PRESENT: BAILEY, BIDWELL, BUCKWALTER, FASHBAUGH, GARDNER, HARLEY, KACOS, MARTENIUK, MCCONNELL, PEDRAZA, POTTER, A. RAPP, J. RAPP, RHODES, RICE, SILVER, WIDDER

ABSENT: HUSSAIN, MASS, PROCOPIO

GUESTS: Sarah Ayers – practicum student with RCPD
John Klusinske – CT Union
Kathryn Lindahl – Asst. Vice Pres., Finance & Operations
Jason Weiner - COGS

ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS: Yes

LAST MEETING MINUTES: PEDRAZA motioned to approve March minutes. FASHBAUGH seconded the motion. MCCONNELL noted on the third page of the minutes, mid-page, that it should read, “MCCONNEL asked if benches in the median along Michigan Avenue had been included in the plans.” POTTER stated that on the tenth page, in the paragraph before “MSU BIKES”, that it should read, “POTTER stated…He continued that Lansing was interested in interfacing…” J. RAPP stated that on the 14th page, top paragraph, it should read, “…minimal items or none at all, that passenger vehicles versus cargo vehicles be used…” As amended all were in favor, none were opposed. The March 2009 minutes were passed as amended.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

PEDRAZA stated that President Simon had called a meeting that Dr. Poston had to attend so he would not be able to make the AUTTC meeting; however, Kathy Lindahl would be attending at 1500.

PEDRAZA thanked both MARTENIUK for chairing the Communication Subcommittee and those who served on it.
PEDRAZA asked about a correction that was to be made to the Communication Subcommittee’s report.

MARTENIUK replied that under Item 2, D and F should be included under C.

PEDRAZA called for a motion to approve Item 2 with the changes. RHODES so motioned. GARDNER seconded the motion.

POTTER suggested the AUTTC website be made more visually appealing and that items be sent carte blanche to the person who updated the website.

PEDRAZA thanked John Prush for updating the AUTTC website.

PEDRAZA called for a vote to approve the Communication Subcommittee interim report recommendations. All were in favor, none were opposed. The Communication subcommittee recommendations were approved.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SUBCOMMITTEE

PEDRAZA thanked both GARDNER and MCCONNELL for co-chairing the Pedestrians and Bicycles Subcommittee and the members who served on it.

PEDRAZA called for a motion to approve the Pedestrian and Bicycle interim report. RHODES motioned to approve. MARTENIUK seconded the motion.

RHODES asked if the Lot 89 expansion was still going forward.

RICE stated that it had been postponed for at least one year.

Guest John Klusinske of the CTU asked why it had been postponed.

PEDRAZA stated that the answer would need to wait until RICE’s report.

RICE stated that the Lot 89 expansion project was internally funded.
MCCONNELL stated that he believed the Item 7 recommendation should stand.

PEDRAZA asked if the second sentence under 1.A. of the *On-line motor vehicle registration quiz update* recommendation read: “The subcommittee recommends DPPS administer the quiz;” striking the words “that” and “be directed to” from the sentence. RHODES agreed to the friendly amendment.

PEDRAZA asked if the words, “as a matter of course” in the second sentence under 2.A. of the *Bicycles – review current paths, and provide input for future paths* recommendation, be considered for revision.

KACOS stated that the report referenced in 2.A. was updated annually and he did not have a problem sharing it.

RICE added that the report was an evolving one and may not be consistent from year to year.

MCCONNELL stated that the subcommittee did not want sensitive materials, but would like to add appropriate materials.

RICE suggested that “…as a matter of course” be replaced with “…as appropriate to the deliberations of the Committee.”

RHODES accepted the friendly amendment.

WIDDER suggested East Circle Drive be added to the end of the first sentence under 5/6 A of the *Parking and traffic concerns around new Collingwood entrance and East Circle Drive. ”

MCCONNELL suggested that the first sentence then read: “The subcommittee recommends temporary accommodations for bicycle and pedestrian movements during the construction phase of the Collingwood entrance and East Circle Drive.”

