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UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

*April 21, 2015*

**Members Present:**

Marty Williamson

Kenny Williams

Lisa McQuin

Evangelina Medina

Keith Ford

Pat Jacobs

Evelyn Young

Stacy Delaney – ASI

Ricardo Perez - ASI

Janet Millar

**Members Absent:**

Rachel Allen

Janet Millar

**Call to Order:**

Chief Marty Williamson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Approval of minutes:**

Motion for approval. Minutes approved.

**Old Business:**

**Parking Update:**  The meters for the Art Lab are completed. We installed 4 meters out of 6 slots, 4 meters installed and we also created 2 loading zones. The 2 slots are temporary loading zones for students who are loading and unloading projects. That project is now completed.

**Reserved parking updates:**

We have had an ongoing discussion on the request throughout various times of staff and faculty asking for reserved parking. It has come up in discussion 2 or 3 months ago at the University Council. Derek happened to be at that University Council meeting and represented the student’s position. Basically they are not opposed to staff and faculty having reserved parking as long as it doesn’t take prime slots away from the students. At that meeting there was a very long discussion and then it was discussed offline. We were looking at the idea of a having students do research in Dr. Daniels PPA class. We were going to have the students do a more comprehensive look at the topic of reserved parking. It turns out that none of the students wanted to do the report. Chief has asked for further direction on how we want to proceed studying the staff and faculty reserved parking issues. At this point there is really no changes in what we are doing and we will wait until the VP is available to advise on how we want to proceed with the study. Chief looked at that topic about 4 years ago and did a staff report for Cabinet and at that point it was elected to table it and not move forward with the reserved parking. At this point we are not sure where it is going to go. It really depends on whatever the President and Vice President decide. Chief is not sure if he will be doing the study or if it will be someone else preparing the study.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Sustainability Committee:** Pat Jacobs – nothing new to report.

**Additional Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:**

**Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Pat Jacobs will be installing 2 parking spaces on campus that will allow people in electric vehicles to recharge their vehicles. Pat needs to take 2 spaces out of general use to be able to do so. It turns out in Lot M, which is the lot behind or between modular east and the Stockdale room, there is some spaces right next to some dedicated spaces for recruiters that he would like to convert to electric vehicle charging stations. The reason he wants to do this in that location is because he has electricity right next to it, there is a transformer 20 ft. away from that location. This will allow people who have an electric vehicles short term parking to be able to recharge their vehicles. They will have to pay for the charge, the cost of the electricity and the system will be set up such that if they extend their stay beyond the length of time it takes to charge their vehicles they will be charged a premium $5.00 an hour rate to park in those spaces. So the system he is looking at actually sends them an email. They will have to pay with a credit card at the parking meter. The parking meter accepts the credit card and gets their email and cell phone information and when their vehicle is charged they get a text message that their vehicle is charged. If they don’t move within 30 min. their rate of parking will be $5.00 an hour. It’s designed to encourage people not to stay there in the parking space, because otherwise you find that people will basically stay in the same parking space all day when it only takes 3 hours to charge a vehicle. Pat would like to take 2 spaces out of parking Lot M that are currently general purpose parking and convert them to electric vehicle charging station. Anyone opposed to let this move forward? No one is opposed to the plan. Approved to move forward.

**Clean Vehicles:**

When the new housing was built the state now requires a certain amount of clean air vehicle parking. We did that, but the problem was since we don’t have any clean air vehicles on campus we didn’t have a policy to figure out what it meant and how to apply it. Between Chief, Pat and Doug Wade, Chief updated the parking regulations, but they are not in place yet. There has been a proposal that if you have a clean air vehicle and you wish to park in a clean air space the proposed process is that you would then go to cashiering with a current registration and show that you have a clean air vehicle. We will be using the clean air vehicles as identified by the California Air Pollution Control District, which has a multipage booklet of vehicles that are identified as clean air vehicles. Cashiering will then confirm that your registered vehicle is the one that qualifies and then that person will be issued a permit, free of charge, to park in those designated areas. The only place we have those spaces is Lot L, which is out by the new housing. You will still have to purchase the regular permit; it is not in lieu of, just an addition to the clean air permit. Our thought is that you shouldn’t have to pay an additional fee to park your clean air vehicles.

