Meeting Minutes

DATE:                Wednesday, November 4, 2009 10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT:          Master Plan Task Force on Transportation

LOCATION:       UMC 382

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1. Review minutes, review charge letter
2. CU as a multi-modal destination
   a. Do we have enough parking? Do we go no higher and no lower
3. Connectivity, access, and circulation
4. Ensure flexibility to accommodate for a growing campus
   a. Both in routes as well as modes of travel
5. How much better can we get? We already have a great modal split on campus comparably to other peer Universities
6. Maximize access to other properties; main campus, south campus, east campus, Williams village
7. Full costing transportation to fund needed improvements
8. Create close in housing to reduce the need for travel
9. Create a principle that states we need to create a cost effective, mode of transportation that can handle the level of service we need to remote campuses
   a. Take this a step further and make recommendations of transportation
10. In today’s dollars each parking structure would be roughly 15 to 20 million dollars a piece

11. Connectivity
   a. EC - Might require a grade separation at 28th
   b. Transit priority lighting (Eugene, Oregon) – Q jumping
   c. Establish comfortable transfer points
   d. Parking on East Campus and bussing to Main Campus

12. Numbers of people: Biotechnology: 600 Chemistry: 600

13. While developing new transit models we must remain consistent with our campus sustainability goals, which include: buses, campus fleet, service vehicles, etc.

14. Optimize all barriers for every modal opportunity

15. Identify partnerships between city and university on creating bike paths

16. Suggestion to review the 2004 Transportation Master Plan and identify issues we can work into the new plan

17. Getting around campus
   a. Move bike parking from the center to the periphery
   b. Identify different segregation, move from soft segregation (striping segregation) to hard segregation
   c. 18th should be a pedestrian priority area
      i. Buses, emergency vehicles, and service vehicles only
      ii. Just in time delivery to distribution delivery
      iii. Effectively reduce traffic by removing private vehicles
      iv. Ring road could help reduce service vehicles from the core of campus
   d. Currently there is a campaign to alter the campus perception
   e. Instead of take away give to bicyclists, make an opportunity attractive to them
   f. Find more area for lanes, or widen lanes

Facilitating Transportation - Principles
   - Continue to support and enhance multimodal access and circulation to facilitate travel to, from and around campus
   - Enhance efficient and cost effective transportation infrastructure that maximizes campus accessibility and circulation while greening campus fleet over time
   - Provide low carbon, rubber-wheeled, non-fixed route transportation solution between Main Campus, Williams Village and East Campus to ensure future flexibility to serve variable volume of traffic over time as additional facilities are constructed
   - We should consider BRT as an alternative but the principle is to focus on the 28th and 30th intersections as major barriers to providing acceptable transit service (i.e. headways that meet our needs)
   - Implement a funding mechanism that accounts for the shared benefit of CU’s transportation infrastructure by assigning costs to all campus entities based on usage
   - Maintain consistency with Carbon Neutrality Plan for the campus
Encourage provision of close-in housing of constituency to minimize need for travel. Acknowledge that commuting is largely influenced by housing costs and champion efforts that facilitate less expensive housing closer to campus.

Support the safe use of all travel modes.

Action Items:

In preparation for our next meeting could you please think over 3 general topics and pick your top 2-3 subjects in each.

1. Present day on main-campus transportation (bikes, peds, skateboards, etc)
2. Present day
   a. Transit to and from campus
   b. Transit between campuses
   c. Parking (amount/where, cost, student versus faculty)
3. Future
   a. Impacts of east and south campuses
   b. Parking shifts in location and cost
   c. On campus transportation

This will help us to get started in formulating our report. We can briefly discuss these topics and I can take away enough to start the report.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Engineering Center (Will send out directions)