GARDNER suggested that the second sentence of the 5/6A. recommendation be stricken.
RHODES agreed to the friendly amendment.

PEDRAZA asked for a vote to approve the Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee interim report recommendations with the friendly amendments. All were in favor, none were opposed. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee interim report recommendations were approved as amended.

VEHICULAR TRAFFIC SUBCOMMITTEE

PEDRAZA thanked both Jared Rapp for chairing the Vehicular Traffic Subcommittee and those who served on it.

PEDRAZA stated that he had received a revision from KLEINHARDT of Item 4 which replaced items A, B, C, D and E. He stated that he wanted to confirm the revision with RAPP.

RAPP stated that he had no objection to friendly discussion.

WIDDER asked if under the revised item number 4, if recommendations A and B be read as a choice between the two or considered together as one.

RAPP stated that they were two recommendations.

PEDRAZA asked if there were comments on recommendation 4.B.

BIDWELL replied that he did not have any.

PEDRAZA asked how much recommendation 4.B would cost.

BIDWELL stated that he sent out the numbers via email about a couple months ago, but did not have them at hand to reference.

PEDRAZA asked BIDWELL if recommendation 4.B was doable.

BIDWELL replied that it was.
PEDRAZA asked how likely would 4.B occur and if MSU had done a cost benefit.

RAPP stated that the service existed already.

BIDWELL stated that it did not and it would be an additional service.

RAPP asked if grants would be paying for the service.

BIDWELL stated that it had not yet been determined.

RICE stated that MSU currently paid $2.2 million for CATA services and it would be about $170,000 additional for considered services.

PEDRAZA stated that he could see 4.A. being recommended, but not 4.B. He questioned where the money would come from and reminded the committee of the Lot 89 expansion project being tabled at this time.

RAPP stated that he believed that there were pros and cons. He stated that this opportunity would give people an option and needs to be viable now and inch towards the 20/20 goals. He stated that he urged that the AUTTC move item 4. B to make it work in the future.

POTTER stated that he believed that there were options for the level of services.

BIDWELL stated that he had placed options in the email that he had sent a couple months ago. Included in the options were:

1) Two buses running in 15 minute intervals
2) One bus running in 30 minute intervals
3) One bus running in 15 minute intervals from Lot 89 to the CATA bus hub in the Shaw Ramp

POTTER asked if the bus could run two hours in the morning and then two hours at night.

BIDWELL stated it was recommended at the special Lot 89 expansion meeting that the bus (es) run from 6 AM – 6 PM.
RICE stated that there were more staff, than faculty arriving early to work.

RICE stated that of the $2.2 million MSU paid CATA, $700,000 - $800,000 came from Housing and the rest from Parking. He stated that it may or may not be supplemented by the general fund monies.

He stated that parking rates were increased when needed.

RICE stated that RAPP had a point regarding heading toward the 20/20 plan; however, that he did not know many who would want to park in Lot 89 and use such a system.

MARTENIUK stated that after Farm Lane opened up again, that an increase in persons bicycling from Lot 89 may occur during the summer.

MCCONNELL stated that he thought that 4B would remain an issue next fall and that an option was to table it at this time because it was difficult to formulate the recommendation without further consideration.

RAPP stated that he was concerned about tabling the recommendation and did not see the benefit of shelving it.

MCCONNELL stated that under 4.B he was not opposed to the first sentence, but wanted to table the second sentence.

RAPP stated that the second sentence could be considered.

PEDRAZA stated that he could recommend 4.A but thought 4.B should be deferred to the next year or two.

FASHBAUGH stated that the dilemma of whether to approve recommendation 4.B was similar to the chicken and the egg story.

PEDRAZA stated that during MSU breaks, employees would be able to park near their place of work.

PEDRAZA asked about the use of the Michigan State Police site on Harrison Rd. for parking when it was returned to MSU.

WIDDER stated that 4.A was a step in the direction of
Dr. Poston’s desire for a two-tiered parking system.

