

**Western Washington University Associated Students  
AS Transportation Advisory Committee  
Monday, November 17, 2014 VU 464**

**Present: Zach Dugovich (ASVP for Student Life) Karen Izumoto (Alternative Transportation Coordinator), Kendra Thomas (Local Liaison), Nick Ebling**  
**Absent: Neal Dickinson, Sarah Kohout (ASVP for Governmental Affairs)**  
**Advisor: Greg McBride, Assistant Director for Viking Union Facilities**  
**Secretary: Lily Jaquith, Board Assistant for Representation Committees**

**Zach Dugovich, Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Additions/ Changes to the Agenda**

**III. Introductions**

The 2014-2015 ASTAC Committee introduced themselves.

**IV. ASTAC Mission**

Dugovich said there is no quorum tonight, but they won't be voting on anything. Dugovich said he wants everyone to read through the charge and charter. The local liaison isn't on this particular one, they need to find a new one. It was altered this past August. Kendra Thomas, Local Liaison, asked if four students at-large have been appointed. Dugovich said no. He encourages everyone ask friends to find new members. Greg McBride, Assistant Director of Viking Union Facilities, asked that since there is no quorum, shouldn't this become a work session instead of an official meeting. Then do they need notes? Dugovich said he would like to take notes. But they can't vote on anything so it will be classified as a work session. Thomas asked if they would be able to make changes to this document or does that happen when it becomes an action item. Dugovich said they can recommend changes and that's kind of what he wants to do today. Thomas asked if they need to then change the charge and charter to get rid of the senator. Dugovich said that'll be a recommendation as an action item at the next meeting.

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Review of 2013 ASTAC Master Plan**

**I. Campus Pedestrian Improvements**

Dugovich said his job is to gather all this information and recommendations from the committee then bring it the university transportation committee, the university parking committees, as well as the emergency management planning committees. This is the voice of the students, what they want to see happen regarding WWU's infrastructure as well as transportation. Karen Izumoto, AS Alternative Transportation Coordinator, said they need to include something in the title beyond "Associated Students of Western Washington University Master Plan." Dugovich said this section of the master plan is just about sidewalks, campus safety, etc. while walking around campus. Thomas said on #2, she's wondering if it was referring to adding lights to the crosswalk behind the Viking Union. Dugovich said that is something that could be added to this master plan. Izumoto said part of her idea was to paint the crosswalks that aren't painted currently between Oak and East College Way. Thomas said

she has another question about 3b, which bus stops it is referring to. Dugovich said he's not sure. He will look into that. McBride said he thinks it's bus stop by Haggard Hall. There's some grass patches. Izumoto said an additional point, making a #8. They've had complaints at the Sustainable Transportation Office about pedestrian facilities around Lincoln Creek Park and Ride. So something like "Improving pedestrian facilities for those who live near the park and ride." Dugovich asked exactly what the complaints are about. Izumoto said they've talked about how there's few sidewalks and a dirt path on the eastern steep slope where they want to build stairs. McBride said the question is if that's WWU property. Zugovich said a lot of this will come from partnerships with the city and county. Thomas said she had that question about 4c, whether it is that city or WWU property. Dugovich said all of this will be in collaboration with city government. Izumoto said a recommendation from her office was to add a d to 4. When delivery trucks come into the Ridgeway Commons, they block the sidewalk and pedestrians have to go into the street. Nick Ebling asked if under 4c it is talking about where this is random parking. What would happen to that parking? Dugovich said the question is how they would even implement that. Izumoto said she doesn't know how much extra room is in the right of way. Ideally they would put a walking area, then a buffer of parked cars. Then on East College Way, the service road behind all of the buildings the sidewalks stop at some point and then there are people who walk in the middle of the street.

## II. Campus Bicycle Improvements

Thomas said she had a question about C. She asked if the corridor it's referring to just where the small stairs are. Izumoto said it's referring to the east-west corridor. Thomas said then when it says restricted, is that proposing getting rid of cars going through there. Dugovich said he's not sure. He thinks so, because currently only work related trucks are allowed to go through there. Izumoto said during move in for some reason they also rerouted all the ridgeway cars through there. She thinks getting more east-west traveling would be beneficial right now. Thomas asked if there are signs for the walk zones. Dugovich said that's one of the things he's wants to talk about is increasing signs. He's received emails already this year about bicyclists flying through there. Izumoto said there is university police out there during spring quarter. Dugovich said yes he doesn't necessarily want police out there writing tickets. McBride said they don't want to be out there doing that as well. They have more important things to be doing on campus. But they get pressured to be out there because there are safety concerns from faculty and staff. Dugovich said so the committee can agree on adding more signs with walk zone times. The committee agrees. Izumoto said they can also encourage people to use East College Way. She said she's not sure about where the best place for it is, but she works by the Oak and High Street intersection. There's a concern over bicyclists and skateboarders flying down High Street and not yielding at the intersection because there's no stop sign or anything down there. Then people trying to cross on Oak Street can't see them and then busses are swerving into the left lane to get around the gate to campus. So maybe some sort of deterrent, such as a stop sign or speed bumps. Ebling said speed bumps are the best alternative. He doesn't think they can get rid of the gate without having people driving through campus when they're not supposed to. Izumoto said the concern is how it would affect buses. Dugovich said there is wear and tear. Bus drivers don't want them. Izumoto said maybe making it a four way stop. Thomas said there might be a way to remove the gates so that the buses don't have to swerve, since the portion of High Street that goes through campus is official closed all the time. Have some other sign that indicated cars can't go through but makes it safer with buses. Izumoto said there are two concerns here that overlap in the same area. She said she's not sure where that belongs in the master plan. Ebling said he feels like that's traffic and parking. Dugovich said it's almost both. Thomas said if they're just focusing on the sign/gate then that might go under campus transit. McBride said once the bicycles are on the road they're vehicles. The buses coming down that hill don't stop either. So since on the

service road people don't expect car or anything come down, so maybe that's the issue that need addressing.

### III. Campus Transit Improvements

Ebling asked if they can run down on the late night shuttle. Izumoto said there are two buses on the same route they run from downtown, up to campus, down Bill McDonald Park Way, past BT and Bimam Wood, out to the Sehome Haggen, then out to Lincoln Creek Park and Ride, up to Lakeway/Fred Meyer, back to downtown. They run in opposite directions and each loop is a half hour. Ebling asked if there was one that went to 32<sup>nd</sup> and Donovan.

Izumoto said they're working on that right now. Dugovich said this section has a lot to do with shelters. Ebling said under #1, is that a shelter for the one for the bus going up the hill.

Dugovich said yes. Izumoto said it's the one right outside of the VU Multipurpose Room. It's really exposed. Thomas said there's a lighting issue too. Izumoto said under #3, the kappa bus stop has changed, but is they still want a shelter for it. Thomas said she thinks they mean the one across from it. Ebling said that one does have shelter. Izumoto said the one by the building doesn't have shelter though. They moved it but it's still unprotected.

### IV. Campus Traffic and Parking

Ebling said the terminology on kiss and drop, what does that mean? Izumoto said it's a drop off zone. Ebling said let's just refer to it as a drop off zone. Thomas said it could be unloading but then people might think of unloading their vehicle. McBride said it would have to be passenger drop off zone. Thomas said on lb, the suggestion that it would be in the C Lots by Fairhaven College, she thinks that's a bad idea. The traffic there is already so bad That immediate left turn to get into the parking lot is very narrow. Markings on where in the parking lot drivers should go is very bad. Accidents happen there all the time. She doesn't think it's a great idea. If they do want to do that there needs to be better posted signs. Izumoto said she was thinking it could be coming up South College Way and Bill McDonald and make a right. Thomas said that's a great idea. McBride that's assuming someone is coming from one side. If they're coming from the south it would be different. Thomas said they could just turn the other way. McBride said that might make it congested because you have traffic lights and then the four way stop. For passenger drop off people are always going to find the closest place to do it. Thomas said that is where a lot of people do drop off, which would make it a fairly natural place. Izumoto said this isn't necessarily for us to puzzle out all the way. McBride said he thinks the recommendation isn't as specific. Something that has been talked about for many years is the passenger unloading that's happened off East College Way, by Frasier Hall. Izumoto said she thinks it's interesting that they're talking about the area on Highland Drive by the PAC as a drop off area, but there's a sign there now that says "think about your fumes."

