

Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 15, 2013

Place: PTS Conference Room, Stadium Parking Garage

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Attendance: Jeff Syptak, Emmanuel Papadakis, Jeremy May, Ruth Manny, Jay Parks, Kirby White, SGA (replacing Andrea Trevino, SGA) Eddie Reyes, Cedric Bandoh (non-voting), Bob Browand, Paul Lozano, Angelar Jackson (Arris), Mylien Triet

I. Open Forum

II. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

III. Frontier Fiesta Update (March 21-23)

a. Site Layout

- i. From March 8-24, location taken will be lots 20A and 20C (784 parking spaces), between East Garage in the north, University Drive to the south, and Spur 5 to the east.
- ii. Closing phases for the parking lots will be in 3 phases of setup, starting on:
 1. March 8th (approximately 137 spaces)
 2. March 15th (approximately 130 spaces)
 3. March 19th (approximately 514 spaces)
- iii. Condensed timeline of events as much as possible for most streamlined convenience, as well as the space to minimize parking interferences

b. Must advertise the closing of these lots prior to Spring break.

c. ERP Parking

- i. Encourage alternate, additional parking at ERP with use of the free shuttle service to get to campus

IV. Construction Parking

- a. Mainly on their construction site and ERP
- b. Bulk of number of construction projects happen during March, and as 3 projects are completed by the time Fall 2013 starts, there will be less contractors parking on campus

V. Shuttle Service Update

- a. Reduce service plan that TPAC had originally planned was for 530 weekly hours but ended up being 700 hours/week due to adding buses to ERP and Outer Loop
- b. Added 3 buses to ERP route and 2 buses to Outer Loop route, a commitment made only for this semester

VI. Parking Rates FY14 and FY15

- a. Transit Fee
 - i. May not be able to request transit fee for the Fall 2013 semester because it is a longer process than anticipated, which could take at least a year to be approved and put into effect
 - ii. Esmeralda suggests going to the Board for 1 year and work on getting at least a 2-year plan later on
 - iii. Money from transit fee will only be used to fund bus services and cost related to the transit program.
- b. Deferred Maintenance Allowance (DMA)
 - i. Reduced the original 2% for deferred maintenance, which equals roughly \$1.5 million down to \$95 per parking space or about \$600K annually
 - ii. This will reduce the permit rate increases over the 3-year span
 - iii. The DMA will be used for Preventive and Replacement Maintenance at parking garages.
- c. TPAC's goal is to work on having Option 2 with the transit fee be approved and will switch to contingency of Option 3, if necessary
- d. Concerns discussed about paying the \$1.4 million worth of service approved in the original shuttle service plan and other money that is already in place and being charged to PTS.

VII. Parking Relocation Cost Rollover Proposal

- a. The university is growing, and PTS accommodates parking for the growth. With new building construction in existing parking lots, there is a loss of parking, and the consequence is building more garages and raising parking rates exponentially.
- b. The proposal is that because parkers are paying for the cost of new buildings to park, new building should compensate for the loss of parking to PTS
- c. Parking lost to projects since 2007 to 2013's new football stadium is about 2862
- d. Debt service is at about 50% currently, not including the 1A garage construction, sacrificing maintenance of existing lots and campus streets
- e. Proposal will be adjusted to also show the projected impact of new building constructions
- f. Motion passed to move forward with this proposal

VIII. Member Items

- a. Change in meeting date from March 15th to March 8th
- b. Appeals board is mentioning that there tends to be a trend in the reasons for the same violations that occur, which will entail further discussion at next meeting during Open Forum
- c. Discussion to reconsider RHE parking spaces that are next to economy spaces and the large price differences between selling the two permits

- i. Clearly identify RHE spaces from student lots
- ii. Give option to students that they would pay for a guaranteed spot with RHE parking at the higher price, as opposed to the more affordable economy permit
- iii. Consider getting rid of the economy permit entirely, due to its complications with adjacent resident lots
- iv. Will discuss further at the next meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Date: March 8, 2013

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Time: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm