

**Transportation Services Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**December 4, 2024**  
**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

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

**Present:**

Mr. Sam Chew  
Mr. Ed Costello  
Mr. Joe Dillard  
Ms. Tracey Forman  
Mr. Patrick Grigsby  
Mr. Brad Hall  
Dr. Angie Hill Price  
Mr. James "Jim" Kovar  
Ms. Debbie Lollar  
Mr. Bill Meredith  
Ms. Amanda Pelton  
Mr. Tom Reber  
Ms. Deborah Wright

**Online:**

Ms. Jennifer Enloe  
Ms. Erin Jones

**Absent:**

Mr. Bill Cox  
Ms. Adelaide Edgington  
Dr. Andrew Klein  
Ms. Kaylee Rackley  
Prof. Dale Rice  
Dr. Dave Tarvin

**Guests:**

Ms. Debbie Albert  
Ms. Lilia Gonzales  
Mr. Patrick Munoz for Mr. Bill Cox

Called to Order 11:46 a.m. by Ms. Debbie Lollar

1. Review/Approve Minutes from the November 6, 2024, Meeting – Ms. Debbie Lollar
  - 1.1. Approved by – Mr. Tom Reber
  - 1.2. Seconded by – Dr. Angie Hill Price
2. Updates – Ms. Debbie Lollar
  - 2.1. Howdy! Nice to have you all here today. Today is a reading day so Transit is running on a break schedule.
  - 2.2. Transportation Services received the Better Tomorrow award from The 82 Alliance, a non-profit organization. We are a silver level sponsor.
  - 2.3. We will begin some construction projects over the winter break. There will be information regarding this listed on our website.
3. Transit Fall Changes – Mr. Justin Tippy (Presentation)
  - 3.1. We have already discussed most of these changes in this group.
  - 3.2. MSC – We will move the Trigon buses to the MSC. These include the on-campus routes on Old Main, off campus routes on Houston and Lamar; they are arranged numerically.
  - 3.3. Route 4 – There are stops that have been added and closed. This route used to go to Sbisa and will now go to MSC.
  - 3.4. Route 12 – This route goes to Blinn in Bryan. The stops that have been removed will be covered by Route 4 and other routes.

- 3.5. Route 15 – The only change will be adding Asbury Water Tower stop.
- 3.6. Routes 22, 26, 27 – Adding more service to these routes. The survey we conducted suggested additional service to the Engineering corridor. There is a very good chance that anyone needing to get off these routes will be able to get off before the MSC stop. One of the stops added to all three is the Southside REC.
- 3.7. Route 31 – This will have a minor change, moving from the Trigon to the MSC.
- 3.8. Route 34 – Stops have been added to this route. The stop from Rock Prairie is being removed, as this is the least utilized. Adding a stop at the Barracks, which will help with the capacity handling.
- 3.9. Route 35 – Currently routes 35, 36, and 40 run service to this area (triangle). The changes will make it more convenient getting to and from campus.
- 3.10. Route 36 – Adding additional stops. Currently between routes 35, 36, and 40 there were about 21 buses on those routes. This new configuration will allow buses to split and run more efficient service.
- 3.11. Route 40 – This route runs out using Penberthy, allowing us to hit stops inbound and outbound. We will be adding a stop at Park Place (2818).
- 3.12. Route 41 – This is a new route we would like to add. It would travel down Jones Butler, North Dowling, to The Barracks and back the same way. Adding stops before the MSC.
- 3.13. Route 7 – This is the least utilized route. It goes to the airport, Kyle Field, and Wisenbaker. We were approached by the new housing complex on 2818. Added service to Agronomy, F&B, and the new housing complex. This will add additional options for riders.
  - Ms. Debbie Lollar – This is a great option for the EHS students.
  - Dr. Angie Hill Price – How long will it take to get from the new housing complex to Wisenbaker?
    - Mr. Justin Tippy – 15-20 minutes, depending on the time of day/traffic.
- 3.14. Service Changes – Fishpond was serviced by 4 routes and will now be serviced by 8. Ross/Bizzell and Ross/Ireland were serviced by 2 routes and will now be serviced by 7. Additional routes added to West Campus. This will give riders additional options.
  - Mr. Tom Reber – Do you know which routes South Side REC is now to what it will be?
    - Mr. Justin Tippy – It was 3 routes and will now be 4 routes. We are adding more service to the inbound and outbound trips via routes 01, 22, 26, and 27.
- 3.15. Feedback:
  - Mr. Bill Meredith – When will the work on Simpson Drill Field begin?
    - Mr. Clint Willis – Next Summer
  - Mr. Jim Kovar – Will adding more stops increase the travel time?
    - Mr. Justin Tippy – There is some increase in some stops, but no more than about 2 minutes between buses.
    - Mr. Jim Kovar – Some people are buying passes and using the airport for parking. Have you looked into that?
      - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Thank you for the information, we will look into it.
4. Future Campus Development – Ms. Lilia Gonzales (Presentation)
  - 4.1. Overview – In Construction, In Design, In Planning, Campus Master Plan
  - 4.2. In Construction -
    - Roberts Building – Construction status is 90% and will be completed on December 13, 2024.

