Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes
April 1, 2026
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Present:
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Tracey Forman
Mr. Patrick Grigsby
Dr. Kristen Harrell
Mr. James Jim Kovar
Ms. Amanda Pelton
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. Andrew Klein

Absent:
Dr. Robert Carpenter
Mr. Sam Chew
Mr. Ed Costello
Dr. James Howell
Ms. Erin Jones
Mr. Bill Meredith
Ms. Joy Pritz
Ms. Deborah Wright

Online:
Ms. Adelade Edgington
Mr. Brad Hall
Mr. Rene Ochoa

Guests:
Ms. Debbie Albert
Ms. Madison Metsker-Galarza
Ms. Faith Kersey for Ms. Joy Pritz
Mr. Troy Metcalfe for Mr. Ed Costello
Mr. David Schwoegl for Ms. Erin Jones

Called to Order at 11:45 a.m. by Ms. Debbie Lollar

1. Review/Approve Minutes from the March 4, 2026, Meeting: Ms. Debbie Lollar
    - Approved by – Ms. Tracey Forman
    - Seconded by – Mr. Patrick Grigsby
2. Updates: Ms. Debbie Lollar
    - Today is the official launch of the new My Parking Account. Please check it out, share, and give us any feedback.
    - We are still on hold with Garage #8, and we have not received any formal feedback on Garage #9. We are working on the POR for the new Transit/Fleet/Projects and Maintenance facility that will be located on Finfeather Road, beyond F&B. We will share this location with the new Meat Science facility (Rosenthal), they will be located on the west side of the property. We will be requesting some funding for this.
        - Mr. Bill Cox – The proposed permit price increase of 6%, is there any feedback on that yet?
        - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Yes, the President has approved the plan we submitted. There will be a 6% increase yearly for the next 6 years then we will return to inflation rates.
3. PEV Presentation: Mr. Byron Prestridge (PowerPoint)
    - We have seen quite an increase in Personal Electric Devices (PEV) on campus, and we expect it to continue to increase.

- TAMU Usage Trends – Increase in personal micromobility has a direct correlation with the decrease in the shared micromobility data. We have about 18-20 HUB visits a day. VEO has a combination of pedal and electric bikes. Users discover they like them and go get their own devices or move into a membership.
- E-motorcycles are not authorized on any public surface without licensing, registration and insurance.
- Data is from the TxDOT CRIS – Crash Records Information System. Most crashes on campus are happening at intersections.
    - Penberthy Blvd. at Tom Chandler Drive
    - John Kimbrough Blvd. at Olsen Blvd.
    - Gene Stallings Blvd. at Joe Routt Blvd.
    - Lewis Street at Spence Street
- Transportation Services is leading university efforts to address micromobility items on campus, with the support of University Police and main Marketing and Communications.
    - Separated Infrastructure
    - Regulation and Registration
    - Education and Awareness
    - Enforcement
    - Storage and Charging
- Regulation and Registration – We went from it being uncommon to see an electric device in the bike racks to now seeing at least 3 devices in the racks. We revised the SAP in May 2023. The SAP revision was to provide clarity on allowable micromobility devices for use on campus. We began recording the percentage of micromobility devices to get a better understanding of the mix we were seeing on bike racks. In August of 2024 we transitioned to a new micromobility registration system. Micromobility recommendations were submitted to the President's Office in August of 2025. Personal Electric Vehicle charging will now be permitted inside residential halls only if the devices are registered and meet compliance with SAP 24.0199.M0.01.
- Transportation Service completed five major projects in the summer 2025 to separate pedestrians and wheeled devices.
- Ross Street – The gate was moved up from Ireland to Ross Street, and a two-way mobility path opened.
    - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Since the gate has been moved people seem to freak out. They think it is only for bikes. Would possible signage help – "Thru Cars". They end up turning around and going the wrong way.
    - Mr. Clint Willis – I have talked to our signage team, I will follow-up.
- Penberthy Blvd – This area needed expansion. We provided additional space for small and big wheels and better visibility for path users.
- Stallings Blvd – Moved the bike lane away from the garage entrance. Now that it has been implemented people understand why. It is a much better system.
    - Mr. Troy Metcalfe – There is a challenge with motorcycles and mopeds cutting thru.
    - Mr. Byron Prestridge – It is a learning process. We have seen really good results with bikes.

        - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We added an entrance lane to the garage, which allows for more double turns. We worked with the city to allow both lanes to turn south.
        - Mr. Bill Cox – It's a challenging right turn coming out of the garage, it is really tight. But that is the only thing concerning me, everything has been great.
- Bus HUB – This allowed for users to come to one place for all bus routes (on/off). A Shared use path was added and new bus shelters, that do not intervene with the architectural views. We also added post and chain to promote sidewalk usage.
- Bizzell St. at Ross St. – Green paths were used and are understood by users.
- West Lamar St. and Houston St. – Utilized more green paint for bike paths.
        - Ms. Tracey Forman – The green paint on Penberthy, people are not honoring the wheel path. People spread out. Maybe adding more dashes will help?
        - Mr. Byron Prestridge – Thank you, good to know.
        - Dr. Andrew Klein – Green paint from roads to the sidewalk?
        - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We explored this, example is over by the academic plaza. We talked to the campus architect, possible new concrete for paths.
        - Dr. Andrew Klein – The sidewalk over by military walk, is a good start for separation.
        - Mr. Byron Prestridge – If you have any other areas, please let me know (bikes@tamu.edu)
- Polo Rd. – Widening and paint has dramatically helped this area.
- Pickard Pass – This is the area where the green paint started. You can see all of the wheel marks from usage.
- Registration – This gives us an opportunity to map problem areas. Residence Life and UPD will be able to login to verify device information.
- Education and Awareness – University-wide campaign, Travel Safe Ags. We have a dedicated site – travelsafe.tamu.edu and student ambassadors who are helping us promote. We have engaged students and staff and presented at various events. Published digital and multimedia content. Please help us spread the word.
- Enforcement – Unauthorized Vehicles (UAVs) on campus will receive a first notice tag if it is located on a bike rack. It will be impounded if found again and the owner will be required to transport it if picked up. In the past there was a fewer than 30% retrieval, but now we are seeing a higher retrieval rate for electric devices.
        - Mr. Patrick Grigsby – Do students realize they have to obey traffic rules. Possible signage to alert them?
        - Mr. Byron Prestridge – I am not opposed to signage, but they should know.
        - Mr. Bill Cox – Ignorance is not an excuse of the law. People are not doing their due diligence. Where does personal responsibility take place.
        - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Is there something communicated for rules on campus?
        - Mr. Tad Fifer – Yes, we have been giving that information for years. Everywhere we can we add it, NSC etc.

- Ms. Debbie Lollar – We also include it on the online NSC.
- Mr. Tad Fifer – We can weave in some items on the digital signs throughout campus.
- Ms. Tracy Foreman – Are there any other designated taggers to tag unauthorized vehicles?
- Mr. Byron Prestridge – Wheel it out to the racks and let us know it is there. The hard part is if it is not registered, we can't locate the owner. Please notify us for help.
- Mr. Joe Dillard – We have taped a copy of the rules on to unauthorized vehicles before.
- Mr. Troy Metcalfe – We call in Byron's team when we need assistance.
- Mr. Jim Kovar – Great research on signs with changing status – "happy" "frowning" comments to update signs regularly. We stop paying attention to signage when it never changes.
- Ms. Madison Metsker-Galarza – What about partnering with influencers?
- Mr. Byron Prestridge – That is a good idea.

- Storage and Charging – We have received funding for a new station.
    - Dr. Angie Hill Price – What is the cost for this?
    - Mr. Byron Prestridge – Tariffs have been challenging; we will have a better cost by the end of the month.

4. Para Transit and FY27 Changes: Mr. Justin Tippy
    - We will have minor changes in the upcoming semester; additional changes are possible once we receive our new buses.
    - Bus Routes 47 & 48: These routes service the RELLIS campus. Ridership is expected to drop due to roughly 1,700 students moving from the RELLIS campus to the Blinn Bryan Campus.
        - New frequency – Combine routes 47 & 48 and have 3 buses with routes every 25 minutes. All current stops would retain service. Lincoln Avenue will open back up at some point, and we will get back on it.
    - Paratransit: This is a complimentary service available to eligible temporarily and permanently disabled students, faculty, and staff. We currently have 5-6 vans running this service. The service area change is the reduction from 2.5 miles to .75 miles of fixed routes. This will allow shifting of the service model to better mirror fixed route operations. Our fleet consists of 8 minivans outfitted to accommodate needs. Eligibility is determined through Disability Resources for students, and Employee Relations processes faculty and staff. We have implemented software to schedule rides; this allows for semester long or one day trip scheduling.
        - Dr. Angie Hill Price – What happens to the people relying on service at the 2.5-mile radius?
        - Mr. Justin Tippy – They will be grandfathered in under the existing guidelines through Fall 2027. Communication is on our website as well.
        - Ms. Tracy Foreman – Y'all are over the federal requirement, so people should know that.
        - Ms. Debbie Lollar – There is only a small number of people in that range (2.5).
        - Mr. Justin Tippy – All existing riders have been notified of the changes.

- Ms. Debbie Lollar – Those existing riders are grandfathered in to give the proper amount of notice.
- Ms. Tracy Foreman – There are other resources available, like Brazos Transit District (BTD).
- Ms. Debbie Lollar - Designed for individuals who are unable to utilize regular bus service.
- Ms. Tracy Foreman – How many users do you have right now?
- Mr. Justin Tippy – 45-50 users.

5. Additional Comments:
    - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Thank you all for your engagement. We have had a few of you reach out to us with questions from your constituent groups. Please feel free to continue to reach out with your questions and concerns, we value that feedback and correspondence.

Adjourned: 12:50 PM