**Clean Air permits:**

Evanglina Medina, Parking Officer, is currently working with the company that we get our permits from to see if they can either do a bumper sticker or something that you could put in the inside of your car window. The sticker design would be a bright yellow color so that it is something that would stand out. The decals would only be good for CSUB only; people would have to go through the DMV process in order to use the clean air vehicle in the diamond lane.

Any thoughts or comments on design?

We are thinking more towards the bumper, the main reason would be for the parking enforcement drive through to see that they have the decals instead of getting out and walking through the parking lot. If we put it in the back window 80% of the cars have tinted back windows. You don’t want to put the decal on the outside because then someone can remove it, so it may go on the bumper, we are not sure yet. We wanted to get feedback from the committee.

**Comments:**

This will be a good test case. Start the process with staff and faculty during the summer before the students come back to school. As soon as we can get this done we will make it known to the campus and whoever wants to get a permit and then we actually start enforcing it out there. Unfortunately, for the housing students if you are not driving a clean air vehicle there are going to lose these slots, because we have to have some enforcement. It is mandated by the state to have clean air parking.

The other problem with this whole program is the location, unless you’re someone out there in the housing there is really no advantage in getting the sticker, because it forces you to park out near the student housing parking lot. At this point we have no plans on expanding the clean air parking unless we build new parking. What’s happening is the state is required as part of the new energy guidelines that starting with projects that were designed in 2014, the state mandating that a portion of those spaces in every parking lot to be designated for clean air vehicles. All parking lots built before that time are grandfathered in and are not required to have these kinds of spaces.

**Question:** Replacement for faculty towers, does that include any parking? No not at this time. As of right now we don’t have any new planned parking going in.

Evelyn Young stated that the grant that the City, Bakersfield College and CSUB were working on was not invited to submit a full proposal. We were unsuccessful in the submission of that grant however; there is another state grant coming out, ATP, Active Transportation Program State Grant, and they will be meeting with the City, Bakersfield College and other interested parties again to apply for a City Bike Share grant. Again, that is with CSUB being the western most point and Bakersfield College being the eastern most point and with kiosk throughout downtown. It’s great that the City is interested in Bike Share, so we will keep going until we make something happen. With the campus Bike Share, Mary O’Mahoney and Evelyn are still meeting with Tim Ridley in Safety and Risk and Jennifer Glad to address their concerns regarding liability. We have hope to have the Bike Share program implemented during this term, but it looks like it’s not going to happen, but it is still moving forward, slow but moving forward. Chief stated that they had a bike safety program scheduled, but they didn’t have enough interest this last weekend, so they cancelled.

Chief also stated that back at the University Council, three months ago, the topic came up again and the President directed us to visit it, which was disabled transportation. Claudia Cota, from the President’s office, has got the lead on that and we have met once. Claudia has met several times with targeted people as a committee they have met once. UPD would administer the program because we have more of the infrastructure to support it. We are looking at trying to create a disabled transport where we would use electric vehicles to transport disabled students on campus. This program would be similar to what Bakersfield College offers along with what a lot of the other campuses offer. The Chief has visited with Fresno State, which they have a major program, of course they are much larger than we are. So we are moving forward and the Chief will keep everyone briefed as we go. Ultimately, it’s going to cost some money, so that maybe we would be able to absorb through grants or general fund. We haven’t gotten that far in the process at this point we are just trying to identify the costs of putting the program together to better serve our disabled students. Right now we are looking to start when we go to semester. The target of service is from 6:30am to 11:30pm weeknights and then probably 8:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday’s and Sunday’s. Those are the hours we are looking at now but, the hours are subject to change. We had to set up something so we could calculate costs. Pat is looking at maintenance of the vehicles and Claudia is looking at the purchase of the vehicles, then we will get the information together to put a proposal to take to the President.

**Questions:**

Evelyn asked if we are applying to Valley Air Grant for the electric vehicles.

Chief stated that it was discussed and they really didn’t get past the discussion that there was money available. Part of the discussion was that for the vehicles, like a 4 seater that the disabled person can get in and out on their own, those would be applicable to that grant. The grant would cover one vehicle. The vehicles that can transport a wheelchair are much more expensive. We could still use that up to $20,000.00. The goal is on weekdays to have vehicles available, one wheelchair and one passenger transport, but again we are not sure. Fresno State is a hard one to compare it to because they have about 5 people on per day and they do anywhere from 90 to 120 transports throughout their day.

**Open Forum Items:**

None

**Future Meeting:**

Next meeting TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.