All-University Traffic and Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2012

PRESENT

BUCKWALTER, DENEAU, FASHBAUGH, KACOS, MARTENIUK, NOWICKI, PEDRAZA, POLZIN, POTTER, REID, RICE, ROBERTSON, MILLER, CALDWELL.

ABSENT

BROWN, LI, MARTIN-STONEY, OTTARSON, SHAMASS, SIGNORINI

CALL TO ORDER

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ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FASHBAUGH motioned to approve the agenda.

POTTER seconded the motion.

The agenda was approved.

LAST MEETING MINUTES

RICE motioned to approve the March minutes with amendments.

MILLER seconded the motion.

All were in favor of the minutes being accepted with amendments.

The March 2012 minutes were approved.
CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

POTTER reported that he had received some input from RHA on the number of bike racks on campus.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Campus Planning and Administration:

KACOS stated there were no updates to report.

Department of Police:

RICE stated that there were no updates to report.

Transit – CATA:

KACOS reported that on MLK Day 2013 weekend service would be used versus regular service due to significantly fewer students on campus.

RICE stated that at the last CATA board meeting, he had inquired about the CATA representative not attending AUTTC meetings.

MSU Bikes:

POTTER reported that May was National Bike Month.

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD):

PEDRAZA stated that there were no updates to report.

Campus Sustainability

MARTENIUK stated that there were no updates to report.

Representative Reports

No updates were reported.
OLD BUSINESS

The revised AUTTC By-laws were reviewed.

POTTER moved to accept the updated by-laws as drafted. PEDRAZA seconded the motion.

Twelve members voted to accept the by-laws as written. None were opposed.

Members discussed and voted on the following draft recommendations to present to Dr. Poston.

1. Develop a formula to determine the amount of adequate bike and moped parking per building or campus area that is a ratio of building occupants and the number of bike or moped users. Perform annual surveys of campus locations to identify changing parking needs.

POTTER stated that perhaps this responsibility could fall under the pending communications position at the Physical Plant.

MILLER and REID both questioned what department would be responsible for conducting the surveys.

RICE reminded members that what the committee put forth to Dr. Poston were recommendations to be considered.

Twelve members were in favor of the recommendation, none were opposed.

2. Study current and new bike rack designs for future use. Address the following:
   a. Bike rack designs need to hold more bikes per rack and help keep bikes upright to help prevent damage to bikes and chance of personal injury.
   b. Consider retrofitting existing old style loops with crossbars to help hold bikes upright.
   c. In large demand areas and where possible continue the use of the “toaster” style racks to provide for the greatest orderly parking.
   d. Provide signage on proper locking techniques at locations to help prevent bikes falling and possible theft.
   e. Current racks are showing wear in terms of rust and peeling plastic coating requiring recoating as they age.

Members reviewed draft recommendation #2 and concluded with the following for each line:

   a. Accepted as written
   b. PEDRAZA suggested it read “Retrofit existing bicycle loops with crossbars to help hold bikes upright.”
   c. Change “toaster” to “old-style”
   d. Accepted as written
   e. POTTER stated suggested it read:”Repair current racks that show rust and/or peeling plastic coating.”

Twelve members were in favor of the recommendation, none were opposed.
3. Study the feasibility of providing lined and signed moped parking areas near residential neighborhoods and main academic buildings to reduce current parking issues and unauthorized use of pedestrian pathways for travel. Consider the following:
   a. Locate parking areas near adjacent roads to help reduce use of pedestrian walkways and trails by mopeds attempting to reach parking areas.
   b. Provide signage to mark moped vs. bike parking.
   c. Provide directional signage to bike and moped parking areas near all building entrances.
   d. Provide signage on main pedestrian and bike routes, like the river greenway area, to prohibit use of mopeds.

   PEDRAZA asked if the recommendation was to include ground markings and/or signs on metal posts to designate moped parking.

   KACOS stated that striping would require more maintenance. He continued that currently the racks indicated bicycle parking.

   RICE stated that when first considered moped parking at bicycle racks, the mopeds were more bike-like.

   Twelve members were in favor of the recommendation, none were opposed.

4. Install a pilot bike parking facility at a commuter lot to encourage additional bike vs. car use on campus, and decrease the reliance on parking spaces on campus. Options to include:
   a. Covered to provide weather protection.
   b. Secured to deter theft.
   c. Consider bike lockers and a rental fee structure to recover costs over useful life.

   RICE questioned who would handle the study and funding.

   Eleven members were in favor of the recommendation, one abstained.

