

HSU PARKING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2007

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Attendance: Dewey, Dixon, Fogg, Krietsch, O'Brien, Sekas, Song, Sullivan; Aaron Antrim, Larry Pardi.

1. Introduction/Welcome

- Tom welcomed everyone to the meeting, round table introductions were made.

2. New Priority/Urgent/Safety Items

- None reported.

3. Reports/Updates

- Parking/Commuter Services Manager Steve Sullivan: Parking operations are status quo; upcoming events parking is preparing for are the April 20-21-22 Sustainable Living Arts Music Festival (SLAM) and May 12 Commencement; the graduations for Arcata and McKinleyville High Schools will be held at College of the Redwoods again this year due to construction.
- Facilities Management/Gary Krietsch: Behavioral and Social Sciences Bldg completion set for the end of April, move set for mid-May; the first phase of the Physical Education construction project should be completed in the fall with occupancy of the new facility in late November or early December of this year; the demolition of the West Gym and remodel of the East Gym should be completed in the spring of next year, with occupancy in June of 08. Harry Griffith Hall and Siemens Hall will both have internal work done this fall, should be no impact on parking. The houses on Harpst Street will be demolished this summer. HSU ownership of the campus apartments (MaiKai) should be completed by the end of May.

- UPD News/Tom Dewey: Second-in-Command added to UPD, Lieutenant Lynne Soderberg started in mid-March. She is an HSU alum; for the past 22 years she served with the Eureka Police Department as an officer and most recently a sergeant. Her primary duties at UPD include overseeing patrol operations but she will become involved with all functions of the department.
- City of Arcata Transportation Manager Larry Pardi: Bus ridership still on the rise. March 07 ridership up over this time last year. To date, overall ridership is up by 13,000 riders during this fiscal year (July-June) over last. HSU related total riders since July 1, 2006 to date: 127,000; HSU total riders for the period of July 2005 to June 2006: 154,000. Humboldt Transit Authority has 5 new hybrid buses that will provide 20% increase in overall efficiency. AMRTS hopes to order at least one hybrid bus next calendar year. The City of Arcata Consulting Plan should be completed and shared soon. Nothing new to report on the status of the 14th Street pedestrian crossing move.
- Green Wheels/Aaron Antrim: First Draft of the new Humboldt State University Bike Plan completed by GreenWheels. Aaron is requesting this committee review for comments/suggestions and also, assuming that the content is acceptable to the committee, that the committee recommend to the HSU administration that the plan should be formally incorporated into future facilities development and master plan implementation. The plan includes specific details and recommendations regarding bike routes and bike racks, among other topics. Subsequent committee discussion included concern that the HSU Bike Plan should not be in conflict or out of step with other existing bike plans such as the Humboldt County Regional Bicycle Plan, found at <http://www.hcaog.net/docs/RBT.2004/TOC.htm> and the City of Arcata Bicycle Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, found on line at http://www.arcatacityhall.org/pedestrian_bike_plan/ped_bike_plan_cover.html. Aaron reported that there has been some awareness and consideration of these existing plans as the HSU Bike Plan was drafted, and links to them are in the text of the plan, but that there is no specific section which dovetails the plans together. **CONCLUSION: ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW AND DEVELOP COMMENTS/FEEDBACK ON THE NEW HSU PLAN PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING. EMAIL ADVANCE COMMENTS TO wheels@humboldt.edu**. The link to view the plan is: http://docs.google.com/View?docid=dqm7wkrv_0hhszpf

4. Correspondence

- B Street Congestion from 17th Street to B Street: Services for McKinleyville engineer Scott Kelley to take a look at the area are too expensive (\$6500); looking for other options, issue still pending.

5. Priority Old Business

- JackPass Proposal and Student Fee Increase: Still pending outcome; the Jack pass would cost our students \$15; College of the Redwoods' "Corsair Pass" would be \$20 due to the fact that CR is more of a commuter campus than HSU; there are more Arcata based riders using the transit system.

6. Other Old Business

- Bike Rack Upgrades and Installation: Steve Sullivan reported the priority list for the installation of new racks is on hold due to current “budget watching” and the lack of available time for Plant Operations staff due to Commencement and other events. He expects the work requests will be completed sometime during the summer.
- Shelters for Parking Permit Dispensers: Steve reported that this project is complete.
- Upcoming hiring of Parking Officer 1: A candidate for this position is currently in background.

7. New Business

- Bike and Skateboard Traffic Violations on Campus: Tom shared possible signage to be added to existing stop signs on campus targeting bicyclists and skateboarders who zoom down hills and run stop signs. Discussion ensued with some opposing any additional signage, while others were in support of it. One suggestion was that education be provided by students in the cycling and skateboarding “communities”, augmented by enforcement by UPD. Comments followed as to whether or not true “communities” of cyclists and skateboarders exist, especially ones that could effectively educate/pressure others into compliance with traffic laws. Matter remains unresolved.
- Bus Schedules online: No resources available to move this project forward beyond present status. Aaron volunteered to provide information regarding an on-line link which would facilitate downloading of bus schedules onto personal Ipods. This information could be posted on small posters to be placed in bus shelters.
- Commencement: Buses from AMRTS and shuttles from Eureka Ambulance will be chartered for commencement attendees from parking lots to the Redwood Bowl
- Parking Lot Use for Special Events/Steve Sullivan: Currently there are a couple of events on campus that have been held in parking lots, closing off parking for faculty, staff & students who have purchased permits. The Sustainable Living Arts & Music Fest is entering it's third year of using the Gist Staff Lot (also includes Gist courtyard), the Compost Fest has used the 14th & Union Streets lot. There are two events this fall, the Harvest Fall Festival and the September Music Festival that also wish to use the Gist Staff Lot. At this time there is no fee being charged. The current daily parking rate is \$2.50 (increasing to \$3.00 next fiscal year) so revenue is lost each time a parking lot is closed. The General Plan is to move forward with charging for parking 24 hours a day. Fees and a policy need to be determined if the campus wishes to allow parking lots to be closed for events. General consensus: Steve should move ahead with Financial Services to develop more specific cost estimates as to what to charge if/when a parking lot is closed off for a special event.

Chip asked if the new Physical Education remodeled “green space/open area” (that will be developed upon the removal of the West Gym) can be considered as a venue for these types of events, involving the new Student Rec Center. The idea was well received. Gary will do further research. This area might be suitable for synthetic turf.

- Walkaround Tour of Core Campus: Tom, Steve, Kevin, Chip, Alissa walked around main campus. Consensus was that (1) the existing core campus geographic area prohibiting skateboards and bikes was reasonable; (2) there is NOT adequate signage to educate/encourage cyclists and boarders to get off their bikes and boards in the core campus areas; (3) there is no “positive” language to encourage compliance, just a few of the “ghostbuster” style signs (which face outward from most perimeter entry points), (4) consideration should be given to describing the core campus as a “Pedestrian Safety Zone” or something similar; (5) consideration could be given to signage which states, “Bike route this way” (if it was somehow clear to the rider that they had to walk their bike until reaching the beginning of the bike route); (6) there are areas of concern regarding speeding bikes and boarders moving through the core campus area, especially westbound from the Quad between Nelson and Siemens onto Plaza Ave, and southbound from the Health Center in front of the Library towards Laurel Drive; (7) as the Master Plan continues, there should be serious attention paid to developing designated bike paths through the core campus to separate bikes and pedestrians, and (8) the ideal would be to have a clearly marked surface such as bricks or concrete pavers that would be a visual reminder to commuters as to the boundary between riding prohibited and riding is OK areas.

Next Meeting

- Monday, May 7 at 10:00 am, Nelson Hall East 113