

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
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Campus Planning Committee

Minutes

December 4, 2015

Members

Present: Deborah Adishian-Astone, Taylan Bennett, Robert Boyd, John Bushoven, Hongwei Dong, Rick Finden, Tom Gaffery, Paul Halajian, Brad Hyatt, John Kriebs, Jeff Macon, Dennis Nef, Fred Nelson, Chris Pluhar, Donald Stengel, Rich Vaillancour and Gary Wilson

Absent: Eric Chan (C.O.), Mike Coles, Yolanda Doub, Lisa Kao, Frank Lamas, Patrick Newell, Jan Parten, Mike Tillman, Sandra Witte and William Wright

Guests: Shirley Armbruster, Kirsten Corey, Devon Fullner, Ryan Johnson, Renee Mathis (City of Clovis), Sara Mitchel, Michael Mosinski, Lori Pardi and Pedro Ramirez (Caltrans)

Meeting called to order at 8:04 a.m.

1. Approval of the December 4, 2015, agenda.

Mr. Gaffery recommended postponing discussion of item 10, Van Ness Residence Repairs and Maintenance, until the next meeting. It was MSC to approve the agenda as amended.

2. Approval of the October 23, 2015, minutes. It was MSC to approve the minutes.
3. Active Transportation Plan (Action) – Ryan Johnson, Alta Planning + Design

Mr. Johnson provided an overview of the review and consultation that took place in April 2015 and highlighted some of the elements contained in the Active Transportation Plan. The plan is intended to offer a blueprint for improving safety and convenience for all modes of travel on campus. It takes into consideration current systems that encourage active transportation, projects that are currently in development and future plans.

The plan incorporates design elements that will help manage traffic flow and interaction amongst drivers, cyclist and pedestrians such as speed-calming systems/methods, designated pathways (one for pedestrians and one other for wheels) signage and other concepts. It also includes design elements that will encourage bicycle and skateboard usage in certain areas of campus and discourage usage in other areas.

The University has 10-12 percent of students that live within a mile of campus. The idea is to target these students using an infrastructure that encourages alternate modes of transportation in lieu of driving to campus.

As an example, recently, the University worked with Alta Planning and City of Fresno Traffic Engineering to address the crossing at Cedar Avenue and Bulldog Lane by adding signage and striping that allows for a pedestrian scramble where all traffic is stopped and pedestrians can cross in any direction. The change was well received.

Long term there may be opportunities to bring all transit buses onto campus to board and transfer in one location.

It was clarified that the plan before the committee is a conceptual document, a planning tool and guide that will be used in conjunction with other planning documents as upgrades and developments take place. Formal projects outlined in the plan will come before the Campus Planning Committee for action as they develop and are ready for implementation.

Dr. Nelson moved to adopt the Active Transportation Plan as presented, Mr. Boyd seconded. There was no additional discussion; motion carried without opposition or abstention.

4. ASI Parking Survey (Informational) – Taylan Bennett

ASI conducted two different intercept surveys and focus groups at the beginning of the semester to gather data related to student parking, green space on campus and a new student union. A total of 146 students participated in the parking survey, 236 participated in the priority survey and 15 in the focus groups.

Ms. Bennett highlighted some of the key findings contained in the report which included wait times for parking, preferred parking locations, and dollar amounts students would be willing to pay for improved parking.

The report indicated significant support from students with regard to building a parking structure; however, it is understood this is more of a long term option. There was significant discussion regarding a parking structure, the impact this would have on student parking fees, and other factors.

Mr. Gaffery added that as an alternative, changes and upgrades to surface parking, specifically in P1 and P2, modifications to the lot behind Science 2, expanding parking by the North Gym, and optimizing the parking by the University Courtyard would provide approximately 700 additional student parking stalls. The cost for this project would be at the \$5-6 million range versus a parking structure that would provide approximately 1,000 stalls and would cost more like \$20 million.

Students are excited about the shuttle system that will launch in January and the additional lighting that is being added throughout the campus and parking lots. The hope is that this will help alleviate some concerns.

