Transportation System
Kickoff with Steering Committee
2/1/11

Steering Committee Present: Van Wyatt, Perry Moore, Joanne Smith, Juan Guerra, Debra Feakes, Colter Ray, Bob Gratz, Bill Nance, Larry Teis, and Nancy Nusbaum
Consultants Present: Chris Rice, Stephen Coulston, Rod Weis, Bill Martin, Shawn Turner

- Introduced Specialists
  - **Mr. Rodney Weis** currently serves as Executive Director of Facilities Services at Texas A&M University. However, prior to this appointment, Rod served as Executive Director of Transportation Services at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas since September, 2002. He also served as director of Parking and Transportation Services at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta Georgia, director of campus parking and associate director for project planning and facilities management at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign where he had served as the director of campus parking, and also worked as operations director for the Lexington Kentucky Transit Authority and the Ames Transit Agency in Ames, Iowa. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in community and regional planning from Iowa State University in 1991 and a MBA at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1997. Rod is a recognized leader in the parking and transportation industry, serving on the Texas Parking Association Board, as President of the Midwest Campus Parking Association, is a member of the International Parking Institute’s Board of Advisors, and is a member of the National Association of College Auxiliary Services and the Association for Commuter Transportation as well as other professional associations.

  - **Mr. Shawn Turner** is a Senior Research Engineer for the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) in College Station, Texas. In his 18 years at TTI, Shawn has been involved in a variety of pedestrian and bicyclist safety activities, from advising federal agencies on a national research agenda, to lecturing in university courses on pedestrian and bicycle transportation, to instructing bicycle safety classes in his local community. Mr. Turner received degrees in Civil Engineering from Penn State and Texas A&M Universities. He is a licensed professional engineer in Texas and a League Cycling Instructor with the League of American Bicyclists.

  - **Mr. Bill Martin** has 32 years of experience in transportation planning and engineering and is currently a principle with Martin/Alexiou/Bryson from Raleigh, North Carolina. He manages complex, multimodal transportation studies at the regional and corridor levels. He also manages the development of campus transportation plans that include the analysis of parking, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and traffic systems. Bill is considered an expert nationally in travel demand analysis and forecasting. He is currently managing the development of traffic forecasts for multiple toll road projects in North Carolina. He has conducted needs’ studies, feasibility analyses, and prepared patronage estimates for major public transportation investments, such as commuter rail and light rail transit systems in several states. Prior to consulting, Bill was a Senior Transportation Manager with the FHWA, where he provided technical assistance and training in transportation planning methods to Federal, State, and local transportation agencies. Bill received his bachelors and masters degrees in civil engineering from North Carolina State University and is a professional registered engineer. He has developed Campus Transportation Plans for University of Texas at San Antonio, University of Texas at
El Paso, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC; North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC; University of Illinois Multimodal Transportation Plan, Urbana, IL; James Madison University Multimodal Transportation Plan, Harrisonburg, VA; University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL; and North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC; among others

- Introduced Planning Consultants
  - **Mr. Stephen Coulston** was the project manager for our 2006-2015 Master Plan. Mr. Coulston is a registered architect and the Vice President of Broaddus Planning.
  - **Mr. Chris Rice, AIA**, a registered Architect and Director of Planning with Broaddus Planning.

- Steering Committee Introductions
  - Ms. Nancy Nusbaum, Master Plan Update Project Manager
  - Dr. Perry Moore, Provost, VP Academic Affairs
  - Mr. Bill Nance, VP Finance & Support Services
  - Dr. Joanne Smith, VP Student Affairs
  - Dr. Van Wyatt, VP Information Technology
  - Dr. Bob Gratz, Special Assistant to the President
  - Dr. Larry Teis, Athletics Director
  - Dr. Debra Feakes, Faculty Senate
  - Ms. Krista Haynes, Staff Council
  - Ms. Melanie Ferrari, Associated Student Government
  - Mr. Juan Guerra, Facilities

The following are notes taken from this meeting.

- Comments from Steering Committee Members:
  - Losing surface lot parking that is mostly residence hall parking to construction or conversion of gray to green space, 3400 permits issued
  - Texas State currently does not have a “no car” to campus policy
  - Believes transit is important, need to get students to campus for class on time
  - Start with no constraints, most are self imposed anyway
  - Interested in holistic approach to maximize the systems and operate efficiently
  - Determine if we need more capital investment
  - Texas State has grown 1,500 students annually, rate of growth will be 40,000 in five years, freshmen class is larger, need to house these students on campus
  - Parking is one of the top three frustrations of faculty and students, if we want to continue to be attractive for recruiting purposes then we need to address parking and transportation since it is at the heart of the university, this impacts our capacity to attract people and be financially stable
  - Where should freshmen park?
  - 60% of the population is female, the system must be safe
  - This issue is more important than the academic plan at this time
  - 1,000 plus full-time faculty, 300 part-time
  - 12,000 – 14,000 commute from Austin
  - Large evening class population, 6:30 classes, mostly graduate classes
  - Need to remember the bond life of a garage
Commuter rail is projected for this region in the future and will have a major impact for the campus.

Working student population is higher percent than average, a good percent of our students work at the outlet mall.

Seating capacity of Bobcat Stadium will be 30,000, when we reach full capacity there will be traffic flow issues, no added parking is planned, maybe run shuttle to games.

No one parking at Bobcat Village lot – maybe need to educate our students about its availability.

Currently use sandwich boards at athletic events to inform about parking.

Charge for parking at football games but minimal.

Remote lots to university is an issue with 30 to 40 trains in town, only one overpass, can’t run timed routes.

Once you get to the core of campus there is congestion in the Quad, need to find a way to get people bicycles to maneuver without posing safety threat to pedestrians.

Currently have one way streets, appropriate for traffic flow but not bikes.

There are tons of ramps to accommodate ADA accessibility issues but bicyclists use them.

Some of the ramps are not wide enough for two wheelchairs making them unsafe.

Faculty and students need to be able to get to class on time, foresee having more shifted schedules with more classes into the night, movement on campus needs to be safe at night.

Don’t assume constraints, need to take a fresh look.

Coordinating Board requires we report deferred maintenance for infrastructure, streets, etc...

The campus is dedicated to LEED; however, there it is a challenge to comply with LEED for parking, alternative vehicles, carpool.

Consolidated bus system study is taking place.

Shuttle contract with First Transit expires 2013.

First Transit owns all but four busses which the university own.

Of 40,000 projected student population, assume 6,000 will be freshmen.

Currently have 12,880 spaces of which 2,218 are Red, 3,464 are for residence halls, 1,008 are at apartments, 4,510 are all zone and 494 in LBJ Student Center Garage.

93% of freshmen live on campus.

Think outside the box, for example, remote parking lot – students bused in.