WIDDER asked if anyone had a copy of the study which provided the length of time it took to drive versus bussing to a site on campus and if a minibus had been considered.

BIDWELL stated that there would not be a change in cost using a minibus.

PEDRAZA asked for a motion to approve 4 and 4.A, but that 4.B be stricken from the recommendation.

PEDRAZA motioned to approve recommendation 4 and 4.A with 4.B stricken from the recommendation. RHODES seconded the motion.

RHODES stated the group he represented worked on campus 24/7 and that his group would not support 4.B. He added that the buses would need to be on time, that his group had late shifts that needed considered and that he didn’t want to see the bus fee added onto parking rates.

BIDWELL stated that there was a phone number for lot link for times the buses were not in general operation.

RHODES asked what kind of vehicle was used.

BIDWELL stated a smaller bus was used.

RAPP stated it would be needed primarily during the day because there were usually places people could park after 6 PM.

RHODES stated that he was not arguing the savings.

PEDRAZA asked for a vote to retain 4 and 4A, but to strike 4.B. A roll call vote was taken. Eight were in favor, three were opposed and there were three abstentions. The motion to retain 4 and 4.A and strike 4.B. was passed.

PEDRAZA asked for a motion to accept Items 1 – 3 and 5 – 10 as in the VEHICULAR TRAFFIC interim report.

MARTENIUK so motioned.

RHODES asked how Item 5 did not relate to Item 4.
RAPP replied that persons would pay more money when closer to campus and less money if parked at the perimeter.

MCCONNELL asked why there was not a recommendation for Item 5 and if there was enough information on visitor parking.

RAPP replied that there was not enough information to make a recommendation.

PEDRAZA stated that if there was not enough information, the subcommittee may have to address it next year.

WIDDER asked if a clearer list of goals could be provided in the future.

RAPP stated that the subcommittee had the number of spaces in lots and the number of lease spaces, but that applying the information was difficult.

PEDRAZA stated that the leasing of lease spaces helped lower cost of parking rates for others.

PEDRAZA asked for vote to approve Items 1-3 and 5-10.

RHODES and MCCONNELL were opposed, all others were in favor. The motion passed to approve Items 1-3 and 5-10 under the VEHICULAR TRAFFIC interim report.

PEDRAZA asked for clarification on Item 11.

RAPP stated that the SBA/COGS bill was seeking an affordable parking option and that some of these students were paying $750/semester to park at meters. He stated that under Item 11 that Ramp 3 may or may not have space and it was uncertain. He stated that Ramp 5 had excess capacity. RAPP added that under this recommendation that the subcommittee wanted to keep Ramp 3 as an option if there was space.

PEDRAZA stated that he would like to hear more about the recommendation.

BIDWELL stated that Ramp-1 and Ramp-5 already had CATA serving it with a seven (7) minute route.
BIDWELL asked how allowing the SBA/COGS students to park in Ramp-3 or Ramp-5 be a two-tiered system.

RAPP stated that an AUTTC rate (special parking rate) would be created.

BIDWELL stated that it was best decided outside the scope of the University on status.

RICE stated that the law school students could register their vehicles as commuters and park according to those privileges. He added that there were some circumstances that the law school supports application for additional (special parking) privileges. The individual applied for privileges, the application was reviewed by the Parking Office and then a decision was rendered.

MCCONNELL asked who supported Item 11.

FASHBAUGH replied that he supported it.

BIDWELL stated that he was not opposed to extending a permit to a grad student; however, indicated it should not be two-tiered. He stated that whatever rate should be paid, all should pay.

RAPP stated that it would be all inclusive.

HARLEY suggested that Item 11 be removed from the subcommittee’s recommendation, having it become the recommendation directly from SBA and COGS to the University.

RAPP stated that the item was a charge.

Guest Jason Weiner stated that he had been voted as next year’s COGS representative. Mr. Weiner stated that there was a point that the graduate students could pay a ½-hour rate in Ramp 3; however, that it was inconvenient because they had to stop and pay at the booth. Mr. Weiner continued that many of the graduate students went to class, then to work, then back to class and that spending 10-12 minutes to park or park and go back to class did not benefit their schedules.
RAPP asked if going to work was part of his curriculum with the law school.

