

Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes

May 7, 2025

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Present:

Mr. Ed Costello
Mr. Bill Cox
Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Tracey Forman
Mr. Patrick Grigsby
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Ms. Erin Jones
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. Bill Meredith
Ms. Amanda Pelton
Ms. Deborah Wright

Absent:

Mr. Sam Chew
Ms. Adelaide Edgington
Ms. Jennifer Enloe
Mr. Brad Hall
Mr. James Jim Kovar
Ms. Kaylee Rackley
Mr. Tom Reber
Prof. Dale Rice
Dr. Dave Tarvin

Online:

Guests:

Ms. Debbie Albert
Mr. Allen Narita
Mr. Patrick Yee for Mr. Brad Hall

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

1. Review/Approve Minutes from the April 2, 2025, Meeting: Ms. Debbie Lollar
 - Approved by – Mr. Bill Cox
 - Seconded by – Dr. Angie Hill Price
2. Updates: Ms. Debbie Lollar
 - Thank you all for joining us for our last meeting of the semester.
 - I would like to remind you of the upcoming summer projects. We have a roadshow if you are interested in us coming to speak with your groups. Information is available on our website.
 - We are wrapping up the POR process for Garage #8. The West Campus Development Plan is underway, and Garage #8 was sighted off Discovery Drive. The garage will include 12,000 sq. ft. of office space for Transportation Services and will also include some swing space.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – There will be a huge increase for garage permits.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar - We are exploring all the avenues. Exploring year-round event rates, adjusted citation rates, football rates, visitor parking rates.
 - Bus Procurement – We are ready to order our new buses, but the bus company is having some tariff concerns to be able to supply an accurate quote. The worst-case scenario would be not being able to place an order until December. Diesel buses would take about 18 months. We are continuing to work really hard to keep our current fleet up and running. If we get in a bind, there are two other potential companies that provide bus leases.
 - Mr. Patrick Munoz – When studying the permit rate increases, what was the metric used? To keep up with income.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – The income range is great, not linked to that at all. It is a budget need. There is not a model that does that.

- Mr. Bill Meredith – How does the price we pay compare to other campuses (Houston/Austin), and does it take in to account the real estate price?
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – It does not. It depends on the cost, and other variables. Generally, ours is less than what we hear from our peers. We are seeing the cost of materials are expensive, and our estimates are coming in too low, even though our engineers say they are shooting high.

3. New Route Name: Ms. Madeline Dillard

- Defined the Transportation Services Bus Naming/Re-Naming Process:
 1. Individual/Organization submits a request to TS to include proposed names.
 2. TS presents the request to TSAC.
 3. TSAC votes to approve/deny the request to progress. TS notifies COO of process.
 4. TS requests a review and support from the following organizations – Traditions Council, Graduate and Professional Student Government, Student Government Association.
 5. TS presents feedback/support back to TSAC for final recommendations. If all approve TS and sends memo to COO notifying approval and final name outcome.
- We don't always have a need for a new name, so we already have a list of names. We want to name Bus Route 41. Transit compiled requests, surveyed our drivers, and have narrowed it down to two names – 1. "Good Bull" 32% 2. "Ol Sarge" 27%. We are now bringing it here to TSAC for a vote of the naming of Bus Route 41.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Can you show us the complete list of the names we have?
 - Ms. Madeline Dillard – Yes, we have a lot of traditions. (displayed list on screen for all to see).
 - Ms. Angie Hill Price – "Good Bull" is aligned more to tradition like several on the current list displayed.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – It aligns with our core values.
 - Mr. Bill Meredith – "Ol Sarge" comes back to a lot of our branding.
 - Ms. Angie Hill Price – Can we send both options to the council groups for consideration? Does anyone have a strong opinion on either?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – In the past "Ol Sarge" was downplayed by the MarComm team, would it happen again in the future?
 - Ms. Erin Jones – I agree, "Ol Sarge" is not a negative connotation anymore.
- Committee Vote:
 - "Good Bull" – 7
 - "Ol Sarge" – 5
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – The process calls for submitting one, we will submit "Good Bull".
 - Ms. Madeline Dillard – The organizations will send support/recommendations back to us and we then present it back to you (TSAC). We will not hold another committee meeting before August, when the route will go into effect. I would like to request advanced approval to move forward with "Good Bull" for the naming of Bus Route 41.
 - Mr. Bill Meredith – I would like to move consensus for "Good Bull"
 - Ms. Erin Jones – I second
 - All in favor of "Good Bull"

