

Transportation Services Advisory Council

Monday, January 24, 2022, at 1 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Paul Aleman, Dr. David Byrd, Stephanie Daniels, Captain James Dixon, Dr. Joseph Falocco, Anita Ford, Steve Herrera, Chandan Howlader, Brian McKay, Marci Peterson, Margarita Pitti, Stephen Prentice, John Rogers,

Not in Attendance

Joseph Meyer, Dr. Stephen Owoniyi

Approve Minutes from September Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes for the October 2021 meeting. Minutes are available on the TSAC website.

Hear any Proposals

No new proposals were presented at the meeting.

Nueces Parking Lot Update

Mr. Herrera explained that the University Police Department has moved to their new building on campus. This opens the small parking lot behind the Nueces building for parking. This lot will be designated as red parking 24/7 with a few reserved spaces for Deans and Associate Vice Presidents. The two existing service delivery spaces will remain. A map of the lot was presented to the council.

Mr. Herrera also explained that the Nueces building would be undergoing some construction to prepare the building for its new use. This will require that a portion of the spaces in the lot are used as a lay down area for the construction project for a period.

Suspension Appeals

Students living in residence halls near the Edward Gary parking garage are issued a gate card to park in the top two levels of the garage with their green parking permits. During the fall 2021 semester it was found that several students were fraudulently allowing others to enter and exit the garage with their gate cards. These students were required to pay the proper fines and were allowed to submit an appeal to allow them to continue to have a parking permit. After some discussion with the council, it was determined that these appeals would be granted. The students will remain in adjudication for one year. If they do repeat the offense, they will lose the ability to purchase parking permits.

Changes to Veteran License Plates and Accessible Parking

Mr. Herrera explained that there have been some changes to state law regarding disabled veteran license plates. Senate Bill 792 requires that as of January 1, 2022, anyone parking in a disabled parking space must have a license plate or a disabled parking placard that features the International Symbol of Access (ISA). Texans with disabled veteran plates wanting to use disabled parking spaces beginning in 2022 may apply for a disabled parking placard or for a new disabled veteran license plate with the ISA if the veteran meets the eligibility requirements for an ISA after January 1, 2022. Information about Senate Bill 792 is available on the Parking Services website at the link below.

<https://www.parking.txstate.edu/accessible.html>

Upcoming Construction that will affect Parking on Campus

There are several construction projects planned that will affect parking on campus.

- Music Building – Butler Parking Lot Area
- Esperanza Hall – Round Rock
- STEM Building – James Street Area
- Residence Hall – Hilltop

Dr. Byrd added to this list some smaller projects that will be taking place in the LBJ Student Center.

Questions and Comments

Dr. Byrd asked for updates to the planned construction on Sessom. Mr. Herrera explained that this project is on track for late March/early April 2022. There will be work completed prior to this time by CenterPoint Energy that should not impact traffic.

Mr. Rogers asked for an update on what was happening to make sure wheelchair lifts are in proper working order on the shuttle buses. Mr. Herrera explained that the shuttle contractor is making this a focus of continued training for all new and existing drivers and that buses are not allowed to be in service if the lift is not working properly.

Next Meeting

An email poll will be sent out to determine the time of the February TSAC meeting.