Meeting Minutes

DATE:                Wednesday, October 21, 2009 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT:          Master Plan Task Force on Transportation

LOCATION:       UMC 382

ATTENDEES:    Mike Sweeney
               Peter Roper
               Richelle Reilly
               Bill Emery
               Tom Blumenthal
               Dan Omasta
               Melissa Yates
               Bryan Flansburg
               Phil Simpson
               Robin Suits
               Megan Rose

1. Introductions
   a. Mike Sweeney – City
   b. Peter Roper – Environmental Center
   c. Richelle Reilly – Campus Landscape Architect
   d. Bill Emery – Engineering
   e. Tom Blumenthal – MCDB Chair
   f. Dan Omasta – UCSU
   g. Melissa Yates – PTS
   h. Bryan Flansburg

2. Review the Charge
   a. Lots can be decided in this task force
   b. This is an issue in which emotions are volatile
   c. Have to consider the connectivity between campuses

3. Overview of Flagship 2030

4. Address the issues we have now
   a. How we would accommodate what we have right now

5. Then look at Flagship 2030 plan
   a. Decide what will happen in the next 5 years
b. And then the 10 year solution
6. As a state statute the University must have a master planning process in place that aligns with the strategic plan
   a. 50 year planning horizon
7. Issues and goals
   a. We need to keep the idea on the table that there may be a Freshman ban
   b. Consumer side and economic side
   c. Private commuter vs. fleet (we need to address both sides)
   d. 65% of faculty and staff come without car
   e. 43% of campus commuters come with cars
      i. Melissa can you check on these numbers please?
   f. City and outside contractors run modal split every two years
      i. Peter Roper will send to Megan to disperse to the other members
   g. Casey believes given economic times the demand for parking is highly elastic
      i. If we continually build parking garages, then the rates increase, therefore creating a lower demand for parking
   h. Any solution for parking must be an integrated one with the city
   i. From the city’s perspective the problem moving forward is making sure the integration happens
   j. Address the issue of East Campus parking; perhaps break down the barriers of athletics, housing, parking etc.
   k. What is the funding for transit? Where does it come from? Where will it come from in the future?
   l. Two articulated buses were $600,000, regular buses are $300,000
   m. RTD runs lots of buses often on campus
   n. Auto, bus and bike
   o. Pedestrian safety is a part of this but not a direct focus
      i. Other committees can be brought in to report on their findings
   p. Students do not park on campus
      i. Make biking and walking more friendly on campus to alleviate parking in general
   q. Before we can move forward on parking, we need extensive background information on studies
   r. Roper offered a list of transit routes and ridership numbers
   s. Internal transportation for service vehicles within campus
      i. Internal, commercial, contracted
   t. Users generally see modal fees as a transparently free option; however, we do need to consider the funding models
   u. Reilly will send Micro Master Plan of Existing Conditions – Transit
   v. Transportation big problem areas
      i. East Campus
         1. High frequency transit – similar to the 16th Street Mall
         2. East Campus would possibly have a 30 minute lag time in scheduling from Main Campus
   w. Intermodal safety could be a problem
x. Private traffic out of the center of campus to increase inter campus circulation
y. Flansburg will bring intercampus numbers related to bus
z. Sweeney will bring information on RTD plans – Fast Tracks plans
aa. Plans that are soon to be underway: Broadway/Euclid underpass, 28th street multi-use path
bb. To increase biker ridership, look at changing behavior and infrastructure
   i. Bike circulation, pedestrian circulation
cc. Simpson will bring map of bikeways
dd. Opportunities to recommend studies
ee. Revisit dismount zones and enforcement and bike parking
ff. Use changes, look at population centers

Actions Items:
- Peter Roper will send background information on modal splits
- PTS will provide their strategic plan and background information
- Bryan Flansburg will provide Buff Bus information

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., UMC 425