

Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes
September 3, 2025
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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

Present:

Mr. Sam Chew
Mr. Joe Dillard
Ms. Adelaide Edgington
Ms. Tracey Forman
Mr. Patrick Grigsby
Mr. Brad Hall
Dr. Kristen Harrell
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. James Howell
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. James Jim Kovar
Mr. Bill Meredith
Ms. Amanda Pelton
Ms. Joy Pritz
Ms. Deborah Wright
Dean Mark Zoran

Online:

Ms. Erin Jones

Absent:

Dr. Robert Carpenter
Mr. Ed Costello
Mr. Bill Cox

Guests:

Ms. Debbie Albert
Mr. Byron Prestridge
Mr. James Gonzalez for Mr. Bill Cox

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

1. Welcome/New Member Introductions: Ms. Debbie Lollar

- Welcome all! This committee has been around for a long time. We evaluate representation annually and work hard to have broad representation and balance.
- Introductions of all in attendance – in person and online.
- Reviewed PowerPoint presentation.
 - History of TSAC
 - Goals
 - Tactical Objectives
 - Guidelines
 - Role of The Chair
 - Role of Committee Members

2. Updates: Ms. Debbie Lollar

- New semester numbers:
 - Over 50,000 valid permits
 - First day of class – 60,000 bus rides
 - First week of class – 280,000 bus rides
 - Over 400 VEO rides

- First home football game completed (8/30). We scanned 16,000 parking vehicles and had over 25,000 bus rides. Post game traffic was cleared in just a little under 1 hour. West Campus Garage took just about 1 hour to empty. The line holdup is mostly due to vehicles backing into space and people driving the wrong way.
- Garage #8 (Discovery Drive Garage) was approved by BOR to go to the design phase and will go out to bid soon. We are expecting to use multiuse paths as drive lanes. This garage will be just under 2,000 spaces. We are an auxiliary that funds these projects by increases in permits, football parking rates, citations, hourly parking, etc. We have not received central funding. We are strategizing where Garage #9 will go, evaluating sites at West Campus and East Campus.
- Bus Procurement – About 2 years ago we were awarded a grant for buses. We made a request to change from full electric to hybrid buses and were approved. Funding may come in midfall, which will allow us to order 6-8 buses.
 - Mr. Bill Meredith – Net gain?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We have some buses as old as 2001/2002 with some significant challenges. There are battery and inverter issues with limited availability to get them fixed. We have one case that was fixed and is on the road today. Some are experiencing axle issues (radius rod). Our internal team has designed a solution, and we are rotating them out.
 - Mr. Justin Tippy – We should have operational gain with the new buses.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We will be adding about 10% service once the new buses arrive.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Are you receiving any central funding for the street repairs?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – At times we do, for some larger projects. Generally, it is a component of our budget.
 - Ms. Deborah Wright – It competes with the other funding requests, not an automatic.
- Update by Debbie Albert (TTI):
 - Highway 6 - Widening to 3 lanes in each direction. This is set to begin at the beginning of December and is expected to be a 5-year project. There is a video I will share for you to please share with your groups. No plans on the phasing have been shared yet.
 - Bush/Wellborn Grade Separation – This will be a 100-million-dollar project. The bidding process is starting. The project is set to begin in Summer 2026 and is expected to be a 2-2.5-year project.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We are working on some possible options to avoid the intersection while under construction. Possible enhancements/developments to the Fan Field area. This area already has a bus route established.
 - FM 2818 – This project is complete and permanent speed limit signs will be installed this week.
- TS Summer Construction Projects – Kuddos to the teams on the completion! We have seen about 30% of off-campus riders getting off before reaching the new Bus HUB, we are very pleased with this. We have limited the public traffic to Ross Street. Central Houston Street has been completely redone by the Post Office enhancing accessibility (ADA compliance), it

all looks really beautiful. Additional details on all of our projects can be found on our website – transport.tamu.edu (About Us-Projects/Construction). Does anyone have any additional feedback?

- Ms. Tracey Forman – I have heard from others that the Stallings Garage turns are tight.
 - Mr. Clint Willis – The exit is tight but if they start the turn sooner, they can make it out fine. Tight also controls speed, it is doing its job.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Stallings Garage had a major re-design, and a big behavior shift. The bollards are in route. We anticipate a crosswalk redo during the winter break.
 - Mr. Patrick Grigsby – I wanted to check on the idea from last year regarding the possibility of Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Tuesday/Thursday parking passes?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – This has not been implemented, we do not have the space available just yet.
 - Dr. Kristen Harrell – PEVs in garages, the signage is there but seems hard to enforce.
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – We are looking into clearer entrance signage
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We will look into some social media as well.
 - Ms. Adelaide Edgington – I love Houston Street; it is safer and looks super nice!
3. Nominate & Vote for Committee Co-Chair: Ms. Debbie Lollar
- Dr. Angie Hill Price self-nominated
 - Seconded by - Ms. Deborah Wright
 - All in favor of Dr. Angie Hill Price as Co-Chair for '25-'26 TSAC year
4. Review/Approve Minutes from the May 7, 2025, Meeting: Ms. Debbie Lollar
- Approved by – Mr. Bill Meredith
 - Seconded by – Ms. Tracey Forman
5. Mobility on Campus Taskforce Recommendations Update (PowerPoint): Mr. Byron Prestridge
- Following the 2024 Student Experience Study the working group was set up.
 - We have seen a lot of diversity on our bike racks.
 - We began using Bike Index and have a robust curation of devices we can log.
 - The Howdy portal notifies published rules. We have enhanced the existing regulations on use. Will add battery and charging element regulations as well.
 - Texas has updated its laws on sidewalk users, I advise you to read up on those.
 - Additional Comments/Discussion.
 - Dr. Kristen Harrell – Policy notes facilities is responsible for PEV's in buildings, who is responsible?
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – They are responsible for the notification, refer to the student conduct office. Transportation Services and facilities services will work together for removal. We will outline recommendations.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Recommended changes to the SAP will transition.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – This is still an issue at Zachary. We have signage but it is still an ongoing issue.
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – I would immediately start impounding; we have done a lot of communication.

Meeting adjourned – 1:00 PM