All-University Traffic and Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2012

PRESENT

BRIESCHKE, BUCKWALTER, DENEAU, FASHBAUGH, LEWIS, MARTENIUK, MARTIN-STONEY, NOWICKI, PEDRAZA, POTTER, PRUSH (for RICE), ROBERTSON, SMITH-TYGE, THOMAS

ABSENT

CALDWELL, GLAZIER, KACOS, KOZAR, LI, MCCAMPBELL, MILLER, NICHOLLS, NOWLIN, O’HARA, REID, RICE, (4) ADDITIONAL RHA REPRESENTATIVES, (1) ADDITIONAL ASMSU REPRESENTATIVE, (1) ADDITIONAL COGS REPRESENTATIVE, (1) ADDITIONAL GREEK SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

CALL TO ORDER

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ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Roundtable introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

LAST MEETING MINUTES

FASHBAUGH motioned to accept the October 2012 minutes with amendments.

PEDRAZA seconded the motion.

All were in favor of the minutes as amended.

The October 2012 minutes were accepted.
GUESTS

Mr. Matt Greene: CATA Operations Supervisor – MSU
Mr. Jeff Groll: Planner/Inspector/Analyst I/S – Maintenance and Repair Stock – MSU Physical Plant

PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE

DENEAU stated that the committee had received correspondence from an MSU community member stating concern of faculty/staff possibly requesting and being issued disabled parking placards for parking in accessible spaces rather than registering their vehicles and paying to park.

PRUSH stated that while the proper permit was required to park in employee spaces on campus, faculty/staff were not required to register vehicles.

PEDRAZA stated that one should not make an assumption if someone was disabled as some disabilities were not readily apparent.

NOWICKI stated that he understood the concern to be that faculty/staff could circumvent paying for parking if issued and using a disabled placard in accessible spaces.

PRUSH stated that we would not be able to police who may be issued the placard.

DENEAU added that it would infringe on people’s rights.

SMITH-TYGE asked if the person’s affiliation to the University could be checked.

PEDRAZA stated that faculty/staff with accessibility requests may apply for a lease space with a disabled parking placard or plate. He continued that if granted, faculty/staff paid to register their vehicles with employee parking privileges and then the lease space was issued at no charge to the employee.

NOWICKI asked if other lease space #13 holders could use other lease space #13s on campus.

PEDRAZA replied that they could not and that the spaces were issued to specific individuals and designated with an additional number that matched a permit on the person’s vehicle and that it worked in coordination with having a faculty/staff parking permit and an accessible placard or plate.

SMITH-TYGE commented that perhaps all disabled faculty/staff could be issued lease space 13s and all other ‘regular’ accessible spaces could be designated for visitor use.

POTTER reported that he received concern of traffic disregarding pedestrians crossing between the Cyclotron and Shaw Ramp area and additional enforcement of the area was requested.

PRESENTATIONS

BRIESCHKE described campus bus routes.

BRIESCHKE stated that CATA’s Lot Link was in effect on national holidays so that students could get back to their residence halls if necessary.
BRIESCHKE reported that there was a higher capacity of buses on busier routes. He stated that there was a total of 12 articulated buses in the entire fleet.

PEDRAZA inquired about faculty/staff ridership.

BRIESCHKE stated that he did not have the specifics with him, but could provide him the numbers if he wanted.

PEDRAZA stated that he would like to have the numbers for education purposes (encouraging use of the bus system).

SMITH-TYGE asked what fares the students were charged.

BRIESCHKE stated that a one-way ride was 60 cents. He added that there was a semester pass that was $50.00.

SMITH-TYGE asked if a location other than the northeast gates of the Stadium could be considered for bus drop-off during football game days due to high pedestrian traffic and it being potentially dangerous.

BRIESCHKE stated that he could check into that. He added that the MSU Police and greencoats helped mitigate traffic.

OLD BUSINESS
See updates and correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS
See updates and correspondence.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES
Campus Planning and Administration:
No updates were reported.

MSU Police:
PRUSH stated that there were no updates to report.

Transit (CATA):
BRIESCHKE presented updates on campus bus routes

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

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD):
PEDRAZA wanted to thank Asst Chief Mike Rice for his many years of being an advocate of RCPD.

Campus Sustainability (CS):
MARTENIUK stated that CS would be having a mini-trash can promo to encourage recycling.
She continued that today, November 15th, was America Recycles Day on which recycling was promoted and celebrated.

Physical Plant:
FASHBAUGH stated that there were no updates to report.

Residential and Hospitality Services (RHS):
DENEAU stated that there were no updates to report.

Student Affairs (OCAT):
No updates were reported.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS
Associated Students MSU (ASMSU):
No updates were reported.

Council of Graduate Students (COGS):
SMITH-TYGE stated that there were no updates to report.

Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils:
No updates were reported.

Residence Hall Association (RHA):
LEWIS reported that her constituents wanted more bicycle racks around residence halls.
LEWIS reported that a one-way sign was covered by a bush at the library.

POTTER stated that from what he understood, RHS was responsible for residence hall bicycle rack parking. He added that it had been acknowledged that they were at capacity, and suggested that perhaps RHA could write a recommendation and bolster the AUTTC’s suggestions.

DENEAU reported that an RHA draft recommendation could be forwarded to Kathleen Collins of RHS.

University Apartments Council of Residents:
There were no updates to report

Faculty:
There were no updates to report

Staff:
ROBERTSON asked about when the Auditorium Road Ramp would be leveled.

ADJOURNMENT
DENEAU asked that the committee break up into groups and generate bullet points for conducting education communication. He continued that draft recommendations would need to be submitted by January’s meeting.
The meeting was adjourned.