



Minutes were approved on 3-8-06

**University of Florida Transportation Study Committee
November 7, 2005 @ 3:00 PM
Facilities Planning & Construction Conference Room
226 Stadium
MINUTES**

Members Present:

Ms. Linda Dixon, Manager, Planning Office, Facilities Planning & Construction
Diego Arguea, Student
Harold Barrand, Physical Plant Division
Clinton Collins, Bureau of Economic & Business Research
Linda Crider, Urban & Regional Planning
Bob Miller, Finance and Administration
Sheri Munn, IFAS, Facilities Planning & Operations
Renee Musson, O'Connell Center
Don Powell, University Police Department
Julia Reiskind, Botany
Alan Rukin, Student

Members Absent:

Chris Armstead, Student
Lily Elefteriadou, Civil & Coastal Engineering
Arlene Ellis, Physical Plant
Scott Fox, Transportation and Parking Services
Robert Hockman, Veterinary Medicine
Michael Itzkowitz, Student
Justin Kristan, Student
Willine Momprevil, Student
Pedro Morales, Student
Rose Nealis, College of Nursing
Scott Nygren, English
Ata Sarajedini, Astronomy
Gail Sasnett-Stauffer, Student Affairs Office, College of Law
Ruth Steiner, Urban & Regional Planning

Visitors

Erik Lewis, Facilities Planning and Construction

The University Transportation Study Committee (TSC) met on Monday, November 7, 2005 at Facilities Planning and Construction Division, 232 Stadium West Conference Room. Linda Dixon, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions

After welcoming members to the November 7, 2005 TSC meeting Ms. Linda Dixon, chair, introduced herself to the committee and asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Julia Reiskind made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Second: Linda Crider

Motion carried unanimously

III. Adoption of Minutes, October 17, 2005 and October 31st

Motion: Linda Crider made a motion to adopt the October 17th and October 31st minutes as presented.

Second: Julia Reiskind

Motion carried unanimously

IV. Transportation Element Policies

The TSC reviewed draft policies for the Transportation Element. Members were asked to focus the meeting discussion on substantive policy issues and to provide staff with detailed comments, corrections and non-substantial edits in form of a written summary or mark up document.

After review and discussion of Transportation Element Policies committee members made the following comments and suggestions:

- A member asked about the university's "cooperation" with the City and County, and what happens if there is a dispute between the agencies and the University of Florida. Linda stated that road and transit issues typically come before the MTPO Board. The University of Florida is not a voting member on the MTPO Board. When the university has direct financial contributions, this is when the university has the strongest voice.
- **Goal 1.0; Policy 1.3** – Add representatives from Facilities Planning and Construction Division and Transportation and Parking Services Division also serve on the MTPO Technical Advisory Committee.
- **Goal 1.0; Policy 3.3** – Linda Crider suggested that the policy should also support collaboration for off-campus shared parking opportunities.
- **Goal 2.0; Policy 1.1** – Because of safety issues, Julia Reiskind felt that transit vehicles should not be allowed on local connector roads. Sheri Munn stated that it is not the decision

of the TSC without first researching this issue. Linda Dixon suggested adding a statement that campus transit routes may run on local connector roads, but are discouraged when conflicting with bicycle and pedestrian access.

- Julia Reiskind suggested that there needs to be an east/west shared use path. She stated that there needs to be something for people who do not want to ride on Museum Road. Linda Dixon stated that when the TSC looked at that in the network, they could not physically find an off-road corridor on the north side of Lake Alice. Julia also indicated that Gateway connections need to be more bicycles friendly.
- **Policy 1.2** – Committee members discussed the language regarding the “level of service E on campus road”. Linda Crider stated that because campus roads are failing, perhaps level of service E should be eliminated. Linda Dixon suggested that the policy could be rewritten to say, “Utilize level of service E for the purpose of analysis and evaluate the multi-modal level of service....”
- **Policy 1.3** – Linda Crider suggested changing the policy to say, “Initiate a routine traffic counting program to include autos, bicycles and pedestrians....”
- **Policy 2.6** – Clint Collins stated that he would like some language in the policies that states (1) if a bicycle parking facilities can accommodate more than twenty bicycles, (2) shower facilities in new building constructions and (3) information regarding cash-out. Members discussed these ideas and where they fit in the policies.

Linda Dixon suggested Policy 2.6 could be rewritten to say, “Monitor usage, function and facilities (including lighting and covering) of existing bicycle parking....” Members agreed there should be a new policy about showers and lockers.

Linda also suggested adding to Policy 2.7 “...and amend these standards to address lighting and covering of bicycle parking facilities.”

V. Consider Next Meeting Date

Alan Ruskin had to leave early. He asked if members could pause at this time to discuss a date and time for the next TSC meeting. Linda Crider made a motion to meet Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Harold Barrand seconded. One member present was unable to attend on the 17th. Motion passed 10-1.

IV. Transportation Element Policies

- Diego Arguea suggested a policy for mandatory bike registration. Members discussed potential problems with ensuring compliance and possibly discouraging bicycling on campus.
- **Policy 4.7** – Members discussed parking cost and agreed that this policy should specifically state that parking cost should be established at levels that will change driving behavior.

- **Policy 7.1** – Clinton Collins requested that this policy, or a new policy, specifically recommend “bio-diesel in lieu of petro-diesel.” Linda Crider requested that the policy mention high efficiency vehicles and “non-motorized vehicles.”
- Table 8-6 – Linda Crider asked why the cost reported for Priority BK-1 on Village Drive was so high if it was primarily re-striping. Linda Dixon responded that the cost estimate included resurfacing, which would be preferable to grinding existing pavement markings, but she will review the estimate.
- Table 8-6 – Members asked about the end point of Priority BK-5, and agreed it should be the west boundary of the campus, not SW 34th Street.
- Linda Crider provided additional written comments to staff.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm