All-University Traffic and Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2012

PRESENT

BUCKWALTER, CALDWELL, DENEAU, FASHBAUGH, FINNEY, MARTIN-STONEY, NOWICKI, OTTARSON, PEDRAZA, POTTER, REID, RICE, SHAMASS

ABSENT

KACOS, LI, MILLER, MARTENIUK, POLZIN, RHA Rep., STUDENT AFFAIRS Rep., SIGNORINI

GUESTS

Stephanie O’Donnell: MSU Police Department

John Prush: MSU Police Department

Steve Troost: MSU Campus Planning and Administration

CALL TO ORDER

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REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Quorum not met, but those present were in favor of the agenda.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Quorum not met – vote for approval of the November 2011 minutes tabled until the March 15, 2012 meeting.
PRESENTATION

Steve Troost reviewed transportation-related updates made in the 2011 Campus Master Plan. He reported that the current plan was approved and adopted in December 2011 by the MSU Board of Trustees and details could be found at www.masterplan.msu.edu. He added that the plan was a framework and may evolve based on various influences.

PEDRAZA inquired about responses regarding accessibility issues obtained from the Environmental Stewardship (ES) student transportation survey sponsored by the Transportation Technical Team.

Mr. Troost stated that he could provide the results to him.

REID asked if bicycle lanes were being considered along Shaw Lane.

Mr. Troost stated that the roadbed was narrow, however, that it was a consideration.

Mr. Troost stated that the ES student survey, WAFCO and AUTTC input pointed to education as being pertinent in transportation issues. He continued that money had been established for a communications position through the Physical Plant, but the position was not yet filled.

Mr. Troost reported that the CATA bus areas were hot spots for bicycle parking.

Mr. Troost stated that while MSU, East Lansing and CATA were on board for converting the land occupied by AMTRAK into a multi-modal transit area, the latest attempts made to obtain TIGER 3 funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation had been unsuccessful.

DENEAU asked how the recent Campus Master Plan update would affect roadways and south academic areas.

Mr. Troost stated that such information could be found under the motorized circulation map at www.masterplan.msu.edu.

Mr. Troost reported that it has been considered that dirt excavated from the FRIB project be stored in the available area east of the new MSU FCU on Mt. Hope Road for use on future projects.

Mr. Troost reported that if paths were being formed by foot traffic, the ADA stated that they must be made accessible or that they be blocked off (by bollards or chains).

CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

POTTER reported that concern had been voiced to CATA regarding buses having “close-calls” with bicyclists. He stated that he would be willing to present bicycle information to CATA.

DENEAU stated that CATA could possibly display a phone number or email address on the outside of the bus to report such concerns. REID agreed.
DENEAU suggested that CATA display a sticker on the bus that indicated that the vehicle made wide turns.

DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION UPDATES

APA/APSA: NOWICKI stated that there was concern regarding parking rates increasing.

ASMSU: SHAMASS stated that parking and fines were a concern.

CTU: FINNEY stated that there were no updates to report.

Campus Planning and Administration: Not present. No updates.

Department of Police and Public Safety: RICE stated there were no updates to report. He responded to the expressed concern of some members regarding an increase in parking rates. RICE stated that if there was a recommendation on how to limit the increase of parking rates and yet still adequately fund the system, it would be entertained. He continued that MSU parking rates were lower than many peer institutions and many factors were considered when determining the rates.

Faculty: REID stated that he did not have updates and being new to the committee, was learning about the committee process.

MSU BIKES: POTTER stated that there were no updates to report.

Office of the Ombudsman: CALDWELL stated that he was new to the position and should issues arise that may concern the committee, he would report accordingly.

Physical Plant: No update.

Transit (CATA): Not present. No update.

RCPD: PEDRAZA stated that there were no updates to report.

Campus Sustainability: Not present. No update.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Steve Troost – see presentation on Campus Master Plan.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

AUTTC BY-LAWS (RICE/DENEAU/PEDRAZA/OTTARSON):

RICE requested the thoughts of the committee regarding updating the AUTTC By-Laws.

DENEAU stated those designated as members of the AUTTC should be a representative of campus, have the desire to accomplish the committee’s goals and be supportive of achieving them for the good of the whole.

SHAMASS stated that there was not a strong enough voice for students on the committee.

RICE replied that there could be different student groups represented on the committee.

OTTARSON stated that student senates/residence halls would provide insight if represented on the committee.

RICE stated that if all the individual residence halls were represented, then the recommendations may be skewed strongly towards the residence halls versus the majority of students who reside off-campus.

PEDRAZA stated that there was a Student Affairs and Services Community Liaison that interacted with off-campus students.

RICE stated that he was interested in increasing the voting representation on the AUTTC and thanked the members for their input. He continued that he would compose a draft for members to review.

MOTORIZED SUBCOMMITTEE:

FINNEY stated that the subcommittee was discussing the following:

1) The .9 parking ratio on campus
2) Moped parking

NOWICKI stated that moped parking may become an issue.

NON-MOTORIZED SUBCOMMITTEE (POTTER chair):

POTTER stated that the non-motorized subcommittee was discussing the following:
1) Alleviating moped and bicycle parking congestion
2) Bicycle parking rack improvements as changes are made on campus
3) Scramble intersections: Alternating the flow of mass pedestrian traffic and vehicle traffic.

POTTER stated that the subcommittee was withdrawing its recommendation to changes to the MSU bicycle ordinance and removed it from the table.

The meeting was adjourned and subcommittees met.