Mr. Weiner replied that it was.

PEDRAZA asked for a motion to approve Item 11.

RAPP motioned to approve Item 11 as it was written in the subcommittee’s recommendations. FASHBAUGH seconded the motion.

RHODES called for the question to approve as presented.

RAPP called for a roll call vote. Ten were opposed, three were in favor and there was one abstention.

PEDRAZA stated the motioned failed.

POTTER stated persons can bicycle and to get around the area it took about 5-10 minutes (including off-campus).

There was no vote on item 12 because there was no recommendation.

GUEST/Kathy Lindahl: Kathy Lindahl stated that Dr. Poston could not make the meeting and apologized on his behalf for not being able to attend. She stated that he wanted to express his appreciation for the committee’s service.

Ms. Lindahl stated that after the committee recommendations were received, they were considered and the appropriate staff were sought to implement them.

Ms. Lindahl commented that these were challenging financial times; however, that the University needed to keep functioning and its missions alive.

PEDRAZA asked Ms. Lindahl if she had questions or comments regarding the subcommittee reports.

Kathy Lindahl requested clarification of items 9A and 9B under the Pedestrians and Bicycles Subcommittee Report.
WIDDER stated that 9B could become a separate item, number 10.

Ms. Lindahl stated that there were other groups on campus that looked at issues, including the Campus Infrastructure Planning Work group and the Environmental Stewardship Committee whose transportation subcommittee conducted studies on transportation and could share data.

Guest Lindahl stated that it was fair that the AUTTC receive the report referred to in item #2 of the Pedestrians and Bicycles Subcommittee report.

Kathy Lindahl stated that there would be a parking issue when Morrill Hall was razed.

PEDRAZA asked if there were any other questions and there were not. He thanked Ms. Lindahl for joining the meeting.

Ms. Lindahl stated that she looked forward to an update on progress made over the summer and the coming fall.

**PARKING RATE PRESENTATION:**

RICE presented the proposed 2009-2010 parking rates.

RICE stated that the intent of selling permits was not to make a profit, but to meet annual costs and inflation. He stated that the rate increase helped insure that there was a rate of cash flow adequate pay for the debt service on money borrowed to improve and maintain the parking infrastructure.

RICE reported that the Lot 89 extension was shelved at this time. He continued that the Bessey Ramp design was at a logical stopping point and that there were still question as to when it would be built. He added that it there would be an enhanced safety inspection performed annually versus every two years on the existing ramp.

RICE explained that while the projected rates last year were supported by the AUTTC, due to the economic times, Dr. Poston reconsidered and would support only a 5% increase instead for 2009-2010.
RICE explained the debt service and explained the rates and the shortfall that the parking fund paid.

RICE stated that President Simon was concerned about budgets, health care costs, a decreased use of Lot 89, decreased revenue to the parking system and that the Lot 89 extension plans would be shelved at this time.

RICE reported that it was not exactly known when the Michigan State Police (MSP) building would be turned over to MSU. He continued that concerns included who would pay to raze the building and funding the cost of possibly turning it into a parking lot.

RICE specified that in 2008-2009, the parking distributed $820,000 to ramp maintenance, approximately $800,000 to Grounds for snowplowing and regular maintenance, $50,000 to cold patching and additional monies to miscellaneous items.

RICE asked for a motion of support from the AUTTC for the 2009-2010 proposed parking rates. PEDRAZA motioned to approve. RHODES seconded the motion.

KACOS asked if the proposed rates were for one year.

RICE confirmed that it was for 2009-2010.

POTTER commented that the violation fines had not changed in years.

RICE stated that the fines were specified in MSU Ordinances and the Board of Trustees had to approve any fine adjustments. He continued that there was a $25 fine cap, with exception to the disabled space violation fine, put into place by the legislature around 1967. He added that Steve Webster, MSU Vice President for Governmental Affairs, had tried implementing a change, with no avail.

