All-University Traffic and Transportation Committee

MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2012

PRESENT
BRIESCHKE, BUCKWALTER, CALDWELL, DENEAU, FASHBAUGH, GLAZIER, KACOS, KOZAR, LI, MARTIN-STONEY, MILLER, NICHOLLS, PEDRAZA, POTTER, REID, RICE, ROBERTSON, SMITH-TYGE, THOMAS

ABSENT
MARTENIUK, MCCAMPBELL, NOWICKI, NOWLIN, O’HARA, REID, (5) RHA REPRESENTATIVES, (1) ADDITIONAL ASMSU REPRESENTATIVE, (1) ADDITIONAL COGS REPRESENTATIVE, (1) GREEK SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVE

CALL TO ORDER
1415

ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS
Members introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The agenda was approved.

LAST MEETING MINUTES
THOMAS motioned to accept the April minutes as written.
MARTIN-STONEY seconded the motion.
All were in favor of the minutes.
The April 2012 minutes were accepted.
PRESENTATIONS

MSU POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mike RICE presenting:

RICE reported that in 1983 the MSU Board of Trustees voted to make parking self-supporting.

RICE stated that if money was borrowed via Wall Street, bond issues may not be paid off early. He reported that while money could be borrowed from the University with interest, it could be paid off early without penalty.

RICE stated that the enhanced CATA 30 routes were paid for by Parking and Housing.

FASHBAUGH asked where the special event parking money was allocated.

RICE stated that much of it went to labor, outside agencies (during football games) and overtime pay.

RICE stated that about $800,000 of Parking money was allocated annually to the Physical Plant and Landscape Services for patching and additional monies to maintenance. He stated that asphalt was a petroleum product and it had become more costly.

RICE reported that most of the money obtained from parking violations went into paying student labor.

POTTER asked where the money from moving violations went.

RICE stated that money went to the court and some may go to the State.

PEDRAZA asked when the Auditorium Road Ramp (AKA Bessey Ramp) would be razed.

RICE replied that every year an engineering firm was hired to take a sampling of the structure. He stated that the latest report was that it could remain for five more years.

RICE reported that now that the MSU employee ID cards included the 30 routes on them instead of separate bus passes issued to them, there were fewer abuses of the system and more accurate ridership information.

KACOS stated that while MSU employees did not pay for the 30 routes, it was included in the $2.266 million that MSU paid CATA.

BRIESCHKE stated that MSU students paid 60 cents per ride or could obtain a $50/semester pass. He continued that non-MSU students paid $1.25 per ride.

RICE reported that the MSU Police Department employed 73 sworn officers and non-student personnel as well as over 200 students.

RICE stated that the University was moving toward perimeter parking and the MSU community will need to adjust their expectations in the future.

MILLER asked where construction vehicles parked.
RICE replied that they either parked within the construction gated area or obtained a permit and parked in Lot 89 and/or assigned lots as not to tax the employee lots. He continued that the commercial parking rate was double the employee rate.

THOMAS asked how a Spartan Village resident was informed of needing a visitor permit for guests.

DENEAU stated he would check what information is provided residents.

SMITH-TYGE asked RICE if the department had inquired about other Universities using students to enforce parking.

RICE stated that there had been no formal survey taken.

RICE reported that ¼ of Dr. Maleck’s salary was paid from Parking as pedestrian and traffic safety was one of the department’s concerns.

RICE reported that next spring the Bogue Street traffic circle would be removed.

GLAZIER asked what was going to replace the Auditorium Road ramp.

RICE replied that green space or possibly a water treatment plant would replace the ramp.

MSU BIKES – Tim POTTER presenting:

POTTER reported that the bike lanes under the Farm Lane Bridge were 7-feet wide and were appreciated.

POTTER stated that about 60% of campus roads included bicycle lanes.

THOMAS asked what the average cost was for a student to repair a bicycle.

POTTER replied that fixing a flat tire was the most common repair and that it was $17.

POTTER reported that it was $75 per semester to lease a vehicle.