4. Capacity and Student Experience Working Group – Pedestrian and Wheeled Devices: Mr. Allen Narita

- We received a charge from President Welsh to look at micromobility. This is an update on what we have been discussing and working on.
- Slow Moving Vehicle Regulations – We are looking at a possible separation of Slow Moving Vehicles (SMVs) and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs) to another sub-committee.
 - Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) – Max Speed 25 MPH
 - Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) – Max Speed 35 MPH
- There are currently no real regulations requiring procurement, maintenance, or parking of those vehicles. There are 275 insured slow-moving vehicles, and only 35 docks around campus. Slow Moving Vehicles are limited to 25 MPH (mules/golfcarts). Neighborhood Electric Vehicles are a bit larger and only driven on roads with a speed limit of 45 MPH or less.
- Ms. Julie Villarreal – Cart operation is a different need to travel and not necessarily requiring gate usage. We need a more comprehensive representation for our campus. There needs to be a level of responsibility on our campus. We need to come up with a good comprehensive plan.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – It has been some time since we have spun off a sub-committee. We would love a representative from this committee. It could be yourself or another representative from your organization. If anyone is interested, please get back to us in the next couple of weeks with feedback on representation.
- Ms. Tracy Foreman – Do these regulations/SAPs apply to other campuses?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Our campus
 - Ms. Julie Villarreal – Other campuses do reach out to us for advice.
 - Ms. Tracy Foreman – We have had students wanting to bring their own golf carts on campus.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – That is not allowed.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – We are working with Lilia Gonzales on the appropriate paths and shelters.
- Julie Villarreal – We can plan for those builds and look into shared cost for use – shared shelter/parking.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – Spoiler, we are initiating conversations about motorcycles being comprehensive of all mobility. Moving to a park once philosophy. We do not have the correct resources for that today, but we are working on it.
- Ms. Julie Villarreal – There is an emphasis for safety on campus. We are working hard to provide dedicated space and proper usage and minimize the areas where pedestrians and drivers are at risk. Leave it better than how we found it.
- Mr. Bill Cox – I am not opposed to fees; there needs to be some accountability. How do we make sure that what we say can be enforced, and people held accountable?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – You can always call us (TS) to assist.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – We all agree there needs to be more accountability.
 - Ms. Julie Villarreal – We are partnered with UPD. The end goal is to shift the culture, this is not just one person's responsibility, we can all do what we need to do to keep everyone safe.
- Mr. Bill Cox – Another topic has been the charging of PEVs inside the residential halls. We are awaiting confirmation on the allowable equipment. All groups can then address concerns and violations. If you are seeing anything different, please let me know.

- Dr. Angie Hill Price – We are seeing different; we don't have the ability to police what they are using to charge. Enforcing that they cannot bring PEVs into the building. The new policies and regulations will help a lot.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We are hoping to shift the culture and educate and will need you all to help us.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Work with Transportation Services for new signage to help us communicate this.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Tad Fifer is working on the safety tool kit.
 - Ms. Tracey Forman – Who can remove unallowable devices?
 - Mr. Bill Cox – It will be a partnership with Transportation Services and Facilities to remove unallowable devices.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Maybe we can have a designated area in buildings to hold devices, then Transportation Services can document and share with UPD before removal.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – We run information in intervals on our digital sign. More people are parking their PEVs outside, but are anchoring them onto rails etc.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Today's ask, in the next two weeks please let Patty Mora know if you, or others in your organization, would be available to participate in the subcommittee (Slow Moving & Neighborhood Electric Vehicles). Julie Villarreal will be leading this charge.
 - Mr. Bill Cox – Recommend that we prohibit NEVs
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – Do we have any Deans representing?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – I am making a note to reach out to them.
 - Ms. Tracey Forman – Athletics needs to have a representative; they have the most golf carts.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – I will also make a note to reach out to them.
5. Closing Remarks: Ms. Debbie Lollar
- We value and appreciate your time and frank conversations from all of you – thank you! Patty will start to reach out, before the end of the summer, on positions for the upcoming year. Our next meeting will be in September. Thank you all!