Campus Master Plan Update
Open Session with Students
2/1/11

The demographics of the group attending reflects:
7 Males, 2 Females, 4 of those students live on campus
3 were freshmen, 1 was a sophomore, 1 was a senior, 3 were graduate students

Each of the students were asked what their major was, where they lived and how they arrived on campus and moved around.

- Computer Science major, lives in South Austin, ASG graduate student representative, drive to campus, the cost for the bus is the same cost for gas.
- Urban Planning major, lives off west campus, bikes to class but also has a parking permit
- Geography major, lived on campus for two years, now lives off Aquarena, uses the bus and drives, has a commuter permit
- GIS major, lives off Post Road, bikes to campus, roommate takes bus but has to be at the pick-up one hour before class starts
- Communication Studies major, lives in Beretta, walks to class, only rode the bus two times, drives to Austin one weekend a month for work, knows that parents of friends do not allow their son or daughter to bring a car to campus their first semester
- Lived on campus for two semesters in Hornsby, skateboard and bike on campus, does not have a car, do not ride the bus often
- Live in Hornsby, a transfer student to Texas State, walk everywhere, does not have a car, do not ride the bus
- Communication Studies major, non-traditional freshman, lives in Hornsby, trying to start an organization for skateboarders – have 75 names already, have two vehicles – a car and a motorcycle, don’t leave his parking space because of other students parking in the area
- Business major, lives in San Marcos, uses the bus route on Aquarena, has a car but did not buy a permit, would rather walk the mile because buses are packed, need to be at bus stop by 8 a.m. to make 9 or 9:30 a.m. classes since he is the second to last stop on the route

Other Comments

- Ride bike, takes ten minutes, but lack of bike paths are scary, Aquarena Springs is biggest barrier to riding bikes
- Some of the student did not know about CARTS
- Texas A&M has lot specific system, priority system, grad over senior, etc. – students think a zone parking system would be good
- Work in Admissions Visitor Center – they recommend to freshmen to not bring their car unless they have a job off campus, encourage getting involved on campus
- Bike racks are very well placed on campus
If you had an unlimited source of funds, what would you do:

- Add more bike lanes
- Not a lot of through streets so minimal biking on campus – racks on perimeter
- Need commuter lot on West Campus, not playing fields
- Add more buses and bike lanes
- Bus routes never the same, always being tweaked, the first of every semester is terrible
- Have to get at stop an hour before
- Buses get full to capacity and people continue to cram in
- Buses won’t stop if completely full, come frequently
- Can get on bus between noon and 3 p.m., but it’s crazy between 3:30 and 5 p.m., and between 7 and 11 p.m.
- People will walk across Aquarena to catch an outbound bus if trying to come inbound