J. RAPP asked why the rates couldn’t be changed.

RICE replied that they were capped.

J. RAPP asked if autonomy laws had been explored.
RICE replied that they had not at this time.

J. RAPP stated that he was familiar with the capped rate act and that it was the same act as non-sworn officers not being able to write violations that sworn officers must write.

RICE replied that he was willing to visit the website that referenced the information and discuss the issue with J. RAPP but that the Universities position was that it was not legally required that those who write parking tickets be fully sworn police officers.

MCCONNELL asked the rate for registering a golf cart.

RICE stated that the University golf carts were considered University vehicles and were not charged a parking registration fee at this time.

RICE asked for the committee’s support of the 2009-2010 parking rates.

FASHBAUGH, GARDNER and J. RAPP abstained from voting, all other members supported the rates. The motion to support the 2009-2010 parking rates was approved.

PEDRAZA thanked members for their work while he served as committee chair and announced he would not be serving as chair next year. He stated that he was honored to have served as chair and that while challenging, he was rewarded by seeing the committee’s work come to fruition.

PEDRAZA announced that GARDNER would not be returning to the committee next year after serving 10+ years on it. He thanked GARDNER for his involvement with the AUTTC and his contributions throughout the years.

BAILEY stated that he did not plan on returning next year, but that it had been a pleasure serving on the committee over the past year. He continued that serving on the AUTTC provided him a better understanding of University decisions and a deeper appreciation of inclusion.

PEDRAZA thanked BAILEY for his service.
J. RAPP stated that he would not be returning next year.

POTTER asked if the AUTTC could officially invite East Lansing, Meridian and other agencies to the AUTTC meetings.

PEDRAZA responded that it would be the next chair’s decision regarding balancing business, guests and subcommittees.

RHODES asked if PEDRAZA was interested in chairing again.

PEDRAZA stated that he would not be chairing. He continued and asked if FASHBAUGH was interested in chairing the committee.

FASHBAUGH declined.

GARDNER suggested MCCONNELL as the new chair.

BAILEY seconded GARDNER’s suggestion.

POTTER supported MCCONNELL nominated as chair.

MCCONNELL stated that he would personally enjoy the opportunity to serve as the AUTTC Chair and would accept the nomination.

RICE added that the charges to the committee were not as daunting as in the past.

PEDRAZA stated that he would support the new chair and would put AUTTC information on CD-ROM.

All were in favor of MCCONNELL becoming chair. MCCONNELL abstained from the vote.

RICE thanked PEDRAZA for his guidance and what he had done for the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  WIDDER reported that the wood chips near Bogue Street and Service Road were mashed into the ground and more were needed.
WIDDER stated that at Mayo Hall, people walk from the east side of the fence to get to the People’s Church parking lot in East Lansing, that the pathway was muddy and more wood chips were needed.

FASHBAUGH stated that he would relay the information, but in the future, suggested persons contact Gerald Dobbs, Manager of Grounds Maintenance, in regards.

FASHBAUGH suggested that a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign be posted at Harrison and Service Roads.

RICE stated that next year, Dr. Maleck would have his graduate students survey the area. He added that Todd Sneathen of East Lansing would be given information at no charge. RICE stated that he would contact Mr. Sneathen.

MCCONNELL asked if bicycles and pedestrians could be included in the counts.

BAILEY reported that persons were driving fast along Cherry Lane while Wilson Road was closed. He continued that persons needed to slow down and that it was a safety issue. He also requested that the dirt in the roadways be dampened to cut down on dust.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

POLICE:

None

CAMPUS PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION:

KACOS reported that the railroad CSX southern bridge at the Farm Lane underpass looked like it would be completed within the next week.

FASHBAUGH asked if the shoo-fly track would go to MSU.

KACOS replied that MSU would obtain it.

CATA:
NEW BUSINESS: GARDNER reported that there were 1300-1400 APA members and approximately 1000 APSA members. He suggested that each union be represented on the AUTTC individually. He added that it would involve a by-law change.

The meeting was adjourned.