

# **Transportation Services Advisory Council**

Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 3 p.m.

## **Meeting Minutes**

### ***In Attendance***

Dr. Stephen Awoniyi, Justin Cantu, Stephanie Daniels, Dr. Joseph Falocco, Rod Gonzales, Steve Herrera, Brian McKay, Marci Peterson, Stephen Prentice, Lieutenant Gregory Slade

### ***Not in Attendance***

Chad Willis, Joy De La Garza, Emily Morgan, Taylor Tade, Dr. Vincent Morton, John Root

### ***Introduce New Members, Review Purpose of Council, Mechanics of Communication/Agenda Items***

Mr. Herrera asked everyone in the group to introduce themselves and then he explained the purpose of the Transportation Services Advisory Council.

### ***Proposals***

#### ***Request for Green Parking Permit***

A student submitted a proposal requesting a green parking permit and access to park in the Edward Gary garage. He stated in his written proposal that he works with several departments on campus that require him to be on campus early in the morning and late at night. His request was to be able to purchase a green permit and have access to the Edward Gary garage to park during these times. A concern about this from the council was that there are many student employees on campus, and we cannot open the opportunity to purchase a green permit for every student employee who does not live on campus.

After some discussion, the council voted 9-0 not to approve this proposal.

### ***Parking Appeals***

#### ***Vehicle Boot***

An employee with the Texas Workforce Commission who works in the Alkek Library had their car booted in the garage when they parked in a reserved red parking space without a current red parking permit. In her appeal, she stated that she was unaware that her parking permit had expired and was requesting to have the boot fee refunded. Because this person was not a staff or faculty member there was no way to identify the owner of the vehicle violating the parking policy, so the vehicle was booted.

After discussion regarding the policies the council voted 7-1 not to approve this appeal.

### ***ADA Parking***

This parking appeal presented to TSAC was regarding a ticket for parking illegally in an ADA parking space. A parent with an ADA tag parked in an ADA space while visiting their daughter. The vehicle was left behind for the daughter to use along with the ADA placard. The vehicle was left in the ADA space for multiple days and a ticket was issued. The person with the ADA placard was no longer in San Marcos when this ticket was issued. The person submitting the appeal cited Texas Transportation Code Title 7 where it states the following:

A vehicle may be parked for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities if:

1. The vehicle is being operated by or for the transportation of a person with a disability; and
2. There are:
  - a. Displayed on the vehicle special license plates issued under Section 504.201; or
  - b. Placed on the rearview mirror of the vehicle's front windshield a disabled parking placard.

This appeal was sent to the Office of General Counsel for a legal interpretation and was not voted on by TSAC. It was determined that the operation of the vehicle for the holder of the placard ceased once the person left the city by OGC review.

### ***Garage Sales Tax***

Mr. Herrera presented a document showing the amount of sales tax the parking garages have paid over the past five fiscal years. This comes to a total of \$430,858.92. He explained that the Edward Gary and LBJ parking garages have been absorbing these costs due to outdated equipment. New equipment has been installed which allows adding the tax to the daily rate, which is how all other cash operations are handled in Parking Services. By implementing this sales tax adjustment, Parking Services can streamline its operations, prevent the loss of substantial revenue, and avoid raising garage rates at this time.

After discussing this, the council voted 8-0 to approve this sales tax adjustment.

### ***AMP Parking for Lindsay Lot/Academy St. Surface Lot***

Originally the council was going to discuss adding AMP Parking to the Lindsay Lot and Academy Street surface lot, but Mr. Herrera and Mr. Prentice had an update regarding construction projects for new housing on campus that would prevent this from happening. There will be

some areas of red parking that will be taken up by the construction project displacing some faculty and staff who would normally park there. Because of this it was decided that the AMP parking in the Lindsay and Academy Street lots would not be turned into AMP parking to allow more space for displaced red permit holders to park near where they work.

### ***Fall 2023 Shuttle Route Changes***

This was moved to the October agenda due to time.

### ***Review Parking, Bus, Bike Cave and Nite Cats Budgets***

This was moved to the October agenda due to time.

### ***Next meeting***

An email poll was sent out to determine the date and time of the October TSAC meeting.