

TSAC Minutes
February 6, 2019

Present:

Dr. Fuller Bazer
Mr. Bill Cox
Dr. Zachary Grasley
Dr. Eleanor Green (Ms. Misty Skaggs)
Dr. Julie Harlin
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Erin Jones
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. Peter Lange
Dr. Clint Magill
Ms. Katie Morris (Mr. Landon Mendez)
Ms. Renee O'Banion
Mr. Robert Pottberg
Ms. Flora Reeves

Dr. C.J. Woods (Ms. Stacy Wright)
Ms. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Ms. Ashali Chimata
Mr. Andy Deuel
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. Chris Nygren

Guests:

Mr. Jett Black
Mr. Landon Mendez
Ms. Lisa Pierce

1. Mr. Peter Lange opened the meeting at 11:43 am, and gave a brief construction update, which included the MSC Streets project, and reconstruction of RV spaces at Olsen Field. He mentioned that the Polo Road Garage project cleared final approval with the Board of Regents, with ground breaking anticipated in March. The garage is projected to be complete by the end of summer 2020, and available for fall permits. The inside shell space build out will be complete by December, and will include Rec Sports, Dining Services, and Transportation Services.

Mr. Lange mentioned that we were recently awarded a BUILD grant, which is a national infrastructure grant. We partnered with Brazos Transit District (BTD) for the grant, and will provide 30% matching funds. The grant will provide us with 20 buses; 17 diesel and 3 electric. BTD has indicated they will lease us some of the buses received for its fleet, for a total of 28 buses. We anticipate that BTD will order the buses in May, for a delivery by August 2020.

2. Mr. Lange asked the committee to review the minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting. Ms. Flora Reeves motioned for approval of the minutes as presented, Dr. Julie Harlin seconded; minutes approved.

3. Mr. Justin Tippy gave a presentation: "Transit Fall 2019 Changes." See <http://transport.tamu.edu/About/tsac.aspx#presentations>. His presentation included information about the BUILD grant Mr. Lange mentioned. Mr. Tippy made the point that we are running routes according to student population density. This fall we will make two major changes by combining route 34 with route 40 S and route 03 with route 09. These changes make the most efficient use of our resources, while saving time for our riders. The changes are also relatively easy to implement and will push up ridership for our buses. Mr. Tippy also mentioned that we will tweak service hours in the fall to correlate to seasonal ridership. We will not change night or weekend hours.

After some discussion about decreased ridership after the first 6 weeks of fall semester, Mr. Kenny Kimball interjected that we've seen an annual decrease in ridership that can be traced to the number of housing units that have been built recently within walking distance of campus.

Since no one had any questions about the presentation, Mr. Lange covered some concerns that arose in our last meeting and how they were remedied. He described safety measures in place at Asbury, Spence, and Ireland, stop signs between lots 114 and 122, a crosswalk across Raymond Stotzer, and future improvements to University Drive turn lanes and pedestrian passage. Mr. Lange was also able to give some information about local roads, highways and future plans for the area.

6. Mr. Lange concluded the meeting at 12:35 pm. *The next meeting will be March 6th, Rudder 601.*