5. Build a second campus transportation hub with bus service and fee based access to:
   a. Secure bike storage
   b. Locker rooms with showers
   c. “Do It Yourself” or staffed repair area

   MILLER stated that the proposed recommendation was ambitious and may require a feasibility study. She continued that this may be a frill that would not be supported by general funding.

   NOWICKI asked why it was needed and added that there would be safety/security issues.

   PEDRAZA stated that during hours of operation, the Intramural buildings (IM East and IM West) have access to showers.

   REID stated that there were shower facilities in the Chemistry Building.
POLZIN suggested that the recommendation be tabled until next year.

DENEAU asked if there was a motion to table the recommendation.

POLZIN motioned to table it.

NOWICKI seconded the motion.

Eleven members were in favor of tabling the recommendation. One was opposed.

6. Continue the implementation of the communication position approved from 2010-2011 AUTTC recommendations to provide information on:
   a. Bike Safety and Registration
   b. Moped Safety and Registration
   c. Promote MSU Bikes
   d. Promote CATA Use
   e. Promote other travel options: Zip cars, Walking, Commuter lots

REID suggested that it read: “Implement the communication position approved from 2010-2011...”

Twelve members were in favor of the recommendation, none were opposed.

7. Establish a funding source for bike and moped parking construction and maintenance modeled after the current campus motor vehicle system generating portions of the funding from permit fees and ordinance enforcement revenues.

KACOS suggested the first sentence to read: “Establish a recurring University bike and moped parking maintenance and construction fund.”

MILLER stated that the second sentence needed to be removed.

PEDRAZA asked if the recommendation was needed as Dr. Poston would determine if/how to fund.

DENEAU stated that the recommendation addressed that there was not a permanent funding source.

MILLER stated that recommendation #7 was similar to recommendation #3 and that it could be a subset of #3.

KACOS stated that there was a bicycle masterplan and that some of the bicycle and moped areas were updated in tandem with other construction.

Twelve members were in favor of the recommendation, none were opposed.
8. We recognize the need to raise funds to cover the increased costs associated with ongoing maintenance and building costs of motor vehicle parking based on the current model of parking being self-supporting. However, the proposed 3% increase for 2012-13 will further impinge on the already-tight household budgets for MSU faculty, staff, and graduate students. We therefore recommend holding the rate for faculty, staff, and graduate student parking at current 2011-12 levels. To replace the forgone revenue we recommend an increased fee for special events parking and parking violations. We further would like to recommend that the University establish a different funding model for all parking construction and maintenance, and provide parking to fulltime staff without charge.

POLZIN suggested that the recommendation include that the University explore how it might develop or establish a different funding model for parking lot construction and maintenance...”

FASHBAUGH agreed.

RICE stated that the recommendation was not realistic and that parking was self-supporting. He stated that in 1983 the Board voted it from a general-funding system to a self-supporting system. He continued that parking permit money went to support the system. RICE added that parking violation money went to address safety concerns, purchase the Aurora crossing system and other safety maintenance.

REID stated that it was worth looking into.

NOWICKI agreed.

KACOS stated that there were lower-cost alternatives, including the Commuter-Plus plan. He added that while not as convenient, it was an option.

NOWICKI replied that the options to parking other than in employee spaces nearer the workplace were not realistic for staff.

MILLER agreed and stated especially for those with mobility concerns.

PEDRAZA stated that the RCPD worked with the MSU population and SPEC-TRAN was used by many persons with accessibility concerns.

PEDRAZA questioned why the system should be changed.

Eleven members voted for the recommendation with amendments, one abstained.

MILLER asked why the AUTTC waited to vote on recommendations until the end of the year.

RICE stated that the committee needed to consider how Dr. Poston wanted them received. He continued that some issues may be resolved during the course of the year.

PEDRAZA stated that reporting at the end of the year allowed time for representatives to report back to their constituents and present draft recommendations at the public forum in February. He stated that he believed allowing time for additional input and consideration generated better recommendations for Dr. Poston to consider.
New Business

REID asked how many employees were utilizing the Commuter Plus permit.

RICE reported that about 10 people were using the plan.

MILLER asked if the Zip-Car program was successful.

RICE reported that it was being utilized, but not to the extent that Zip-Car was hoping.

DENEAU stated that he would be willing to serve as chair for 2012-2013. Quorum was no longer met. He was designated acting chair until quorum could be met and a vote could be made.

MILLER stated that she would be willing to serve as the Motorized Subcommittee chair.

POTTER stated that he would be willing to serve as the Non-Motorized Subcommittee chair.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.