second cycles for better flow of traffic.

PRUSH stated that the study is complete. Now the next phase is implementation. It is not a matter of just changing the timing. Some of the changes require full equipment changes. So whole light fixtures need to be upgraded.

NICHOLLS asked if the committee would like to request a full report of the study for next meeting.

PRUSH stated that he will invite Stephanie O'Donnell our traffic engineer, to come and speak on the topic at the next month's meeting.

c) Campus Planning and Administration (Jeff Kacos)

KACOS stated that this our last academic year of the contract MSU has with CATA. They have been providing service for campus since 1998. MSU is looking to extent that contract with CATA.

KACOS is asking for feedback on opinion of CATA's services, are they meeting our needs, or does anyone have any concerns.

KACOS asked that if anyone had any comments or opinions to add to please email him.

NICHOLLS asked if it would be possible for KACOS to share his results from the emails and meetings with CATA at the next AUTTC meeting.

KACOS stated that that would be possible.

d) Mass Transit (Matt Greene)

No updates were reported.

e) Office of Campus Sustainability (Judy Marteniuk)

MARTENIUK stated that October 4th there will be a recycling event at Chippewa Middle School.

MARTENIUK stated that September 28th the MSU Organic Farms is having a farm tour.

POTTER stated that MSU Bikes held a bike in movie night about living sustainably.

f) MSU Bike Service Center (Tim Potter)

POTTER stated that MSU has put in new Sharrow signs in the pavement at the Collingwood entrance to campus.

POTTER stated some of the signage around campus in bike lanes are being updated.

POTTER stated that the newly reconstructed river trail was a huge project over the summer. Path was done from the Sparty Statue to just short of farm lane.

POTTER stated that he met with IPF and Landscape Services to review some sightline areas that he thought were a concern. Clearing bushes and shrubbery that are obstructing views of traffic.

g) Auxiliary Enterprises, Residential and Hospitality Services

No updates were reported.

h) Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (Virginia Rutan)

RUTAN stated that since the first day classes started she has 42 students that have self-identified as distracted accidents.

RUTAN stated that the bike paths are great. She mentioned that Mike Hudson from her department was working with university entities to get grading done on the bike paths for people who are visually impaired or blind.

i) Ombudsperson (Bob Caldwell)

No updates were reported.

- j) Union Representatives (Danielle Martin-Stoney, Jeanette Robertson, Robert Nowicki)

MARTIN-STONEY stated there was nothing to report.

NOWICKI stated there was nothing to report.

- k) Office of Student Affairs and Services (Pat Dyer-Deckrow)

No updates were reported.

- l) Associated Students of MSU Representatives (Colin Wiebrecht, Wyatt Ludman)

No updates were reported.

- m) Residence Hall Representatives (5x)

No updates were reported.

- n) University Apartment Representatives (2x)

MAGOMBO stated there was nothing to report.

MAGOMBO mentioned that at their UACOR meeting in previous week, many of the students were concerned with bus 20 not coming through Spartan Village on the weekends.

KACOS stated that bus 39 goes through Spartan Village and then to the transit station regularly.

MAGOMBO stated that the Spartan Village residents thought that maybe a special bus from Spartan Village to Meijer or Kroger would be a possibility.

KACOS stated that the major problem is the weekends. But CATA has agreed to run bus 20 through Spartan Village during periods when classes are not in session. Maybe we can ask if it would be possible to do weekends as well.

- o) Greek System Representatives (Kristine Knooihuizen)

KNOOIHUIZEN stated there was nothing to report.

- p) Graduate Student Representatives (Sam Moses)

No updates were reported.

- q) Faculty Representatives (Meghan Hollis, Sarah Nicholls, Breezy Silver)

NICHOLLS stated there was nothing to report.

HOLLIS stated there was nothing to report.

SILVER stated there was nothing to report.

REVIEW OF 2013-2014 AUTTC RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORT

HOLLIS stated that in addition to no bicycles, adding no scooter and no moped signs as well.

NICHOLLS asked how we could get more students to the meeting.

LOMBARDO stated that the length of the meetings are very long, so that might be a deterrent.

NICHOLLS stated that the meeting has actually been shortened but obviously not enough.

NICHOLLS asked if we should cut the number of student seats, try different ways to fill the seats, or adding an at large seat.

LOMBARDO stated that the incentive would be a great way to get students come.

NICHOLLS stated that to her understanding that for every month a student came to the AUTTC meeting the following month they would receive a free month long parking pass.

PRUSH stated that in the past that we have filled those requests.

NICHOLLS asked if we could negotiate the same benefit from CATA.

KACOS stated that we would have to discuss with CATA.

NICHOLLS asked if we could reinstate the parking pass.

PRUSH stated that the pass permit is in existence and we can process it like before.

PRUSH stated that the bus pass in addition to a parking pass option would be a great addition.

PRUSH stated that the month long bus pass is \$18.

NICHOLLS stated that the 2nd topic to be discussed was the increase in parking. Maybe a subcommittee looking into other schools and how they change their rates would be good.

PRUSH and GROLL accepted to be on the subcommittee to look into parking rate discussions.

CORRESPONDENCE and PUBLIC COMMENT

NICHOLLS asked if we should include a February AUTTC meeting in addition to the Construction Junction meeting.

PRUSH yes that sounds excellent.

NICHOLLS asked if PRUSH would check with both Chief Dunlap and Stephanie O'Donnell and invite them to next month's meeting.

PRUSH stated that he would do that.

NEXT MEETING

AUTTC 2:30-5pm October 16th, 2014, MSU Police Department- Community Room

ADJOURNMENT