Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting
Summary of Meeting Notes
January 19, 2007 - 1:30 PM 6th Floor Rice-Eccles Stadium

In Attendance:

Alma Allred       U of U/ Commuter Services
Christopher Chestnut Utah Transit Authority
Dave Huber        Utah Transit Authority
Doug Hattery      Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ellen Reddick     Bonneville Hills Community Council
Gary Poll         LDS Institute
George Shaw       Salt Lake City Planning Division, Planning Director
Jake Green        U of U / Commuter Services
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Jennifer Reed     U of U / Administrative Support
Jim Jenkin        Howard Hughes Medical Institute @ U of U / TAB / GACC
Joe Perrin        U of U / SLC Transportation Advisory Board
Kevin Young       Salt Lake City, Transportation Division
Kris Peterson     Utah Department of Transportation, Traffic Operations
Mary Delle Gunn   Wasatch Hollow Community Council
Mike Perez        U of U / AVP Facilities Management
Ned Hacker        Wasatch Front Regional Council
Norm Chambers     U of U / AVP Auxiliary Services
Rob Kistler       U Hospital
Robin Carbaugh    Emigration District Coalition / YNC
Shaina M. Quinn   Utah Transit Authority, Rideshare Coordinator
Steve Panish      Health Sciences Center

I.
Norm Chambers welcomed everyone. Each person introduced him/herself to the group. Norm asked those in attendance if there were any changes or suggestions to the November 17, 2006 meeting notes. They were approved and are posted on the committee website at: http://www.parking.utah.edu/committees/TTC/index.html.

II.
Jake Green delivered an update regarding the UofU Bicycle Sub-Committee recommendations for the UofU Campus Master Plan. The sub-committee is encouraging the University of Utah to change the current policy, where bicycles are preferred on the sidewalks, to a policy that encourages cyclists to share the road. The committee is also recommending new pathways and bike routes be designated to make transit by bicycle on campus and at entrances to campus more safe.
III.
Shaina Quinn discussed Utah Transit Authority’s plans to redesign the Salt Lake County transit system, scheduled to take effect in August, 2007. The goal is to increase ridership and to make it easier to ride a bus. It has been thirty years since the Salt Lake system had a major redesign. In the upcoming plan, every bus route is scheduled to change in addition to expanding fifteen minutes service on major routes. Public meetings will be held throughout the valley prior to the changes.

IV.
Mike Perez updated the group on the Campus Master Plan. Skidmore, Owens, & Merrill (SOM), out of San Francisco, have been selected to complete the project. As a comprehensive master plan, there will be linkages with city planning, etc., and transportation interests will be a major part of the discussion. There will be a huge sustainability component to the plan, as President Michael Young is committed to a more sustainable campus. Sub-Committees throughout campus will be consulted and involved, and will be encouraged to submit their ideals, so that the completed master plan outlines detailed and comprehensive goals that could be met with long term planning. The consultants will be working with the community proactively. The next Community Forum is Tuesday, January 23, 2007 in 540 Arapeen in Research Park.

V.
Rob Kistler expressed concern over the limitations to pedestrians in the Health Sciences area, and the difficulty of traveling between upper and lower campus. Mike confirmed that the campus master plan will include ideas regarding a more cohesive campus. President Young is very supportive of measures that work towards that goal.

VI.
Jim Jenkin offered comments encouraging the University to have a policy expression in the master plan in support of alternative transit. Robin Carbaugh agreed that having a statement in the campus master plan could help give leverage supporting transit plans in the future.

VII.
Doug Hattery updated the committee on the Foothill Corridor Study. The group is very close to distributing the Request for Proposal and should have proposals back the first part of March for review. Salt Lake City is interested in a land use plan for the south end of Foothill Blvd.; UDOT is interested in the portion of foothill that bottlenecks at 2300 East from six lanes to three lanes, and traffic will be a key portion of the study. At this time there are no specific plans for public involvement, but this could be a part of the study after a consultant is selected.
VIII. Robin Carbaugh addressed the “Complete Streets” proclamation that Mayor Rocky Anderson signed yesterday. It aims to allow pedestrians, bikes, automobiles, etc., to share city streets. Robin suggested that Sunnyside Avenue has the potential for a redesign, and has been having a discussion with the city and other entities regarding this for years. She would like details regarding the auto per person count at University Student Apartments. Jennifer Reed committed to getting her those numbers. Norm explained that the campus shuttle service between University Student Apartments and main campus has helped traffic considerably in the area, because many students leave their cars in the villages while they attend class. Kevin Young is concerned about the request to reduce Sunnyside Avenue to two lanes because reducing lanes on other roads in the city has failed to reduce traffic. He specifically mentioned 2\textsuperscript{nd} Avenue, North Temple, and 900 East, that continue to be extremely congested during rush hour after lane reduction. Robin also is concerned that the striped bike lane on Sunnyside is in the gutter, and is dangerous for cyclists. She hopes the University can look at traffic counts when the U is in session and not in session and help to find innovative ways of routing cars away from residential areas when they are in transit to the University.

IX. Jim Jenkin is concerned about two areas of campus: a North Campus Drive bus stop closure, a stop that is very popular for students and staff in that area, and the elimination of the crosswalk just east of the Hospital driveway that ran to the JCC. Norm Chambers will report back to the committee regarding these two closures in March.

X. Norm Chambers thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm, Friday, March 23, 2007 on the 6\textsuperscript{th} floor of Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower.