

**Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**September 4, 2024**  
**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**This was an in-person meeting with a zoom option.**

**Present:**

Mr. Sam Chew  
Mr. Ed Costello  
Mr. Bill Cox  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Ms. Adelaide Edgington  
Ms. Jennifer Enloe  
Ms. Tracey Forman  
Mr. Patrick Grigsby  
Mr. Brad Hall  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Mr. James “Jim” Kovar  
Ms. Debbie Lollar  
Mr. Bill Meredith  
Ms. Amanda Pelton  
Ms. Kaylee Rackley  
Mr. Tom Reber  
Ms. Deborah Wright

**Absent:**

**Guests:**

Ms. Deb Albert  
Ms. Lilia Gonzales

**Online:**

Ms. Erin Jones

Called to Order 11:53 a.m. by Ms. Debbie Lollar

1. Welcome & New Member Introductions (PowerPoint) – Ms. Debbie Lollar
  - 1.1. Welcome! It’s great to kick off another year of TSAC. This committee has served us well! I see many new and familiar faces. I am Debbie Lollar, VP of Transportation Services. We will go around the table and do quick introductions.
  - 1.2. PowerPoint Presentation – TSAC overview, history, goals, objectives, guidelines, and roles.
2. Updates – Ms. Debbie Lollar
  - 2.1. In alignment with our Strategic Plan, we will be reviewing our committee membership annually. This will ensure balanced representation. This year we have invited a few new members, Disability Resources, Corps of Cadets, System Member – RELLIS Campus.
  - 2.2. Transportation Services has a new organizational structure. Peter Lange has promoted to Chief Operating Officer and Sr. Vice President. Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions.
    - Debbie Lollar – Associate Vice President
    - Madeline Dillard – Executive Director
    - Julie Villarreal – Director

- Lynn Wiggs – Director
  - Clint Willis - Associate Director
  - Justin Tippy – Associate Director
  - Randy Harrison – Manager
- 2.3. Permit sales are up about 7% with over 43,000 sold. Lot 100T is back temporarily this year, until spring sometime. Transit ridership had a 6% rise the first week of classes and 4% rise the second week. Visitor hourly paid parking locations had a 2% rise.
  - 2.4. Future Agenda Topics. These are just a few of the items we will discuss. Everyone is welcomed to submit items.
    - Major Community Projects
    - Campus Growth
    - Planning Updates
    - Howdy Zone Concept Feedback
    - New Bike Registration System
      - Mr. Bill Cox – Could we include PEV updates?
        - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – The new bike registration system item will include PEV updates.
      - Ms. Kaylee Rackley - Are the future agenda topics for the next 5-10 years?
        - Ms. Debbie Lollar - These are for this year, but we welcome them for continued topics as well.
      - Ms. Angie Hill Price – Will there be an increase on parking locations for PEV's?
        - Ms. Debbie Lollar – The policy states that they must be locked on bike racks.
3. Nominate & Vote for Committee Co-chair – Ms. Debbie Lollar
    - 3.1. At this time is there anyone who would like to nominate or nominate themselves for co-chair?
      - Dr. Angie Hill Price self-nominated to serve as co-chair. Ms. Deborah Wright seconded the motion.
        - All in favor.
4. Review/Approve Minutes from May 1, 2024, Meeting – Ms. Debbie Lollar
    - 4.1. Approved by – Mr. Bill Cox
    - 4.2. Seconded by – Mr. Tom Reber
5. FM 2818 Update (PowerPoint Presentation) – Ms. Debbie Albert
    - 5.1. Thank you all for allowing me to be here to provide this update.
    - 5.2. FM 2818 is a \$45 million construction project that began in February 2021 and is currently in phase 4 of 4. Phase 4 stage 2 began in May 2024 with expected completion at the end of 2024.
    - 5.3. Remaining Work – There are still items to be completed such as the west leg of Bush, Jones Butler bridge, landscaping, barrier walls, share use pathways, and signals.
      - Mr. Bill Cox – Are there any updates from the cities on the Jones Butler extension?
        - Ms. Debbie Albert – There is no update, but I believe they do have plans.
    - 5.4. Super Street Traffic Movements – Once construction is finalized, the only change will be the left turns. Crossing one direction of travel at a time allows people to concentrate. Pedestrians will be able to cross the side streets, this greatly simplifies the operation of signals.
      - Ms. Kaylee Rackley – Will there be any signal lights?
        - Ms. Debbie Albert – There will be 4 signals, one at each U-turn and each side.
    - 5.5. 2023 vs 2024 FM 2818 Average Speeds – On this chart we are seeing a 5 MPH increase mid-day. This data was collected during the construction period, not before construction.
      - Mr. Brad Hall – What is the flow plan all the way across, will the morning backup be fixed?

- Ms. Debbie Albert – When approaching North bound (Jones Butler bridge) the need is to restripe and open the entire bridge. You will start to see more separation – hoping sometime this week. We can work with College Station to tweak the signal timing.
  - Ms. Kaylee Rackley – What is the timing signal program that is being used?
  - Ms. Debbie Albert – Iteris program.
  - Mr. Jim Kovar – There is a misconception about the land between lanes. Why did they not expand more, 3 to 4 lanes?
    - Ms. Debbie Albert – We will need to wait until construction is complete to determine success. There will likely be future phases.
    - Mr. Bill Cox – There has been a benefit so far to the amount of drainage coming off the road, moving the water away from the road.
    - Ms. Debbie Albert – Yes, we like to begin by addressing utilities.
  - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Completion is set for the end of 2024?
    - Ms. Debbie Albert – I have been hearing November 2024. There are still items that remaining to be completed – barrier walls, landscaping, drainage, etc. There is no exact date yet.
    - Mr. Jim Kovar – The speed chart is great, maybe adding the travel times to compare as well.
- 5.6. Ms. Debbie Albert – QR Code - Please take the survey, we want to hear from you. Thank you all so much for your time!
6. Game Day – Ms. Lynn Wiggs
- 6.1. Ms. Debbie Lollar – We had over 107,000 people in the stadium, parking filled a lot more spaces.
- 6.2. Ms. Lynn Wiggs – One change we made this season was the road closure times, 4.5 hours before kick-off. The timing to get Houston Street cleared was taking a lot longer and we needed the additional time to get it cleared up. We are pre-selling parking more this season and have added Fan Field back as an option. We will continue to encourage this. There has been an increase in this season’s sales. The permit holder locations have not changed. Shuttle service is still available 3 hours before kick-off. We had over 26,000 roundtrip rides.
- Mr. Bill Cox – There is a backup issue with the contraflow on Throckmorton Street.
    - Ms. Lynn Wiggs – This happens every time. The Corps stepping off the Quad requires us to hold existing traffic, it will cause a backup at the garage.
- 6.3. Ms. Debbie Lollar – One issue we have seen blossom since the concert that has transferred to football is ticket transfers. Purchases made outside of the 12<sup>th</sup> man or ParkMobile.
7. Other Items Open Discussion
- 7.1. Dr. Angie Hill Price – Are you talking to anyone to assist with the gameday Highway 6 South traffic flow?
  - Ms. Debbie Albert – We are talking to TxDot.
- 7.2. Ms. Tracey Forman – Are parking permits sold out?
  - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We are not sold out, there is some availability at Fan Field.
  - Ms. Tracey Forman – Accessibility issues?
  - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Please contact Darla Guerra and she can assist with accessibility.
  - Ms. Darla Guerra – We are working through waitlists and have offered some spaces in West Campus Garage and Lot 100. Residents will be guaranteed West Campus.

7.3. Ms. Kaylee Rackley – Students have brought up bus routes after 8 PM, they are sitting 45 minutes to 1 hour after class waiting.

- Ms. Madeline Dillard – This is something we can look into.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – We would look at the value to be able to run a bus to add service. The demand perspective, where it makes the most sense.

Meeting adjourned – 1:01 PM