

## **EMU TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes: November 15, 2012

### **Members Present:**

Leigh Greden  
Diane Browning  
Luis Hernandez  
Dionne Hammes  
Bob Jones  
Pam Walsh  
Deborah Kamber  
Chief Heighes

### **Preliminaries:**

Started at 3:06

Mike Hague is on vacation so Leigh Greden will be filling in for him this meeting. Minutes of last meeting were approved with no changes.

### **McKenny Guest Lot Update**

The McKenny ticket spitter, gate box and light pole were hit by a student in her car when she tried to back up because she had no money to exit with. It will take a couple of weeks to replace and yes, insurance will cover the damages. In the meantime, the Parking Department is charging a flat rate of \$3.00 in the lot. The Parking Department also has a car with someone sitting there for questions and to make sure nobody goes out the wrong way.

### **AATA Bus**

They need more Park & Ride spots so they asked Leigh Greden if they could get some in the COB Structure. Leigh told them that unfortunately we can't accommodate any in the structure because it already fills up. Also, Leigh wanted us to know that the county wide transit plan has been killed. Only Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township and Saline were for the county wide transit plan.

### **Student Government Resolution**

There is a question as to whether or not the University has any bargaining leverage to get the price reduced to lower than \$1.00 and if they have found a revenue source yet. Michael Hague can respond to this at our next meeting. This was brought up because it has been noted that some of the bus lines are quite emptying during certain times so would the AATA rather get some money than none. Someone was also wondering if any of the Parking Department's money could go toward this proposal. Mike Hague will also respond to this at the next meeting. Also, without the per credit fee will this proposal die, as it seems it will.

### **Questions from Pam Walsh**

There was a question as to where GA's can park. They can park in Open Staff Lots. Therefore, it was suggested that they move to Commuter Lots. It was also brought up to remind everyone that GA's run classes and that some get compensation through the University. There is a question as to how many GA hang tags have been given out so far this year so I will bring the numbers to the next meeting.

The second suggestion is whether or not there could be a reduced hang tag for Staff that is only good for Green Lot 1. It was reminded to the group that most of the hang tags are done contractually and therefore, this suggestion would not necessarily work. It was also suggested that it might be done through a discount. I said that it would be passed onto John Lumm since he gets the notes from these meetings.

Finally, there are 6 Masters Courses at the EMU Brighton extension that has international students in them. The problem is that they do not have drivers licenses. They need to go out there a couple of times a week. There are also some courses in Livonia. The question is can we get a shuttle to take them out or what could be done to help them. Stephen Siller is head of the vehicles on campus. The demand for the service needs to be quantified first.

### **Update from Deborah Kamber**

It was brought to our attention that they are testing a new commuter train route from Detroit to Ann Arbor. It is not being run by Amtrak. There was an article in the paper about it last week.

### **Questions from Bob Jones**

Carpooling needs to be looked into on campus. What is the incentive to carpooling even if it is just done with campus support? It needs to be looked into.

### **Rynearson Shuttle**

It needs to be on a regular schedule. It needs to start in the Winter Semester. It has been heard that some students are not happy with how long it spends at Fletcher. This must be because they get caught up in the traffic of parents dropping off or picking up their children. There are also reports of the shelter not being open at 6am and that the heat is not on in it when it is open. Luis Hernandez will check into this. Luis also said it could be that they are trying the one door that sticks. There are three doors on the shelter. It was also mentioned that in the evenings, after 5pm, SEEUS is in the shelter.

### **Parking Department**

At 5pm on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> the gates will be going up on Guest Lots around campus for the Thanksgiving holiday. They will be going down again at 6am on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **EMU Transportation Committee Meeting**

There will be no December meeting. The next meeting will be January 17, 2013.