Dugovich said he thinks it's just asking people to be mindful of their cars. Thomas said she gets dropped off there all the time. McBride said it's important to remember there's a difference between a drop off and a waiting zone. Maybe there should be distinction in the language, such as "passenger drop off location" as opposed to temporary parking. Thomas said people might treat it the same way anyway. Izumoto said just as long as they set something in place. Dugovich said it's the committee's job to make the recommendations, it's the university's job to enforce them. Thomas asked on 2, when it's talking about the spaces along Highland Drive, is that a permitted area? There are no signs but she saw someone with a ticket. Izumoto said you're supposed to move your car every 24 hours. Ebling said they will ticket you if someone is over the line even a little bit. McBride said it used to be pull in parking, but it created accidents with people trying to back up. Thomas said it got changed to 72 hour parking a couple weeks ago. She asked on #3, why does it say should not necessarily continue to exist in current locations? Where are they referring to? Dugovich said they want to reduce number of people driving their cars. This is a long term document, looking at 5, 10, 20 years down the road, maybe it doesn't belong in the master plan. McBride said yes, it's regarding the value our

campus has not to have every student bring a car. Dugovich said it's something to discuss when they actually make decisions. Izumoto said she would like a recommendation to pave the c-lots and Lincoln Creek Park and Ride in the plan. Dugovich said they can recommend it. But the administration is fully aware that the c-lots are an issue. McBride said it's a dollars thing. They don't get state money to pave a parking lot. Dugovich said it's definitely something to put in there as a recommendation, but it is an issue of dollars. Thomas said it talked about created a restricted access road on East College Way. There's a clinic back there that the public uses and that's the parking for it. McBride said they could specify a portion. Thomas said they could specify beyond the communications building or something. Izumoto said she's curious about #6. There are already carpool permits that's in place for employees, do they want that for students. Dugovich said there are some car share parking spots available for students. Izumoto asked if they have to have a permit for that. Dugovich said he's not sure. Thomas asked if this is just increasing then. Dugovich said he thinks the idea is to increase the number of people carpooling. McBride said he thinks car share is around increasing zip cars and things like it. Izumoto said she thinks it would be cool if they had one behind the PAC and one in the c-lots. McBride said ideally they're looking at having a minimal number of students bringing their cars to campus. In placement, they're looking at where are students living, which they'd associate with residence halls. Those are the students most likely to use a zip car, compared to those students living off campus. Thomas asked if they could increase advertising about the zip cars. Because she had no idea they existed. Dugovich said yes it is kind of a hidden gem. Izumoto said #13 is irrelevant now. McBride said there's nothing written at 12c. Dugovich said at #10 it does have improvement parking services at Lincoln Creek Park and Ride, so they could add the c-lots into there. Izumoto said under section about accessibility she wants to change it to "people with disabilities." McBride said there are some improvements that can be made in there in terms of language. Dugovich said he recommends the committee adjourn and take this up at a later date. Thomas said off campus development for student housing will likely be on the local agenda.

V. Campus Development

VI. Greater Campus Infrastructure Improvements

VII. Greater Campus Transit Improvements

VIII. On and Off-Campus Accessibility

#### **V. Next Meeting Date**

**Zach will send out a meeting invite.**

#### **VI. Adjourn**

***The Meeting was adjourned at 5:53p.m.***