

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 14, 2018, 3:45 – 5:00 P.M., JCK 1140 REGENTS ROOM

In Attendance: Steven Herrera, Cynthia Castillo, Adrian Cooper, Joshua Early, Lisa Ramos, Stephanie Daniels, Margarita Pitti, Stephen Prentice, Bodie Fry, Marci Peterson

Absent: Claudia Gasponi, Gordon Green, Madison McDonald, Dr. Roque Mendez, Dr. Peter Siegenthaler, Rickey Lattie, Joanne Smith

Email Regarding Ticket Appeal

An email was sent to TSAC regarding a ticket appeal from a staff member. There was discussion about it through email it was decided that the ticket would be overturned.

Approve Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes from the October 17, 2018 meeting. Minutes have been posted to the website.

Updates from the President's Cabinet

There were no updates from the President's Cabinet.

New Proposals

Proposal requesting an RFP for e-scooters on campus:

Adrian Cooper presented his proposal regarding e-scooters on campus. He explained that multiple universities have these scooters on their campuses and students at Texas State University have an interest in having them here as well. Mr. Cooper has spoken with Lime and Bird and they have expressed interest. Mr. Cooper proposed that Texas State University create an RFP for e-scooters at Texas State University.

Steve Herrera, Director of Transportation updated the group on the status of an RFP regarding e-scooters. Transportation Services is working with university administrators along with the City of San Marcos to determine if there would be a way to work in partnership to bring e-scooters to Texas State University and San Marcos. This is in the beginning phases and both the city and university are still reviewing safety and logistical questions before a decision is finalized.

Proposal for Give to Forgive Program:

Adrian Cooper and Bodie Fry with Student Government proposed a program called Give to Forgive. This would be a joint fundraiser between Student Government and Parking Services where fines could be forgiven for a donation of nonperishable food items.

Details of the program include:

- Tickets of \$40.00 or under would be forgiven with a donation of 10 items.
- Late tickets would require a donation of 15 items.
- There will be a cap of 100 tickets forgiven to keep the amount of revenue lost by Parking Services to a maximum of \$5,500.00.
- This would be a fundraiser to benefit the Hays County Food Bank (and possibly Bobcat Bounty).
- A list of requested items would be provided in the marketing to ensure that the organization receive needed items.
- The times for this fundraiser would be December 10-14 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Ticket forgiveness would be available to students, faculty and staff members.
- There would be exclusions for this program including parking without a permit, parking in a handicap space and parking in a reserved space. Stephen Prentice would like to meet with Mr.

Cooper and Mr. Fry to discuss further exclusions prior to the programs start.

TSAC discussed and everyone agreed that Mr. Herrera could present this proposal to the senior administrator and then the VP of Finance and Support Services for approval.

Alternative Transportation

Current Alternative Transportation Options include:

- The Bike Cave is an on campus bike shop and workspace providing the campus community with affordable bicycles and the tools, space, and knowledge to tinker with them.
- VeoRide is a dockless bike share system that can be accessed via a smartphone app or prepaid card. An innovative system of virtual bike racks requires users to park the bikes in predetermined locations. Traditional bikes cost 50 cents for fifteen minutes.
- Kerrville Bus Company Provides affordable shuttles home on weekends and during holidays for students, faculty and staff. They pick up at the LBJ Student Center and travel to Austin, Waco, Grand Prairies, Dallas, Katy, and Houston.
- SuperShuttle offers special pricing on Austin Airport Ground Transportation from San Marcos for Texas State University students, faculty and staff.

Current and Upcoming RFPs that were discussed include

- E-Scooters – This is still in the planning phase.
- Care Share – This RFP recently closed and proposals will be evaluated soon.
- Ride Share – This RFP will be issued soon.
- Ride Hailing – This was issued along with the Car Share RFP and proposals will be evaluated soon.

Report on Permit Lottery

In past semesters when there was extra capacity for green permit spaces Parking Services would have a lottery for commuter students to have an opportunity to have a green parking permit. Because Blanco Garage was closed for the majority of the semester for repairs, there was no extra capacity and no lottery was held.

Review Parking Rules and Regulations - LPR

Because of the new LPR system, there will be changes to the parking permit process. This semester permits were purchased online and a physical permit was still sent out. Purchasing online was very successful. Additional modules will be turned on prior to the next fall semester. These changes will be discussed with TSAC in the coming months as changes to some of the parking rules and regulations may need to be changed to fit with the new system.

Evening Safety Escort Ridership – September/October

Residence Life has placed a number of freshman at Bobcat Village this semester. Because of this, there has been a need for shuttles to transport student to and from Bobcat Village outside of shuttle service hours so those student could access campus facilities like dining halls. This van service runs until 2:00 a.m. Sunday through Friday. While Blanco Garage was closed for repairs, there was an additional Moore Street van service for student who had to find alternative parking spaces further from their residence halls.

Ridership for the Residence Life Safety Shuttle were:

- September – 984 total, 81 peak Sunday
- October - 1146 total, 114 Peak Sunday

Ridership for the temporary Moore Street Van Shuttle were:

- September – 276, 33.6 peak Sunday
- October – 338, 33.6 peak Sunday

Next Meeting

Members in attendance agreed that they would like skip the December meeting and meet again in January. An email was also sent to those not in attendance and responding members agreed. The next TSAC meeting will be held on January 16, 2019.

Adjourn 4:43 p.m.