

# Transportation Services Advisory Council

January 22, 2021 2:00-3:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

### **In Attendance**

Harry Bowers, Captain Pat Cochran, Stephanie Daniels, Dr. Joseph Falocco, Beth Flynn, Robert Garcia, Dr. Cynthia Hernandez, Steve Herrera, Marci Peterson, Margarita Pitti, Stephen Prentice, Alex Vogt

### **Not in Attendance**

Anita Ford, Shoal Gurvitz, Colton Halter

### **Approve Minutes from October TSAC Meeting**

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

### **Parking Permit Payroll Deduction Cancellation**

Some staff working remotely have requested to stop their parking permit payroll deduction because they are working remotely. This has been requested by three staff members at this time.

TSAC members discussed the issue to determine if they agreed with allowing these three staff members to stop their deductions. Items that were discussed included:

- If these staff members were to come to campus, they still have the ability to park on campus. The ability to do so has not been taken away from these staff members.
- Multiple members of TSAC suggested that we may need to have a policy for this in the future as this is likely to come up again with other staff and faculty members during the pandemic.
- Allowing this for the three staff members who have requested it would set a precedent that would most likely mean more staff and faculty will request this same option. This could cause Parking Services to lose a lot of their revenue for the year. Parking Services is an income generating department and does not receive funding from any external sources.

Mr. Herrera will share these comments with the administration to determine how to move forward with these three staff members and a possible written policy in the future.

## **West Campus Shuttle**

The Bobcat Shuttle does not currently provide shuttle service to the west side of campus. We have been asked to consider adding this service. Mr. Vogt presented a map detailing a proposal to add two west campus stops to the Campus Loop route. The addition of these two stops would not require any additional equipment or staffing to accomplish. It would add approximately 5 minutes to the Campus Loop bus route and lost only approximately 3 laps for the entire days. Adding these two stops would serve residential students living in dorms on the west side of campus as well as the commuter students who park in the Speck garage.

Captain Cochran also discussed the fact that there is a high demand for the nighttime safety shuttles on the west side of campus because of the lack of shuttles to assist students living on that side of campus to access other services available on the campus.

There were no objections to making these changes to the Campus Loop route.

## **Finalize Parking Rules and Regulations**

There have been no changes to the parking rules and regulations at this time.

## **Permit Rate Change Recommendations**

### Change Purple Parking Spaces at Sessom Lot to Orange Parking

Mr. Herrera and Mr. Prentice presented a possible change to the Sessom parking lot that would change purple commuter spaces to a slightly higher priced orange commuter spaces to allow some commuter students the ability to park closer to campus. Orange permit holders would still be able to park in purple commuter spaces as well. Ms. Daniels presented a map showing where the lot is located and how much of the lot would change to orange. Mr. Herrera also explained that there would be a new construction project that would add a building to a portion of that lot starting next year. This would take away some of those spaces in the future. There would also be construction at the JC Kellam building that would necessitate changing some of these orange spaces to red temporarily to accommodate those who typically park at JCK. After some discussion of these items, it was decided that this option would not move forward and could possibly be discussed at a later date when construction was complete, and a known number of spaces would be available.

## **TapRide Service Update**

Captain Cochran presented an update for the TapRide safety shuttle service provided by UPD. During the first week of classes there were a total of 145 passenger with 111 trips. While this is down from

semesters prior to COVID-19 it was still fairly busy. Captain Cochran also gave a total for the fall 2020 TapRide ridership. There was a total of 5,280 passengers and 4,066 trips.

### **Bobcat Shuttle Ridership Update**

Mr. Herrera explained that ridership on the Bobcat Shuttle was also significantly lower this semester due to COVID-19 changes. On the first day of class there was a total of 5,200 riders. The second and third days of class averaged approximately 4,000 riders.

### **Next Meeting**

An email poll will be sent to members to determine if we need to meet in February.