

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

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

Present:

Mr. Ed Costello
Ms. Tracey Forman
Mr. Patrick Grigsby
Dr. Kristen Harrell
Dr. Angie Hill Price
Dr. James Howell
Dr. Andrew Klein
Mr. Bill Meredith
Ms. Amanda Pelton
Ms. Joy Pritz

Absent:

Mr. Bill Cox
Ms. Adelaide Edgington
Ms. Deborah Wright

Online:

Dr. Robert Carpenter
Mr. Sam Chew
Mr. Joe Dillard
Mr. Brad Hall
Ms. Erin Jones
Mr. James Jim Kovar
Ms. Tamra Young for Ms. Deborah Wright

Guests:

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

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

1. Review/Approve Minutes from November 5, 2025, Meeting: Ms. Debbie Lollar
 - Approved by – Ms. Tracey Forman
 - Seconded by – Dr. James Howell
2. Updates: Ms. Debbie Lollar
 - Howdy! I wanted to inform you all that we will be pausing the solicitation for Garage #8. We are awaiting some decisions and conversations at the system level. We are continuing conversations for Garage #9.
 - Brazos Transit District (BTD) included us in a grant that was awarded. We have already ordered 50 buses from the previous grant. We will receive 15 hybrid buses from the new grant. A reminder that back in 2023 BTD was awarded 7-8 electric buses, that was previously paused, and we have now been approved for them. This new award would be almost exclusively replacing our fleet. We are planning for 10% growth in our fleet.
 - Football – We will learn on Sunday if Texas A&M will be hosting a playoff game. We have some concerns but not overly concerned regarding enough personnel available to work. The possible dates would be December 19th or December 20th.
3. Micromobility Blocking ADA Building Access Action Plan: Mr. Byron Prestridge

- Proposed plan for those who are blocking ADA access. We have been adding additional details on our impound tracking. In 2023 data shows 10% (1,000) of impounds were violating a university rule. In 2024/2025 16% of impounds were violating a university rule. We are continuing to see an increase in rule violations. There is a fear of someone blocking a ramp and someone not being able to get out. There is major growth in electric devices on campus. Only about 30% of impounded electric devices are picked up by owners. Financial impact to follow the rules.
 - Ms. Kristen Harrell – Have you talked to the code of conduct office at all? Maybe a possible education piece.
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – Yes, we have done this with habitual violators. Good point.
 - Ms. Tracey Forman – So what happens after hours, do we call police for assistance?
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – Yes, University Police Department.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – We see violations all the time at our building (Jack E. Brown Engineering Building).
 - Ms. Kristen Harrell – During normal business hours do we go through UPD dispatch or Transportation Services (TS)?
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – Yes, TS. When possible, pictures help.

4. Semester Recap: TS Team

- VEO/Sustainability – Mr. Byron Prestridge
 - The #1 competitor for VEO (electric devices) is private ownership. We have had 344,000 rides this year, a 21% drop. The continued decline will lead us to an eventual point to review that number. Originally it was just a pedal bike option, but they are not chosen as much anymore.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – If we go to no micromobility allowed in buildings will that impact that use?
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – We are currently working with VEO on membership plan options to possibly boost usage.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – People are not wanting to lock bikes.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – Has there been improvement on where people are leaving VEO's?
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – Yes. Special events show a little different behavior at times. VEO has posted good signage. In general, behavior is getting better.
 - Unauthorized Personal Electric Vehicles (PEV)– we are finding them and tagging them. We have tagged 113 and impounded 60. If picked up from impound the owner must bring a vehicle to transport it out.
 - Ms. Tracey Forman – They have to register? What happens if they don't, what is the consequence?
 - Mr. Byron Prestridge – We do not pickup nonregistered bikes/electric devices, they must be in violation. If impounded and they pick up they must register their devices then.

- Ms. Debbie Lollar – We have not had a fine associated for “wheels” this is new (piloting).
- Mr. Byron Prestridge - We are relying on the PEV owner to contact us to pick up their devices, then we know who to fine (when devices are not registered).
- Ms. Tracey Forman – There is no place to charge them. It is possible to create charging stations to dock them outside.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – Byron is on a committee which is recommending allowing charging at residential halls, majority charge at home.
- Mr. Byron Prestridge – It will require PEV’s to be 3rd party certified to be allowed to keep and charge inside residential halls. A limit will be set on power draws, no more than 4 amps. It will require heavier use of registration to allow them in residential halls.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – We will give them (residential halls) access to our registration system to see what devices they are finding.
- Ms. Tracey Forman – If found in buildings, can they check to see if it is a registered device?
- Mr. Byron Prestridge – Yes, it will have a sticker and can be looked up. The owner/user information will be listed.
- Hourly Rate Change: Ms. Tammy Hoskens
 - We implemented a full increase in one year instead of breaking out in a 2-year span. This is an additional revenue of 1.6M for projects, to include helping with Garages #8 and #9.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We are spreading the load to help fund our projects.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Where is Garage #8 going?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – It will go in the area by the portable buildings, by White Creek (Discovery Drive) but it is currently on hold. The Residence Life plan is on pause. We will have to possibly start a new POR process for Garage #9.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – Is there a time frame for construction, and will there be central funding to assist?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – This has been discussed. We are in the process of making our next central funding request for a new Transit facility, possible signal lights around Reed Arena.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – Do you anticipate additional routes?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We did not see that. The mode shift at Northside area, and transit ridership is down.
 - Mr. Patrick Grigsby – I have heard it has been hard to obtain a parking permit this year. Is the student hourly parking rate up?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – There is not a way for us to track who is consuming (anonymous). Many students own permits but will pay for convenience, etc.

- Mr. Patrick Grigsby – Could you conduct a survey to see who has permits, being able to purchase over those not being able to, using driver’s license information?
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – This would be a privacy issue?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We can see which customers have permits and then did not repurchase. We have not sold out of permits; locations just may not be desirable ones.
- Football: Ms. Lynn Wiggs
 - We have increased our event parking rates this year.
 - Customers paying with credit cards has increased, that percentage is higher than in previous years. Prepay is selling out quicker as well. Permit holder usage is remaining about average.
 - We are splitting traffic between Polo Rd area and Fan Field, which helps with post traffic egress.
 - RV sales continue to decline; we are down to 41 season spots (Aggie RV Park).
 - Mr. Robert Carpenter – There are so many options available now.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We used to have 700 RV’s at a game, it is becoming a better balance.
 - Mr. James Kovar – Is there a way to track shuttle buses from Downtown Bryan to the game?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Yes! Big win on ridership.
 - Mr. Justin Tippy – Downtown Bryan shuttle ridership has grown; we average about 3,300 rides per game.
 - Pedicabs – We are working with them to get a better handle on things. We have piloted a plan for the past two games. Assistant Chief Ed Costello and his team have been working great with us. We are hoping to have good momentum after this season.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – They are crossing the sidewalk intersection by Military Walk and the bollards by MSC. Is there a possibility of placing cones to help the pedestrians that are crossing?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – I was really surprised with the pilot. The City of College Station has a pedicab listing that facilitates communication. We are working on a SAP to put into policy.
 - Chief Ed Costello – They are used to places with restrictions but when they go to places with no restrictions in place they just do what they want. This is a pilot so next year having a SAP will help out.
- Transit HUB: Mr. Justin Tippy
 - We moved all buses to the MSC. It took some time to get used to, but we have seen some really great comments come in. We completed 6.5 million rides last year and in the first part of this year we were up by 5%.
 - Ross Street ridership has 180,000 more rides than last year.
 - We have received 130 less calls for full buses.
 - Dr. Andrew Klein – Are there any areas students felt were underserved?

- Mr. Justin Tippy – We were receiving calls of routes 22, 26, and 27 taking longer. We added buses to 22 and 26 and that has helped.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We are getting calls on Marion Pugh. The City of College Station intended renovations in this area, and they have since postponed. We have already made changes for this route.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – How about Lincoln?
 - Justin Tippy – This is a different route this semester, but we have been able to maintain service. Ridership is low on this route.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – When will construction be completed (Lincoln)?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We do not have any information on completion.
- Permits: Ms. Darla Guerra
 - We are still selling permits and dealing with customers regarding projects that take up spaces in the lots.
 - We expanded Lot 13 and Lot 24.
 - We have sold 44,152 permits. This is about 900 less than last year.
 - We usually have permits back up for sale at Lot 100 but that is not the case this year. We still have about 1,200 customers on the waitlist.
 - The West Campus waitlist has been cleared and should go back online for sale in January.
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Being on a waitlist is not an indication that they do not have a permit or cannot park.
 - We sold 539 permits for Fan Field. Lot 13, next to Fan Field, had a massive uptick in sales.
 - Lots 50, 47, and Polo Garage still have thousands of customers on the waitlist.
 - Mr. Patrick Grigsby – How many open permits are available for sale?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – For students in particular I would say about 2,000 (main campus).
 - Ms. Darla Guerra – Fan Field is a huge release valve. There are several bus routes that run in this area. It's about 7-8 minutes in between buses.
 - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Are you monitoring building proposals for campus?
 - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Yes, we are. The Bush/Wellborn project will have Bush closed for over a year. Penberthy will be a relief area. We are also looking to enhance Fan Field to help with this.

Closing Remarks:

Ms. Debbie Lollar – Thank you all, we really value your time. We hope you all have a wonderful end of year and holiday time! See you next year!

Adjourned 12:46 PM