

## Summary of AUTTC and 2016-17 Activities

The All University Traffic and Transportation Committee (AUTTC) met nine times in 2016-17 (in September, October, November, December, January, February (two meetings), April and for a special meeting in May). Committee members are listed in Appendix A.

Throughout the year AUTTC hosted presentations by:

- John Prush (Deputy Director of Management Services Bureau, Department of Police and Public Safety (DPPS)) on parking and implementation of the *Move Safe* campaign;
- Stephanie O'Donnell (MSU Traffic Engineer, DPPS) on pedestrian and traffic safety;
- Steve Troost (Campus Planner, Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (IPF)) on the Campus Master Plan;
- Betty Shanahan (Office of the Executive VP for Administrative Services) on the Campus Mobility Plan;
- Debbie Alexander (Assistant Executive Director, Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)) on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project;
- Kami Silk and Andy Grayson (MSU Bike Collaborative);
- Nick Lauria (SeeClickFix);
- Jeff Groll (IPF) on IPF use of GPS;
- Lorenzo Santavicca (President, ASMSU) on a student survey conducted with RHS regarding mopeds and mobility on campus.

The directive for AUTTC from the Police Chief/Director of Department of Police and Public Safety (Chief Dunlap) remained focused on the achievement of *Harmony in Mobility* across campus. AUTTC's recommendations related to this directive, as well as other traffic, transportation and parking issues, are reported below.

The new AUTTC website, developed in 2014 (<http://auttc.msu.edu/>), continues to receive periodic input from the campus community via its comment section; this function enables any individual to report a traffic/transportation concern and, if applicable, to pinpoint the location of the issue on a campus map. Comments are immediately forwarded to the AUTTC Chair (Nicholls) and to DPPS (Prush and Rice) who can then respond to the individual, report the concern at the next AUTTC meeting and/or forward the concern to the appropriate campus entity/individual. Listings of AUTTC members, meeting dates and minutes are also posted on this website.

In AUTTC 2015-2016 advised DPPS regarding development of a new website, *Move Safe* (<http://movesafe.police.msu.edu/>). *Move Safe* is a safety campaign designed to promote harmony in mobility across campus; the *Move Safe* website features sections devoted to walking, cycling, driving, and riding a moped/scooter at MSU. The *Move Safe* site was publicly launched in March 2016.

## **Chief Dunlap's Directive: *Harmony in Mobility***

*AUTTC should make recommendations on how to successfully continue the blend of all modes of transportation on campus.*

This directive has been the primary focus of AUTTC discussion since the 2013-14 academic year. During that year, a survey of AUTTC members conducted by Chair Nicholls identified pedestrian safety and scooters/mopeds as committee members' top two concerns. A follow-up survey identified the following, more specific issues to be of special concern:

Related to pedestrian safety:

- Crossing the road in the wrong place/at the wrong time;
- Distracted walking (i.e., walking while talking on phone, texting, listening to music; walking in large groups, etc.);
- Presence of/interaction with unauthorised users on the sidewalk (bikes, scooters, mopeds, etc.).

Related to scooters/mopeds:

- Driving issues
  - Improper use of road lanes (driving in the wrong lane, weaving, etc.);
  - Driving on the sidewalk.
- Parking issues (where and how they do and should park).

## **AUTTC Recommendations to Chief Dunlap Regarding *Harmony in Mobility***

1. AUTTC recommends that DPPS continues operation of the Move Safe campaign. The committee further recommends continued identification of new venues via which to promote the campaign (in person and print, and via campus radio and TV, social media, the *Move Safe* website, etc.).
2. AUTTC supports the adoption of a Vision Zero resolution for campus. The goal of such a resolution is to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries within a defined community, while increasing safe, healthy and equitable mobility for all. Adoption of a Vision Zero resolution includes agreement on a timeline via which to achieve this goal and encourages the bringing together of stakeholders to improve the safety of all people as they move about their community or campus.
3. AUTTC supports allocation of the resources necessary to install and regularly maintain sharrows (shared lane markings) on all core campus roads where bike lanes are planned but have yet to be installed as well as on narrow roads that will not support a bike lane in their current configuration.
4. With respect to regulation of mopeds on campus, specifically the new parking and registration rules announced in April 2017 for original enforcement commencing August 2017, AUTTC recommends a series of revisions that will allow additional consideration of logistical issues in a timeframe more agreeable to the student body:
  - a) Active enforcement of a \$50 moped registration fee on campus starting August 2017.
  - b) Active enforcement of the requirement to turn off and dismount from mopeds *before* entering the sidewalk, and the walking/pushing of mopeds to current parking areas next to bicycle racks, starting August 2017.
  - c) Ongoing collection and analysis of data regarding 2017-2018 moped registrations, moped rider behavior and moped parking, to be used to formulate a new policy regarding moped parking starting August 2018.

