

ALL-UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2014

PRESENT

BANDROWSKI, GROLL, KACOS, KIRBY, LUDMAN, NICHOLLS, NOWICKI, POTTER, PRUSH, RICE, SILVER, SLOAN

ABSENT

CALDWELL, DYER-DECKROW, HOLLIS, KNOOIHUIZEN, LOMBARDO, MAGOMBO, MARTENIUK, MARTIN-STONEY, MOSES, RUTAN, WIEBRECHT

GUESTS

LT. RANDY HOLTON: MSU POLICE

MATT GREENE: CATA

NICK JONES: CATA

CALL TO ORDER

1435

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

NICHOLLS welcomed the committee and attendees introduced themselves.

PRESENTATIONS/ DISCUSSIONS

A. RANDY HOLTON: DPPS Pedestrian Safety Campaign

HOLTON gave statistics and stories on bike vs bike, bike vs. vehicle, and bike vs. pedestrian accidents on campus.

HOLTON stated that he took it upon himself to try and share information about pedestrian and bicycle safety on campus.

HOLTON stated that this campaign is not about writing tickets, it is about sharing information on the rules and regulations.

HOLTON stated that we have a campus ordinance that bicycles are NOT allowed on the sidewalks.

HOLTON stated that he has noticed that since he has shared this information with this campaign, accidents have gone down.

LUDMAN asked if the rules and safety recommendations were listed while registering a bicycle.

PRUSH stated that there is a quiz on the registration site, but it is optional.

BANDROWSKI asked if there was a way to add more bike paths on campus.

HOLTON stated that adding bike paths are very expensive. As roads are being redone, bike lanes are being added at that time.

HOLTON stated that we can only promote what the law is.

POTTER stated that the state law says that bicyclist are allowed to ride on the right side of the road.

HOLTON stated that there have been no reported accidents of bicyclist in the bike lanes. All the accidents have been with bikes on the sidewalks.

NICHOLLS asked Holton to mention the presentations to the international students.

HOLTON stated that he presents to the incoming students on safety, the police department, 911 calls, and traffic safety.

NICHOLLS asked what the AUTTC committee can do to help with this campaign.

HOTLON stated that the message to the community needs to be consistent and widely spread.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

POTTER moved to approve agenda.

PRUSH 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion.

Approval of agenda.

ALL in favor.

NO abstentions.

NO oppositions.

#### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

POTTER asked that the word Share-o to Sharrow in item F of September Minutes.

PRUSH moved to approve agenda.

KACOS 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion.

Approval of agenda.

ALL in favor.

NO abstentions.

NO oppositions.

## REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

PRUSH asked that the word enforcement be changed to education in his statement about Chief Dunlap's directives.

PRUSH moved to approve agenda.

KACOS 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion.

Approval of agenda.

ALL in favor.

NO abstentions.

NO oppositions.

### B. PRUSH and NICHOLLS: 2014-2015 Directives from Chief Dunlap

#### a. Proposed Survey of Campus Community

NICHOLLS stated that Chief Dunlap's primary objective is to focus on the Harmony and Mobility directive from last year.

NICHOLLS is hoping to get a written directive for next year's goals from Chief Dunlap.

NICHOLLS mentioned that a survey of campus was being worked on to send out to poll campus for information.

PRUSH stated that the MSU Police Department hired the communications arts department for a 2 year project to build surveys to ask the MSU Community what they know about what information the Police Department is trying to get out.

PRUSH stated that one survey has already gone out to a student constituency and next will be faculty staff. These surveys will be sent out at regular intervals.

PRUSH stated that in one of the future surveys AUTTC will be able to ask questions about campus safety.

NICHOLLS stated that and invite to Dr. Donoghue would be sent out for him to join the next AUTTC meeting.

### C. ROBERT NOWICKI: Parking Permit Rates

NOWICKI stated that all schools are different, so there is a lot of variance.

NOWICKI stated that MSU rates are lower than a lot of other campuses.

PRUSH stated that MSU's rates are a bit below average compared to other campuses.

PRUSH shared a parking validation sheet with the committee and gave presentation on parking.