It was acknowledged that there is sufficient student parking; however, spaces for students are not always located where students want to park.

5. Barstow Ave Bikeways Transitional Striping Plan (Action) – Tom Gaffery

Barstow Avenue, between Cedar and Woodrow Avenues, will be resurfaced due to its current condition and the anticipated rain in the coming months. In addition to resurfacing the roadway, active transit improvements will be made along this roadway.

Some of the biggest changes for drivers will be a reduction in the lane width from 12 ft. to 10 ft. The lane reduction will help slow vehicular traffic as well as free up some right-of-way to enhance bikeways.

Consultation has taken place with the University Agricultural Lab, Farm Manager, David Sieperda, and the project will not have any impacts in terms of passage of farm vehicles.

Other features that will be incorporated are an advanced stop bar. The stop bar is set back so that vehicles are discouraged from crowding the crosswalk.

Portions of the area for the bike lane will be stripped in green paint and signage will be added to make drivers and cyclist aware of the vehicular and bicycle interaction that takes place on the roadway.

Future phases of this project will continue to come before the committee as they develop.

Mr. Finden moved to approve the Bartow Overlay Project, Mr. Wilson seconded. The motion carried without opposition or abstention.

6. PCDA Master Accessibility Plan/Path of Travel (Update) – Gary Wilson

Mr. Wilson provided some history with regard to the University's efforts and development in the area of ADA. The University has enlisted the services of SZS Consulting Group to develop a Master Accessibility Plan that will be used as the baseline framework moving forward.

In 2010, Fresno State along with the Office of the Chancellor developed a Master Plan Public Right of Way Accessibility Plan and SZS was hired to assist with this project. In 2015, the plan was updated. SZS presented the plan to the President's Committee on Disabilities and Access (PCDA) at their last meeting. Syroun Sanossian will be presenting the plan to this group in the coming months.

7. Proposed Landscape Improvement Projects (Update) – Robert Boyd

Mr. Boyd provided an update on the proposed landscape improvement projects which will be completed in phases with O'Neill Park and the Quad area being first on the list. Facilities Planning will be meeting with Rich Vaillancour to discuss the concept drawing for O'Neill Park. The plan includes new seating, covered patio and new BBQ area. The Quad area will be completely repaved and re-landscaped with a new layout.

A landscape improvement project at the Student Health and Counseling Center will be taking place this spring and Community Service Day will take place on April 9, 2016. The goal is to try to have the landscape project ready so that the community can participate.

8. 2016-17 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (Informational) – Robert Boyd

Over the next five years, with direction from the Chancellor's Office, the campus will be addressing the issue of the central plant. Capital projects have been broken into phases and as the University moves forward, the central plant project, which is in great need of repair, becomes more critical. More information on this item will follow.

9. 2015-16 Deferred Maintenance (Informational) – Gary Wilson

Facilities Planning put together a deferred maintenance list for President Castro's consideration. The entire list has been approved and totals approximately \$20 million over the next two years.

The list includes roof replacements, ADA path of travel improvements, HVAC replacement, elevator upgrades, lecture modernization, fire alarm replacement, street work, and other priority projects. More information on these projects will be forthcoming.

10. Van Ness Residence Repairs and Maintenance (Update) – Discussion postponed.

11. Parking and Transportation (Update) – Tom Gaffery

Mr. Gaffery provided an update on the P2 parking lot project. A meeting amongst the Vice President for Administration, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, Parking and Transportation Manager, Grounds Manager, ASI Parking and Safety Senator and Precision Engineering to discuss and make modifications to the draft landscape plan for P2. These modifications would add some non-parking components to the project and provide visual enhancements to the Maple Avenue entry. The full design of the project will be presented to the group at a future meeting.

12. Other Business

Chair Astone announced that Gary Wilson will be retiring at the end of December 2015. Mr. Wilson has been an integral part of the campus for over the past 30 years. Fresno State will miss him dearly. Chair Astone thanked and recognized Mr. Wilson for all of his efforts, dedication and involvement in every project that took place on our campus over the last 30 years.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31 a.m.