I. Norm Chambers, UofU, welcomed everyone. Each person introduced him/herself to the group. Norm asked those in attendance if there were any changes or suggestions to the September 21, 2008 meeting notes. They are posted on the committee website at: http://www.parking.utah.edu-committees/TTC/index.html. The meeting agenda was changed slightly to show Doug Hattery presenting on the Foothill Corridor Study prior to Mike Perez giving his presentations on the Campus Master Plan and Universe Project.

II. Jake Green, UofU, introduced the committee to a new Campus Shuttle GPS tracking system. Each shuttle is equipped with a PDA device that signals its whereabouts and service direction while en route on campus. The service allows customers to access a live schedule and shuttle locations with their PDA. You can access the shuttle location page at http://www.parking.utah.edu/shuttles/map.html.
Commuter Services envisions this live map online as the first step in making Campus Shuttles more user friendly, to promote and encourage alternative transportation use on campus. In the future, kiosks or monitors that allow users to view the shuttle locations at key stops on campus may be feasible, in addition to providing increased shuttle service.

The PDA’s also allow the Campus Shuttle division to streamline some of the fleet maintenance tracking and passenger counting electronically. Rather than performing hand-written counts, drivers can now count using the PDA assigned to the bus they are driving and download the live counts directly to the shuttle dispatch office where the information can be accessed immediately.

The committee discussed whether or not the need for such tracking justifies the cost of the system. Jake explained, that while the tracking system has yet to be announced, when a major two day power outage occurred a couple of weeks ago, and the PDA’s could not be charged, customers were calling to complain the system was down- so he thinks customers will definitely use the system, and the live view the dispatch office has to monitor routes and passenger counts will improve customer service.

III.
Doug Hattery, Wasatch Front Regional Council, presented the committee with an overview of the Foothill Corridor Study. The study is close to completion, with a final public open house scheduled for April 29, 2008 on the 6th floor of the Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower. The steering committee for the study is scheduled to meet next week to analyze the four alternatives presented in the study.

Details regarding the study and these alternatives can be found at the end of this document, or at the Foothill Corridor Study website: http://www.wfrc.org/cms/foothill.

The committee discussed impacts to traffic in neighborhoods and the perception of commuters that neighborhoods may be a faster way to commute to the University because of continued movement. In addition, the committee discussed the impact of the ‘no left-hand turns’ on Foothill Drive and how that would impact businesses and traffic within the neighborhoods.

Jim Jenkin expressed concern at the lack of solutions in the proposed four options for cyclists and pedestrians within the corridor. Doug Hattery said that the steering committee would be discussing those issues at their meeting in the next week, and are working on an idea for cyclists that may involve a passage through Bonneville Golf Course.

The committee also discussed whether or not the peak hour traffic through the corridor warrants implementing any of the suggestions. The options involve large and costly projects to deal with congestion that is limited to a couple of hours per day. The steering committee will be discussing this in next week’s meeting as well.
IV.
Mike Perez, University of Utah, presented a new presentation visualizing the Campus Master Plan. He reminded the committee the plan is purely conceptual and outlines sustainable growth on campus that could occur, funding permitted, over the next twenty years and beyond.

The PowerPoint presentation can be found as a pdf file at:

Mike’s presentation included a small discussion regarding the Universe Project, a private-public venture that may occur in the parking lot west of Rice-Eccles Stadium. An RFQ (Request for Qualification) is out, and will be short-listed by a committee later in the month of April. An RFP is expected to be issued in May. Facilities Planning will be working with the city planning commission, the University of Utah architect, the Dean of the Architecture + Planning and will be meeting and working with the public on the project.

V.
Jim Jenkin inquired about the fence being installed at the Medical Center TRAX Station and expressed concern for the individuals that are getting off of TRAX at that station and desiring to head to the south end of the Health Sciences Center. Norm Chambers explained that the project has undergone extensive review by Commuter Services, UDOT, and UTA and is aimed at making a safer crossing for pedestrians wanting to cross the street in the area. Jim was invited to the next TRAX Safety Meeting to hear details regarding the project.

VI.
Norm Chambers thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:30pm, Friday, October 3, 2008 on the 6th floor of Rice-Eccles Stadium Tower.