## **Other AUTTC Recommendations and Concerns**

1. AUTTC supports IPF Telecommunication's request for a new mobile reporting tool for faculty, staff and students which would allow users to submit concerns/requests regarding facility and grounds issues and would include the capability of capturing images and location. Such a system would allow for more timely trouble reporting and reduce consumer confusion and frustration with the current reporting system.
2. AUTTC continues to struggle to attract consistent student representation, despite restructuring of the bylaws to remove the residency requirements (on v. off campus) for the ASMSU, RHA and COGS seats. The incentive to participate (the choice of a free parking permit, CATA pass or bicycle rental for each month following a student's participation in a meeting) will continue to be offered. As in previous years, invitations to participate on AUTTC will be sent to all of these organizations at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Traffic safety (motorized, bicycle and pedestrian) along East Shaw Lane around the cyclotron construction area continued to be a concern during the 2016-2017 year.

## Topics for Consideration in 2017-2018

Topics for consideration by AUTTC in 2017-2018 include:

1. Identification of ways in which AUTTC can continue to assist DPPS with continued and effective operationalization of the *Move Safe* campaign and the addition of relevant content to the *Move Safe* website.
2. Identification of ways in which AUTTC can assist with achievement of gold or platinum status from the League of American Bicyclists *Bicycle Friendly University* program (current status = silver).
3. Continued monitoring of CATA's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and identification of issues appropriate for consideration by AUTTC.
4. Continued development and monthly presentation/tracking of an AUTTC "dashboard," to include a selection of metrics available from DPPS and of relevance to AUTTC's mission (e.g., parking permits sold, numbers of traffic accidents (including those involving pedestrians and cyclists), etc.).
5. Review of parking rates for retirees and during special events.
6. Other topics as directed by Chief Dunlap.

## Appendix A – AUTTC Members for 2016-17

- Three faculty representatives, recommended by the Committee on Academic Governance (*Fayyaz Hussain, Sarah Nicholls, Breezy Silver*).
- Four students recommended by the Associated Students of MSU (ASMSU) (*Jason Barnett (did not attend any meetings), Jonathan Grant through October 2016, Arshdeep Kohli (did not attend any meetings), Katherine (Cookie) Rifiotis*).
- Five residence hall students, recommended by the Residence Halls Association (RHA) (*Lauren Bernhardt through October 2016, all seats vacant since November 2016*).
- Two graduate students, recommended by the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) (*Nate Smith-Tyge through September 2016, Stefan Cerbin and Nicholas Ronnei as of October 2016*).
- One University Apartment resident – recommended by the University Apartments Council of Residents (UACOR) (*vacant all year*).
- Two students recommended by the governing councils of the MSU Greek system (*Mianna Webber, other seat vacant all year*).
- Three union representatives – one each from the Administrative Professional Association (APA)/Administrative Professional Supervisors Association (APSA), the Clerical-Technical Union (CTU), and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 1585/AFSCME 999/547 Operating Engineers (*Robert Nowicki through October 2016, Jim Rhodes through October 2016, Pam Sloan, Susan Velianoff as of May 2017*).
- One representative from the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD) (*Virginia Rutan*).
- One representative from the Office of Campus Sustainability (*Judy Marteniuk*).
- One representative from Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (IPF) (any unit) (*Jeffrey Groll*).
- One representative from IPF Transportation Services (*Brian Wolfe as of October 2016*).
- One representative from IPF Planning, Design and Construction (*Steve Troost*).
- One representative from Auxiliary Enterprises (*Joe Petroff as of October 2016*).
- One representative from the Office of Student Affairs and Services (*vacant all year*).
- One representative from the MSU mass transit service provider (CATA) (*Deborah Kirby*).
- One representative from the MSU Bikes (*Tim Potter*).
- One representative from the MSU Department of Police and Public Safety (*John Prush*).
- The University Ombudsman (or designee) who serves as a non-voting advisor and resource person to the AUTTC (*Robert Caldwell*).
- Executive Secretary: Kate Rice through December 2016, Kristine Shroyer as of November 2016, both with Department of Police and Public Safety