NICHOLLS stated that since the university just had a parking increase this year, that there would not be another increase for another 2 years.

PRUSH confirmed that that was correct.

#### D. JEFF KACOS: CATA Survey

KACOS stated that this is the universities last year of contract with CATA.

KACOS stated that he wanted to see what the MSU community was looking for from CATA. He met with multiple university groups to get their input.

KACOS stated that in general the MSU community was satisfied with the service that CATA is providing. But there is room for improvement.

KACOS stated that the reoccurring themes for improvement were, that there should be a mobile app to show the times for specific bus routes.

KACOS stated that CATA is working on a project for an application to be created.

KACOS stated that another issue brought up during meeting with groups was the aggressive driving, rude behavior and other incidents, with the CATA bus drivers.

KACOS stated that the campus groups were concerned about a rate increase for the use of CATA on campus.

KACOS stated that the most frequent complaint from groups was the buses being too full or late during the colder months and were unable to ride when desired.

#### DEPARTMENT UPDATES and REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

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

PRUSH stated that he received communication via the AUTTC website that a pedestrian sign, on Bogue and Wilson road near the FRIB project, was pushed aside and not visible.

PRUSH stated that Stephanie O'Donnell the university traffic engineer was working with landscape services to address the issue.

PRUSH stated that MSU Police is piloting license plate recognition scanning on some of the parking enforcement cars. This goes hand in hand with the pay by plate meters that have been installed at student services.

PRUSH stated that parking is trying to replace the meters in the bottom of ramps to make it more customer friendly and easier.

SLOAN stated that the signage must be altered to make it easier for elderly to use this new technology.

PRUSH stated that the signage would indeed be altered to assist people with using the new machines.

b) Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (Jeff Groll)

GROLL stated that back up cameras are being installed, and employees are being trained in using them, for the IPF service vehicles with obstructed views.

c) Campus Planning and Administration (Jeff Kacos)

KACOS stated there was nothing to report.

d) Mass Transit (Deborah Kirby)

KIRBY stated that pedestrians on campus are causing trouble for CATA drivers by not paying attention to where they are walking and blindly walking into crosswalks in front of the buses.

KIRBY stated that there should a blanket rule for when it is required for pedestrians to yield and not yield, and the information should be shared campus wide.

KACOS stated that students thought it would be helpful if students could participate in CATA drivers training program.

KIRBY stated that she would pass that thought on to CATA and see what they have to say.

e) Office of Campus Sustainability (Judy Marteniuk)

No updates were reported.

f) MSU Bike Service Center (Tim Potter)

POTTER stated the MSU Bike Shop is doing a series of winter riding tips that are free.

g) Auxiliary Enterprises, Residential and Hospitality Services

No updates were reported.

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

No updates were reported.

i) Ombudsperson (Bob Caldwell)

No updates were reported.

j) Union Representatives (Danielle Martin-Stoney, Pam Sloan, Robert Nowicki)

SLOAN stated there was nothing to report

NOWICKI stated that there has been a lot of close calls of bike vs pedestrian incidents behind the auditorium headed to the river.

NOWICKI stated that another topic brought up to him, was that foreign students are walking in the streets instead of on sidewalks and if officers could possibly stop the offender when this occurs.

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)( Blake Bandrowski)

BANDROWSKI stated that the architects showed plans for new apartments over by the old MSP post location and they look promising. Possible breaking ground for project in 2017.

n) University Apartment Representatives (2x)

No updates were reported.

o) Greek System Representatives (Kristine Knooihuizen)

No updates were reported.

p) Graduate Student Representatives (Sam Moses)

No updates were reported.

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

SILVER stated there was nothing to report.

NICHOLLS stated there was nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE and PUBLIC COMMENT

GROLL asked PRUSH if there was a way to map out specific accident locations on campus.

PRUSH stated that the accident form is more general so it's the nearest cross street. Not an exact location.

NOWICKI stated that he was concerned about moped parking near buildings, hindering the removal of snow in the upcoming season.

PRUSH stated that he would pass along to parking enforcement to target those areas to get them cleared out.

NEXT MEETING

AUTTC 2:30-5pm December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, MSU Police Department- Community Room

ADJOURNMENT