All-University Traffic and Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2011

PRESENT

BRIESECKE, BUCKWALTER, DENEAU, FASHBAUGH, HAKARI, KACOS, LADUCA, MARTENIUK, MCCONNELL, NOWICKI, OTTARSON, PEDRAZA, POLZIN, POTTER, TUCKEY, RICE,

ABSENT

HARLEY, LEE, NAMIE, SHAMASS, SOFFIN, STUDENT AFFAIRS, UACOR

GUESTS

Lynnette Forman, MSU Parking Operations Manager, MSU Police Department
Stephanie Fox, MSU Traffic Engineer, MSU Police Department
Austin Crawley, MSU student traffic engineer, MSU Police Department
Sid Burgess, Government Relations Director, SeeClickFix

CALL TO ORDER

1401

ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

No

LAST MEETING MINUTES

FASHBAUGH motioned to approve the November 2010 minutes.
MCCONNELL seconded the motion.
All were in favor of the minutes being accepted as presented, none were opposed.
The November 2010 minutes were approved.
GUEST PRESENTATION

Via internet, Mr. Burgess described different aspects of SeeClickFix for reporting/monitoring municipal roadway concerns such as potholes. He stated that the program was accessible via Twitter, Facebook and email, and that a demo was available on YouTube.

Mr. Burgess stated that persons could use media, such as pictures and/or video, to support the reporting of a problem, making it easier to predetermine what action may be needed to address it.

Mr. Burgess stated that MSU may be most interested in the SeeClickFix Pro dashboard program. He continued that the program provided a real-time list of issues reported, allowed the fixer to respond to the public that issues were being worked on, had internal note capabilities, could drop date issues into Excel, PowerPoint or the issuer’s program and provided the responder the capability to acknowledge that an item had been repaired. He added that with the SeeClickFix PLUS program (which included the Pro capabilities) issues could be funneled to a category, then to a specific department and then to a specific person. [More information may be found at www.seeclickfix.com under About Us].

PEDRAZA asked if the program was accessible for someone who was visually impaired.

Mr. Burgess stated that it needed further investigation regarding accessibility.

POTTER asked what the most common export feature was, and if it would be compatible with MSU.

Mr. Burgess replied that the CSV was the most common, but if necessary it could be customized.

Mr. Burgess stated that the Pro Dashboard version was $40.00/month per account (i.e. 1 department = 1 account). He continued that the PLUS version was $100/month, but included mobile and I-Phone capabilities and that usually items were al a carte.

LADUCA and POTTER thanked Mr. Burgess for taking the time to present to the committee.

POTTER stated that SeeClickFix suggestion had been discussed as a possible recommendation last year.

MCCONNELL stated that there were already existing ways to report issues at the University and that creating another avenue of reporting them may be duplication. He posed whether it would work for MSU and who would distribute the issues.

LADUCA asked if the program could be placed on the MSU home page if it were implemented.

KACOS stated that the home page was carefully controlled and that the committee should not assume that it could be used.

PEDRAZA stated that the public forum provided the committee a platform on which to speak about issues and for constituents to respond.

FASHBAUGH stated that the Physical Plant may be interested in the system and that it may want to incorporate it into their system. He continued that there were avenues to report issues already established, including the operator forwarding concerns to the proper department or person.
MARTENIUK asked how long the SeeClickFix program had been in existence.

POTTER replied it had been operational for about two years and that Lansing used the program and was pleased with it. He continued that Kathy Lindahl was in contact with Lansing in regards. He added that the SeeClickFix program could be viewed at the Lansing website.

MCCONNELL stated that he believed the role of the committee was to concentrate on policy concerns and not day-to-day infrastructure concerns. He continued that whatever system was available for reporting these issues may not be the committee’s call and that a better system, than the one currently in use, may be available.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

POTTER stated that a bicyclist reported concern regarding an incident on Farm Lane where two pedestrians were getting ready to cross a crosswalk. The bicyclist reported that he had stopped to allow them to cross, but a couple of motorists behind him continued around him and proceeded to travel. POTTER forwarded BUCKWALTER the complaint that was submitted via SeeClickFix.

BRIESCHKE stated that he had received more calls regarding routes. He continued that if the committee had constituents that had concerns, that calls and emails could be forwarded to him.

HAKARI stated that he had received a concern of dim lighting when the person was walking between the MSU College of Law and the Wharton Center parking ramp.

RICE stated he would forward the concern on to the lighting committee. He continued that new generation lighting would be tested and was funded via Dr. Poston. He added that lighting issues were remediated as funding was available.

DENEAU stated that the route of the person walking would be helpful checking into the concern.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

*Campus Planning and Administration:*

There were no updates reported.

*Department of Police:*

RICE stated that there were no updates to report.

*Transit – CATA:*

BRIESCHKE stated that there were no updates regarding service, but that the bus/bicycle interaction campaign was in effect. He continued that bus operators swiped their ID cards and logged into a
handheld system which required the operator to acknowledge inspecting the bus and a safety message. He added that December’s message referred to bicycles.

BRIESCHKE stated that bikes on buses brochures were being distributed.

POTTER asked if the brochures could be included at the Academic Orientation Program (AOP).

BRIESCHKE stated that he would check and that the brochure may be used as a resource at the AOP CATA table.

PEDRAZA and POTTER stated that they would both like some of the brochures to distribute.

POTTER asked if the bicycle racks on buses would work for accessible tricycles.

BRIESCHKE stated that he did not know, but could find out. He added that CATA preferred to secure mobility devices within the bus.

**MSU Bikes:**

POTTER stated that he had submitted an application to have MSU be recognized as a bicycle-friendly community.

**Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD):**

PEDRAZA stated that there were no updates to report.

**Campus Sustainability:**

RICE stated that Zipcar had delivered six vehicles for campus use. He mentioned that locations for the vehicles included Lots 41, 50 and 73. He continued that more pods (vehicle stations) locations would be determined as more cars were added to the Zipcar fleet.

POTTER mentioned that the Zipcar charge was offered at ½-off the price to the MSU community.

RICE reported that there was an initiation fee and then a charge of $8/hour use.

PEDRAZA asked if the Zipcars were accessible.

RICE replied that Zipcar was willing to consider an accessible vehicle. He asked that PEDRAZA touch base with him and they contact Zipcar in regards.

**OLD BUSINESS**

LADUCA asked the subcommittees to report their progress from the November meeting.

**NON-MOTORIZED:**
POTTER stated that there was no new information to report.

MOTORIZED:

DENEAU reported a couple of items that the subcommittee was discussing as of the November meeting:

1) Promoting the bus pass privileges provided to faculty/staff on the MSU Spartan Card.

2) Suggesting a consolidated campus travel information link on the MSU master site that included bus info/pedestrian map/heavy travel times.

LADUCA reported that Kathy Lindahl wanted the pedestrian/bicycle/vehicle safety quiz implemented on the vehicle registration website for those ordering a vehicle permit online and it should be no longer than six questions. LADUCA asked that when the quiz was done, that it be forwarded to him.

NEW BUSINESS

PEDRAZA stated that he was now the person who updated the AUTTC website and that any suggestions should be forwarded to him.

LADUCA stated that the subcommittees needed to compile what was to be presented at the February Construction Junction meeting and draft recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned and subcommittees met for further discussion.