POTTER stated that MSU BIKES has had representation at the AOP programs for the last two years.

POTTER stated that MSU BIKES would provide service to anyone in the community. He continued that while MSU BIKES was now part of MSU Surplus, it was still housed in Bessey Hall.

RESOURCE CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RCPD): John PEDRAZA presenting:

PEDRAZA stated that the RCPD served those requiring accessibility on campus.
MARTIN-STONEY asked if it was possible to make an appointment with RCPD instead of submitting information electronically if someone was not comfortable doing so.

PEDRAZA stated that an appointment could be made.

THOMAS asked the advantage of registering with RCPD.

PEDRAZA replied that if someone needed accommodations, once registered with RCPD an assessment was made and RCPD would provide the student a verification of needs that may be given to the professor so that accommodations may be made. He continued that the RCPD advocated and advised.

KOZAR asked if the testing fee was waived for those with learning disabilities.

PEDRAZA stated the RCPD worked with people who already had documentation. He added that the RCPD could make a small number of referrals to the Psychology Department at a reduced rate.

CALDWELL asked what would happen if a department believed that they could not accommodate a person.

PEDRAZA replied that RCPD would work with the departments.

PEDRAZA invited the committee to a reception for student veterans and service members being held on October 2, 2012.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Campus Planning and Administration:

KACOS reported that a grant of about $6.2 million was awarded for a multimodal transportation hub at the current Amtrak station. He stated that the planning was in its infancy.

Department of Police:

RICE reported that persons should check the MDOT website for current and upcoming projects.

Transit – CATA:

BRIESCHKE stated that there were no updates to report.

MSU Bikes:

POTTER stated that there were no updates to report.
Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD):

PEDRAZA stated that there were no updates to report.

Campus Sustainability

No updates were reported.

Representative Reports

No updates were reported.

CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PEDRAZA stated he was asked why there were designated motorcycle spaces within the Bessey Ramp in the lower level near the east exit.

RICE stated that motorcycles were not readily detected at the gate; therefore, parking near the rear, ungated exit, was provided. He continued that the space is only reserved for motorcycle use March – November and required the proper permit.

MILLER stated that there was concern regarding the pedestrian and driving safety along Fee Road. She asked if the proposed reconfiguration of Wilson Road would be posted as 15 mph or remain a 25 mph road when reconfigured.

RICE stated that the State mandated the mph and that 25 mph was the lowest that could be posted. He added that he would ask patrol to check the area.

MILLER stated that the employee section of Lot 32 needed resurfaced.

RICE stated that it may be used as a construction and landscaping staging area for the planned Wilson Road reconfiguration and it would not be prudent to resurface it at this time. He reported that it was currently estimated that the reconfiguration project would cost $10.2 million.

OLD BUSINESS

FASHBAUGH motioned to elect DENEAU as the 2012-2013 chair.

RICE seconded the motion.

The vote was put forth and all were in favor of DENEAU as the 2012-2013 chair, none were opposed.
NEW BUSINESS

DENEAU reviewed the work session format that would be used. He stated that POTTER had offered to chair the non-motorized subcommittee and MILLER had offered to chair the motorized subcommittee.

POTTER revisited the possibility of introducing scrambled intersections on campus and whether it was an idea that should be tabled, removed from consideration or piloted. He stated areas discussed last year were Shaw Lane at Farm Lane and Auditorium Road at Farm Lane.

FASHBAUGH asked about requesting information from the traffic engineers.

MILLER motioned to send an electronic file to Dr. Maleck with the scrambled intersection information. ROBERTSON seconded the motion.

GLAZIER reported that when she attended Ohio State the scrambled intersections worked well.

RICE stated that the committee should invite the traffic engineers for their input before investing time into a recommendation. He added that the affects of scrambled intersections would need to be considered.

The motion to send the information and invite Dr. Maleck and traffic engineering to address scrambled intersections was approved.

DENEAU stated that Steve Troost had been invited to the next meeting to review the Campus Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.