

ALL-UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2018

PRESENT:

CLABEAUX, GROLL, NICHOLLS, POTTER, PRUSH, SHROYER, SILVER, SLOAN, TROOST, WANDYEZ, WINOWIECKI

ABSENT:

CALDWELL, DAI, GAJDA, GUSTAFSON, HUSSAIN, KINNEY, KIRBY, LAING, MARTENIUK, PETROFF, RUTAN, VELIANOFF, WINKLER, WOLFE

GUESTS:

CARLA IANSITI, sitting in for Joe Petroff  
BILL MCCONNELL

CALL TO ORDER:

1501

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

NICHOLLS welcomed the committee and attendees introduced themselves.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

NO approval of Agenda – quorum not met.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES:

NO approval of January minutes – quorum not met.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Moped Parking Locations (PRUSH)

PRUSH shared a recent presentation with VP Vinnie Gore from the office of Auxiliary Enterprises, presenting an overview on the moped parking plan based on the recommendations from this committee; noting existing issues with moped parking and recommendations that all mopeds be registered.

- PRUSH explained the phases involved:
  - Phase I: 2017-2018 academic year – all mopeds required to be registered
  - Phase 2: 2018-2019 academic year – all mopeds prohibited to park at bike racks
- PRUSH noted the solicitation of feedback from RHA and ASMSU on the moped pilot spaces. Currently, lots 70, 74, 64 and 22 house these spaces.
- PRUSH stated the Police Dept. communication plan on moped policies will be pushed out through social media, police website, Move Safe Campaign, press releases and a campaign plan to push out through Facebook/Twitter.

- PRUSH stated that the Police Dept. has made a decision to wait until after spring break to ramp up and push out this communication. Beginning Fall Semester, mopeds will need to park in designated moped spaces.

NICHOLLS questioned exactly when after spring break would the release take place.

PRUSH stated immediately; basing this decision on when people remember best.

POTTER questioned if the proposed sites on the current map are the same as presented last year.

PRUSH noted that the current map has been “mega” expanded with more concentration focused around residence halls.

TROOST highlighted on a meeting with Broad College of Business regarding the implementation on the river trail extension project coming this summer; expressing the colleges concerns with parking and how enforcement will be involved.

PRUSH noted unable to predict capacity, stating the Police Dept. has stepped up enforcement in order to curb the problem.

WANDYEZ expressed his concerns on the silliness of the proposed solution to get mopeds off sidewalks; reasoning that students travel less than a mile, but would now have to park farther out. Also, claiming no moped accident/injury data to really justify the expense of designating parking.

SLOAN stated the moped designated parking plan is to support state law.

TROOST noted complaints received on mopeds blocking emergency regress routes.

PRUSH questioned WANDYEZ what he would propose to be a solution.

WANDYEZ suggested adding speed bumps, entry point enforcement and more parking spaces closer to classes.

PRUSH stated the overall goal is to shift the trends and behaviors and that the moped population on campus is on the rise.

SLOAN questioned if data is available reflecting how many students, per class level, have registered mopeds.

PRUSH stated data on hand is by residence hall counts; 800 of the 1200 are off campus students.

NICHOLLS stated that the current generation of students will have a reaction, but in a few years’ time, new students coming to campus will not know any different.

POTTER commented on an analysis, ranging back to 2010, reflecting campus moped crash data, ([michigantrafficroashfacts.org](http://michigantrafficroashfacts.org)) sharing the following statistics:

- 2010: 5 crashes
- 2011 to 2013: 7 crashes (flat lined)
- 2014: 12 crashes
- 2015: 22 crashes

WINOWIECKI questioned if the signage at bike racks currently states “mopeds” and will this change with the campaign roll out.

PRUSH noted that the signage has not changed, but should, so no false pretense is given. Police Dept. does have temporary signage.

b. Parking Violations Fines/Fees Structure (Prush)

PRUSH recapped that fine amounts for parking violations are set by the MSU Board of Trustees through a university ordinance.

- PRUSH noted the most common issued violations (fines set by ordinance) are the following:
  - Prohibitions and Restrictions/\$25.00
  - Meter/\$15.00 (\$10.00 if paid within 24 hours)
- PRUSH noted that some fine amounts have not been adjusted in 10 to 20 years; university fines are at (or) lower than average.
- PRUSH stated Police Dept. would like feedback from the committee on what violation fine amounts should be changed including late and administration handling fees.
- PRUSH noted that the current late fee of \$10.00 is assessed after 7 days and an additional \$5.00 is added after 10 days for administrative handling.
- PRUSH suggested recommendations from the committee to possibly combine the late/administrative fee, if fees should be changed at all and (or) proposal to Board of Trustees to amend the ordinances to change the fine amount for parking violations.

SLOAN questioned if the Parking Division has the ability to place a hold on a student account for outstanding violations.

PRUSH stated that DPPS has control to place holds on student accounts through Delinquent Receivables after 45 days has transpired. Violations will then transfer after 150 days (on average) to the 54B District Court with authority to place holds on driver's license, vehicle registration and bench warrant.

