

Transportation Services Advisory Council

October 23, 2020 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Harry Bowers, Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt, Captain Pat Cochran, Stephanie Daniels, Anita Ford, Steve Herrera, Marci Peterson, Margarita Pitti, Stephen Prentice, Alex Vogt

Not in Attendance

Dr. Joseph Falocco, Robert Garcia, Beth Flynn, Shoal Gurvitz, Colton Halter

Approve Minutes from September TSAC Meetings

There were no changes to the minutes from the September meeting. These minutes have been posted to the TSAC website.

President's Cabinet Updates

There were no updates from the President's Cabinet to report.

Hear any Proposals

No new proposals were presented to the council.

Review Bobcat Shuttle Ridership

Mr. Herrera presented a chart showing fall 2020 Bobcat Shuttle ridership for the semester. He explained that during a typical fall semester ridership would be close to 25,000 riders per day. This semester ridership has fallen due to COVID-19 changes on campus and ridership is close to 25,000 per week.

Fall Shuttle Reduction in Hours

Due to a reduction in ridership because of COVID-19 it was determined that a reduction in hours was necessary for fall 2020 bus schedules on some of the routes.

Mr. Herrera presented two charts showing where hours were reduced. Buses were removed from routes 10 (Bobcat Stadium), 20 (Aquarena Springs), 22 (Mill Street), and 23 (Post Road) during the day Monday-Thursday. Additional buses were removed from evening routes 40 (Aquarena/Blanco) and 42 (Mill/Post) on Monday-Thursday.

The second chart showed the reduction in buses to routes 10 (Bobcat Stadium), 20 (Aquarena Springs), 22 (Mill Street), and 23 (Post Road) on Fridays as well.

Review CARTS Ridership

Mr. Herrera presented a chart detailing quarterly student, faculty, and staff ridership for FY 2020. Due to COVID-19, CARTS stopped charging fares in March and did not have ridership numbers to provide. This is why the numbers dropped to zero in the third and fourth quarter of the year.

Review ZipCar Ridership

Alex Vogt, Alternative Transportation Coordinator, presented information about the ZipCar car share program on campus. Due to COVID-19 ZipCar decided to remove some cars from the campus leaving one for service. Mr. Vogt presented charts detailing monthly reservations, reservation hours, and reservation miles for the months of October 2019 – September 2020. These charts show that reservations for car share also went down due to COVID-19.

Review Spin Ridership

Mr. Vogt also presented information about the new scooter share pilot program Texas State University and the City of San Marcos has with Spin. He presented charts with daily ridership for the first 10 days of the program and weekly ridership for the first 4 weeks.

Mr. Vogt also logged into the Populus system that shows real time information regarding the scooters on campus with the group. He included some screen shots of this information in the presentation as well.

Bike Sales Online

Due to COVID-19 the Bike Cave has moved their in-person sales outside to promote safe distancing. They also have bikes available to purchase online. Mr. Vogt provided the link and information for where bikes can be purchased online.

TapRide Update

Captain Cochran gave an update on the University Police Department's TapRide program. This is the program that provides safe rides to students on campus. The safe ride program includes Bobcat Bobbies golf carts from sundown until the Bobcat Shuttle stops running at night. Then the safety van runs until 2:00 a.m.

There were 1,300 trip and 1,700 passengers from September 23 – October 23 with Wednesday and Thursday being the busiest days of the week.

Next Meeting

An email will be sent to determine if we need to meet in November and December. An email poll will be sent to determine times for these meetings if necessary.