

**Transportation Services Advisory Council  
Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance**

Dr. Stephen Awoniyi, Dr. David Byrd, Justin Cantu, Maria Castro, Stephanie Daniels, Dr. Joseph Falocco, Anita Ford, Rod Gonzales, Steve Herrera, Brian McKay, Emily Morgan, Marci Peterson, Stephen Prentice, John Root, Calvin Scharf, Catching Valentinis-Dee

**Not in Attendance**

Chief Matthew Carmichael

**Approve Minutes from September Meeting**

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

**Hear any Proposals**

***Graduate Assistant Parking Permits***

Graduate student Sam Tye submitted a proposal to allow graduate instructor assistants or graduate research assistants the ability to purchase a red or green parking pass either weekly, monthly, or by the semester/year.

Points that were brought up by the council were that red spaces already fill up with staff and faculty and adding a large number of additional red permits means there will not be enough spaces during the day.

Mr. Root also pointed out that housing on campus will be increasing in the next few years leading to more students needing green permits. Adding a large number of green permits will mean there will not be enough spaces for students living on campus either.

A poll was completed after the discussion to determine if the council wanted to advance this proposal for consideration, not advance the proposal or request additional information. There were 11 votes not to advance the proposal, 2 votes to advance the proposal, and 1 vote to request additional information.

## **Construction Updates/Detours/Parking Impacts**

### ***Sessom Drive***

The Sessom projects is still ongoing with the city utility adjustments. They have shifted their phasing to the other side of the street so some of their traffic control has been moved. They will be getting into the heavier construction phases of the project where storm water lines will be re-done in the right of way. The next phase will be at the intersection of Academy Street and Sessom Drive near the Rec Center where a light will be installed.

### ***I-35***

A section of the northbound bridge was taken down and traffic was blended to the southbound bridge. There are still three lanes of traffic going both ways.

### ***Pleasant Street Garage Repair Updates***

There are two projects in the Pleasant Street garage. The first was the ramp repair during the summer. It is now open.

The second project consists of repairing areas of the top level of the garage where there is surface popping in certain areas. Areas needing repair will be saw cut and repaired. This is targeted to take place right after spring semester is completed. The stop level of Pleasant Street garage be closed for most of summer. There could be some impact to the lower level underneath areas being repaired. This repair is similar to repairs that previously took place in the Blanco garage. Those repairs took 3-4 weeks.

## **Review Bobcat Shuttle Ridership**

Charts comparing Bobcat Shuttle ridership for fall 2021 and 2022 to date and spring 2021 and 2022 were presented by Mr. Gonzales. Fall 2021 vs. fall 2022 to date are very similar in ridership numbers. Spring 2021 ridership was significantly lower than normal semesters due to most classes being held online because of COVID-19. The start of spring 2022 showed lower than normal ridership because the university started the semester online and transitioned to in-person learning. At this point ridership increased.

## **Update on Gold and Green Permit Exchange**

This item was discussed at the September TSAC meeting. There were several green spaces that were not being utilized so Parking Services contacted student with gold permits living in certain areas of campus to offer them the ability to exchange their gold permit for a green permit. Approximately 200 students were contacted in various residence halls near the open parking areas. As of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 50 students had exchanged their permits.

## **2023 Parking Concepts – Zone Parking for Green Initial Discussion**

Mr. Herrera introduced an initial discussion about possible parking concepts for 2023. With the increased population of students on campus there has been an interest in looking into other options for green parking.

Currently Texas State has what is known as a hunting permit. Those with a green permit can park in any parking space designated green on campus.

Some other campuses use what is called zone parking. This would mean that a person would be assigned a certain lot to park in and that is the only area they can park.

Texas State is currently talking to other schools and weighing pros and cons of both option in order to make informed decisions about green parking on campus in the future. This will be brought to TSAC again as decisions are being made.

Maybe changing structure of parking zones relative to green.

### **Next Meeting**

An email poll will be sent out to determine the time of the next TSAC meeting. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday and winter break the poll will be to determine if TSAC will combine the November and December meetings or if the council will wait to meet in January.