Campus Master Plan Update
Transportation Open Session with Faculty and Staff
2/2/11, Morning Session

Present: 9 were present at the morning session

The following are notes taken from the meeting.

Each participant was asked to share how they came to campus, where they parked, how they moved around campus once here, and any other information they were willing to share.

- Lives in San Marcos, noticed increase number of students parking in her residential area above Aquarena Springs, concern with birds/bats in the garage, concerns with skateboarders, students randomly crossing streets, in Health Professions building, wants campus to be mindful of clinics in building (adults and children), have designated parking in LBJ Garage.

- In Alkek, on Staff Council and Transportation Committee, live out Lime Kiln Road, try to carpool with wife, used to park at Pleasant Garage, now in Matthews Garage – a wonderful addition to campus, close enough to ride bikes but county road is so dangerous – no easy bike access on campus either, Concho Green a big improvement want to see more

- Work in Student Center, carpool with wife because of cost of permits, ride bikes in, take flat lands in, live in San Marcos, ride shuttle also, weather related, use combination of city and university bus also,

- Live off RR12, commute in at 6:15 a.m. and leave at 4 p.m., use patrol vehicle on campus and to home

- Live in Austin, carpool with husband sometimes, located in JCK, park in Matthews Garage, leave car and walk everywhere while on campus, see it as a bonus exercise program, notice more people being disrespectful of parking policies, too many student not paying attention because of cell phone use and near hits, if shuttle were more convenient in Austin would probably use, purchased two red permits, will leave one vehicle here during week and carpool rest of week, have a vehicle then if child is sick and one needs to leave

- Commute from Austin because of schedule, late hours so won’t take bus, hear lot of complaints every fall particularly early in semester, students move to bikes and skateboards after semester begins, they use ramps, would walk but not friendly because of concrete and heat, more trees would be helpful, have a son at Texas State (lives out RR12), he has to take bus an hour early or else won’t get on and doesn’t trust buses especially at test time, tells son not to take car, very big issue for students.

- Lives in San Marcos, N. LBJ, walk or ride with someone, can’t drive because of visual disability, not a convenient bus stop where live, lighting is poor and sidewalk erosion, some people make paths which turn muddy, sidewalks need repair on campus.

- Live in Austin and commute, have red permit, will come in early – Math/Alkek, take bus ½ and ½, work at Library, $25,000 salary, environmentally sensitive, buses are overwhelmed don’t have resources to make it work, desperate for buses in Austin, people were left behind (take bus from Highland Mall), standing from South Austin and San Marcos, can’t read or work on a computer, have electric cars coming and no plugs. What about ID’s at gates to monitor use of lots, skateboards a problem, not enough shade on campus, swim at river on break, need to make walkways more shaded, shouldn’t outsource the buses
On campus at 7:15 a.m., work in Alkek, carpool with husband, one permit, live out RR12, if weather is nice take bus and wheelchair 1.25 miles, get across campus by wheelchair have to take indirect routes, issues heard in office – more and more students with disabilities and they use buses, have an inter campus transportation issue going on – get to campus but difficulty getting around campus, looking at running golf cart system.

Who would prefer being assigned to a lot?

- Don’t like being restricted to a lot if couldn’t move
- Need flexibility to go somewhere else for some staff because it’s their job
- Had an internal circulator for a couple of years that worked well