POTTER questioned which of the parking violation types gets the most abuse by the student body.

PRUSH noted meter violations; recommending an increase to \$25.00.

CLABEAUX commented on a recent RHA meeting where students voiced their outrage at the money grabbing and gouging from parking violations.

SLOAN stated that parking illegally is breaking the law and agrees that parking violations should be increased.

NICHOLLS highlighted on PRUSH'S suggestions from the January meeting (minutes - pg. 5) of the proposed changes.

POTTER reflected on CLABEAUX comment to money grabbing/gouging of students; suggested that the media push on mopeds should reflect/outline the disbursement of revenue from fines (ex. enhance safety on campus).

PRUSH was in agreement, waiting for DPPS to address Board of Trustees for review; not changing unless board agrees.

SLOAN questioned the number of violations that are issued to students' verses non-students.

PRUSH stated violations are issued to vehicles with no awareness to the identity of ownership.

CLABEAUX suggested a potential webpage needed to support how funds are generated from paid violations.

PRUSH noted that funds are reflected in the annual budget report which does include enforcement (police.msu.edu website).

NICHOLLS noted because of no quorum committee unable to vote, impacting the ability to move forward with fines/fees structure.

c. AUTTC Forum (All)

NICHOLLS reflected upon her meeting with Wolfgang Bauer; suggesting to wait until Police Dept. makes their communication move. Possibly scheduling forum for last week in March/1<sup>st</sup> week in April.

PRUSH clarified that forum is AUTTC choice and should not be influence by Police Dept.; moving forward at the appropriate time.

POTTER suggested moving forward after spring break and not to postpone.

NICHOLLS asked committee for any pros/cons or strong opinions for forum.

- NICHOLLS noted Friday being the best day of the week to hold forum, also proposing to move March meeting to 22<sup>nd</sup> and hosting forum on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- NICHOLLS noted committee in agreement to changing March meeting to the 22<sup>nd</sup> and forum on the 23<sup>rd</sup>; reaching out to absent members via email.

SLOAN questioned individual committee members' roles in participating at forum.

NICHOLLS stated her expectations are that DPPS will present rules and proposals; PRUSH presenting with full committee present.

POTTER suggested asking union representatives for a statement on their thoughts of moped recommendations and new regulations.

SLOAN noted CTU union very strong in supporting of new regulations.

WINOWIECKI noted APSA group members' support; very concerned with current practices of mopeds at bike racks and on sidewalks.

NICHOLLS suggested that the communication email list should go to everyone on campus.

PRUSH suggesting inquiring the help of IT Services to possibly provide available email list.

d. AUTTC Reporting Line (Nicholls)

NICHOLLS highlighted on her meeting with Dr. Bauer; how both groups (entities) could work together more effectively.

- NICHOLLS noted that AUTTC currently reports to Chief of Police and that the committee is an advisory group with no budget; suggesting that it could be more effective to change the reporting line to someone more amenable in respects to budget and the ability to get things done (ex. Wolfgang Bauer's office).

POTTER/WANDYEZ favored in agreement with this suggestion.

NICHOLLS noted that Dr. Bauer continues to be focused with Mobility Plan/autonomous vehicles.

SILVER questioned what the change would bring to "our" connection with DPPS if the reporting line changed.

NICHOLLS stated that the committee would have a representative from DPPS, but committee would report to Satish Udpa.

TROOST noted that Satish, with the mobility plan under his wing, could be a good lineup in finding funding for future projects that could arise.

MCCONNELL shared a few thoughts and suggestions to shifting the reporting line to IPF; expressing his concerns that the current reporting line is strong on the enforcement and lacking on the engineering and education side.

- MCCONNELL mentioned that items/recommendations that the committee addresses traditionally fall and are implemented through IPF, so a reporting line in this direction would make greater sense as long as it did not complicate the enforcement side.
- MCCONNELL stated that in order to strengthen the communication and education side the reporting line should fall to the provost office; any engineering recommendations belong to IPF and parking recommendations belong to the Police Dept. Leaving an open question... "where is the bulk of the reporting going?"

NICHOLLS stated that all recommendations are shared at the end of the year with all relevant offices.

- NICHOLLS ended her meeting with Dr. Bauer agreeing on soliciting committee feedback/support in moving forward with a meeting with Satish.
- NICHOLLS noted no quorum at hand, but with general consensus she would move forward with this conversation/meeting.

NICHOLLS stated that no vote is necessary regarding conversation, but vote would be necessary before decision is made on reporting line.

NICHOLLS polled any committee members willing to be involved in the conversation with Wolfgang and Satish.

WANDYEZ and POTTER agreed to attend.

#### ELECTION(S) – INTERIM (2017-18) AND NEW (2018-19) CHAIR:

NICHOLLS noted no quorum at hand; no elections held.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 22 @ 3:00pm – International Center Spartan Room B

NICHOLLS noted committee discussion/agreement to move forward with forum on Friday, March 23 (12p-2p & 4p-6p)

ADJOURNMENT:

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NICHOLLS requested to adjourn meeting.

No quorum – COMMITTEE in agreement of adjournment.