- TAMU Higher Ed. Center (McAllen) - We work with McAllen on projects. They were in need of a space for students. Construction status is 10% with substantial completion October 2025.
- Operational Projects – CUP generator replacement to be completed in March 2026. HSC campus buildings' updating of lighting and air handler units for energy savings has a construction status of 95%.

#### 4.3. In Design –

- Small Animal Hospital – The hospital will be located on the corner of Raymond Stotzer and Agronomy Road. Received BOR approval to begin construction in November 2024. It is in design development status.
- Heldenfels 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Renovation – This is in design now and the architect and contractor has been selected.
- Aplin Centre -In schematic Design.
- Academic Building Exterior Renovation – Water infiltration has been occurring. This will be restoration/replacement of the exterior cast stone. In design development status.
- Hall Upgrades –
  - Moses Hall – Replacement of HVAC, controls, hydronic piping. Estimated start in May 2025.
  - Davis -Gary Hall – Replacement of HVAC, controls, hydronic piping. Estimated start in May 2025.
  - Hart Hall – Replacement of window units with a VRF system. Starting in May 2026.
  - Eppright Hall – Thermal line replacement. Estimated start in May 2025.
  - Keathley – Replacement of sanitary lines. Estimated start in May 2025.
  - Dining Facilities – This is in the planning process. Final approval from the BOR and facilities group.

#### 4.4. In Planning –

- Mays Building #3 – Area conceptual with no established timeline.
- Poultry Science – POR start with no timeline.
- Biology Teaching & Research Building – This will be in the area where the existing greenhouses are located. POR start with no timeline.
- West Campus Classroom Building – Have not yet identified where this will go, but we have 2 possible sites.
- Center for Learning Arts & Innovation Building – Looking at possibly on West Campus. No POR started.
- Satellite Utility Plant 1 Expansion – Construction TBD.
- Blue Bell Park Renovations – POR 75% complete. Construction TBD.
- Ellis Field Renovations – Scope and budget being defined. Construction TBD.
- Cyclotron Expansion – POR 75% complete with construction TBD.
- SPH Medical Sciences Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Renovation – POR 75% complete with construction TBD.
- HEEP Lab 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floors – Instructional and research lab spaces. POR 75% complete with construction TBD.
- TAMU Higher Ed. Center McAllen Building #3 – New building for Rural Public Health and Pharmacy. POR start in November 2024 with construction TBD.

- TAMU Hugher Ed. Center McAllen Building #4 – First responders saferoom and REC Sports. POR and construction TBD.

#### 4.5. Campus Master Plans –

- McAllen Campus – Creation of a Campus Master Plan. Planning status is 50% complete with an estimated completion of January 2025.
- Library Space Study – Looking to see how we can partner with student success and others. Comprehensive plan with planning status 50% complete.
- Corps Unit Plan – Comprehensive plan for the Corps of Cadets and the southeast quadrant of campus. Determining what facilities are needed and how it effects current facilities. Planning status is 50% complete.
- West Campus Housing Study – Comprehensive study evaluating the feasibility of adding more student housing to the White Creek are of campus. Planning status complete.
- West Campus Development Plan Update – Updated the 2017 Campus Master Plan, specifically focused on the development of West Campus. The new plan will be all encompassing, from research Park to Wellborn.

#### 4.6. Additional Comments:

- Ms. Lilia Gonzales – We look at things holistically with our students in mind.
- Mr. Tom Reber – Keep Silver Taps in mind.
  - Ms. Lilia Gonzales – Yes, we have.
- Mr. Sam Chew – I think it is important to keep in mind things that are important to students like the Old Main view, Century Tree, etc. These are meaningful.
  - Ms. Lilia Gonzales – That was my first concern. I understand we have grown so much. We are looking at minimal modifications to keep as much as possible.
  - Mr. Sam Chew – That is great to know. As we continue to grow what are we keeping culturally/traditions?
  - Ms. Lilia Gonzales – View corridors and height restrictions are taken into consideration. I appreciate that.
- Mr. Brad Hall – How are you incorporating Rosenthal’s move?
  - Ms. Lilia Gonzales – We are still working on that; it is on our radar. We need further discussions
- Ms. Tracey Forman – Garages for West Campus? Where are cars going?
  - Ms. Lilia Gonzales – We have 5-6 locations under consideration.
  - Ms. Debbie Lollar – Lilia works closely with our department. We consider the flow or people and cars. We are having good conversations.
  - Ms. Lilia Gonzales – We have more discussions to happen.
- Mr. Brad Hall – Our RELLIS Master Plan meeting kick off will begin after the first of the year, late Spring.
  - Ms. Debbie Lollar – We would appreciate being included.
  - Dr. Angie Hill Price – Who funds that?
  - Ms. Debbie Lollar – RELLIS parking revenue comes to us (Transportation Services). We are building reserves for infrastructure and paving revenue.
- Ms. Debbie Lollar – Thank you Lilia!

5. Closing Comments –

- 5.1. Mr. Tom Reber – Thank you to you and your staff (Transportation Services) for the hard work over the Thanksgiving break!
- 5.2. Ms. Debbie Lollar – Hope you all have a great winter break; we value your time and feedback. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned – 12:56 PM