TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Regents Room, Suite 1140, J.C. Kellam Administration Building

In Attendance: Mr. Anthony Galo, Mr. Marcus Hendry, Ms. Caitlyn Koebler, Chief Ralph Meyer, Mr. Gordie Green, Mr. Stephen Prentice, Ms. Stephanie Daniels, Ms. Linda Sterling (Scribe)

Absent: Ms. Nancy Nusbaum, Dr. Margaret Menninger, Dr. Roque Mendez, Dr. Jaymeen Shah, Mr. Eric Johnson, Ms. Judy Herington, Mr. Ray Wilson, Ms. Ashley Cantu, Dr. Joanne Smith, Mr. Steve Herrera

Mr. Stephen Prentice chaired the meeting in Ms. Nusbaum’s absence.

Parking Rules/Regulations Changes

Mr. Prentice advised the following changes and addition to the parking map have been approved by Presidents cabinet:

Motorcycle Permits (MC) – changed language to “when purchased with, or after...” There were issues with people wanting to buy MC permits for the reduction in price if two permits are purchased together. There were technical difficulties if the MC permit is purchased first and then an attempt is made to buy the vehicle permit.

Semester Permit – There was confusion last year because the $112 semester permit was available to per course faculty. Language was clarified to include per course and extension faculty for anyone assigned for one semester.

Residence Hall Permit Section - Nothing specified that a resident could only buy green or gold resident permits. Language was added with an asterisk that residents may only buy green or gold permits.

Commuter Permit - Starting next year, Speck Garage will be perimeter parking only until 3 p.m.

A member asked where residents will park overnight.

Mr. Prentice advised that Dr. Proite recommended a lottery for west side residents, and that there is a surface lot of 172 spaces being built there. A lighted pathway has been constructed to the Academy Street Garage, and the bottom level has always been converted to Commuter. Arnold Hall area is closed, so 550 residents will no longer be living there which will open spots in the Matthews Street Garage.

30-Minute Parking at J.C. Kellam (JCK)

Parking Services staff has researched usage and discovered not a lot of these permits are being issued; i.e., last Thursday we issued 11 permits; Friday – 20; Monday – 11; Tuesday - 20. Parking Services staff have been going through the lots the last few days to see if they are being used and have not seen any. By 8:15 a.m. the rear lot of JCK is filled with red permits, so 30-minute permits are not impeding red parking at JCK. Mr. Prentice stated he believes having a 30 minute permit is valuable, and asked the councilmembers for their thoughts.
A councilmember agreed there seemed to be no big impact.

Mr. Prentice asked for contrary thoughts and there were none.

Moore Street Parking Lot Allocation

Mr. Prentice advised that the Department of Housing and Residential Life is paying for a surface parking lot and some parking around the new residence hall areas that amounts to approximately 172 spaces. At the surface parking lot across from Canyon Hall by the soccer field there was a 60 space red lot. When that was taken away there was concern. There has been only one complaint from someone in Family and Consumer Science. Mr. Prentice’s original recommendation was to put some red zone parking in but after seeing usage over the semester’s he recommends it all be green permit parking, and asked councilmembers if they had any reasons not to zone it green. There were none.

Purchase of Sweeper, Cutaway Bus, Wheelchair Accessible Golf Cart, and Pay and Park Machine at Mitte Building

Mr. Prentice advised the University is helping to purchase a sweeper for $64,000 to comply with environmental concerns. A councilmember asked if it will clean the Alkek Garage. Mr. Prentice advised it would and that is where they tested it with good results.

A cutaway bus is being purchased 50% by the President’s account that will be used for events instead of Parking Services and Student Center vans.

VPFSS funds purchased a wheelchair accessible golf cart to provide event transportation.

A Pay and Display terminal is being install in proximity to Mitte and Family and Consumer Science to accommodate art events and students going to the Student Recreation Center and who do not have a permit.

Edward Gary Street Garage (EGSG) Revenue

Mr. Prentice stated he thought that Dr. Mendez had made a request for an update on EGSG revenue and that $200,000 in revenue was budgeted. The handout shows that the Revenue is $167,010.00.

Summer I & II Shuttle Service

In Mr. Herrera’s absence, Mr. Prentice advised that 5 routes will be rerouted to the UAC hub due to construction to repair the Quad hub, and that the repairs are scheduled to be completed by the fall semester.

New Business

Mr. Prentice updated the following items:

- Mr. Herrera is creating a UPPS for use of the cutaway bus.
- VPFSS is paying $25,000 of the funding.
April 6, 2015, the Loop 82 Overpass construction begins. Phase I is building access roads. Phase II will reconfigure Post Road once access roads are completed, and then they will begin work on the overpass. There will be a webpage up through the City of San Marcos, and updates will be sent out by the University.

A councilmember commented that it will be fun since Sessom will have bike lane construction at the same time and will be one lane in each direction.

A councilmember asked for 2016-2017 for RAs and RDs that must live on campus, will they get preference for parking permits? Mr. Prentice advised there will be no lottery. Parking Services staff met with Dr. Proite to discuss the 172 spaces in the new lot, and the Academy Street Garage remains almost empty, so we will try it that way first.

A councilmember asked how long the Loop 82 project is to take. Other councilmembers stated it is scheduled for 20 months and that Phase II (the overpass) is scheduled to start in September. Mr. Prentice advised that except for a few weeks, TxDOT is anticipating 2 lanes of traffic will be open; he also advised that the University is losing 242 parking spaces at Coliseum and Bobcat Stadium East.

The meeting concluded.