TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

TO: Transportation Committee Members

| √ Robyn Hearne, Chair | University Police | √ Rick Rees | Student Activities |
| √ Jan Burnham | Financial Services | √ Alan Rellaford | Univ. Advancement |
| √ Kathleen Gentry | Interim FMS Director | Jay Virdee | AS Community Affairs |
| √ Natalie Lesse | AS Environmental Affairs | Wyatt West | City of Chico |
| √ Kirk Monfort | Faculty Senate | √ Louis Wilner | Staff Council |
| √ Marvin Pratt | EH&S | Guests: |
| √ Robyn DiFalco | AS Sustainability | √ Lori Hoffman | VP for Business & Finance |
| √ Fletcher Alexander | Institute for Sustainable Dev. | √ Marie Patterson | FMS |

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SUBJECT: Transportation Committee Minutes – October 14, 2011

I. Introductions — Committee Members and Guests

Hearne reviewed Committee goals, citing that recently the emphasis has been on bike issues such as lanes and parking. Burnham mentioned that the original committee worked mostly on the type and ratio of vehicle parking. When first assembled the campus collected their own parking violation fees. Hearne mentioned that the parking fines and forfeitures support programs such as free bus rides, Zip Car and Zim Ride Share. Parking permit fees and parking passes fund the parking personnel and maintenance issues. Changes have come about because of different stakeholders and the campus commitment to sustainability. With this being said Hearne suggest that Robyn DiFalco and Fletcher Anderson be included in the makeup of the Committee. Gentry noted that Patterson will be the representing FMS at future Transportation Advisory Committee meetings.

II. Campus Projects Update — (L Hoffman)

Hoffman noted that the campus standard bike rack is Park-a-Bike. This product was installed this summer on Chestnut Street and more recently by Laxson Hall. The delay in installing the Laxson racks was because originally this was going to be coordinated with the City of Chico when building the roundabout at First and Salem Streets. The city has postponed their project until May 2012. The plans call for closing this area for three weeks and will result in loosing motorcycle and bike parking. There will be 244 new Park-a-Bike racks in front of the new parking structure in about one year and the possibility of installing racks where the satellite dishes are currently located is being explored. This standard was strongly influenced by the Transportation Advisory Committee and an added benefit is that they are manufactured in Oroville. The overall number of racks has increased, but the racks will be donated to local elementary schools as new racks replace old ones.

Hearne passed out the current bike usage survey and noted that this fall the usage was surveyed at 58%. The results of the survey drive where racks are relocated in order to utilize the areas with heavy usage. Recently an announcement was sent to the campus community to restate that bikes
must be parked in the appropriate bike stalls and cannot block ADA access. Some bikes are given warnings; the bikes that are illegally parked, impede traffic, or cause an ADA path to be blocked will be impounded. The cost for impounding a bike is $15, but currently this fee is not being collected by the University Police. Lesse asked where the old racks were relocated. Hoffman noted that racks were relocated as projects were being completed, some racks were added at Holt—the overall number of bike stalls is higher this fall than last spring.

Pratt noted that some racks are moved because they are under-utilized, such as the ones by AJH. Patterson asked if covered bike stalls could be installed. Hoffman noted that the first attempt was the bike lockers under Meriam Library; there has been more dissatisfaction with this than acceptance. A covered facility has to meet all building codes and greatly reduces the number of bikes (about half) that can be parked in the space. At the time a good solution has not been found.

Hoffman noted that the University is conducting a feasibility study to see if a bike lane can be installed on the bridge between Yolo and the WREC.

Hearne noted that BCAG is working on developing an updated bike map, if there are any suggestions they may want to be brought forth now.

DiFalco noted that there aren’t signs on Chestnut and Second Streets that state it is a “No Riding” area.

Hoffman informed the Committee that there will be an eight foot bike lane on both sides of Second Street; some parking spaces have been eliminated to make room for the new bike lanes and to make this a safer bike corridor.

III. Bike Racks (fall survey, usage & supply)—incorporated in item II

IV. A.S. Transportation Committee (projects)
DiFalco spoke of a new student group (four students) that is focusing on transportation, they are called “Alt Trans” and their focus is on bikes, buses, Zip Cars, and Zim Ride Share. The group attended the WRECtacular and have had tables at different campus events. The group is sending a positive message about alternative transportation. Other items planned are a “Bus Field Trip” to teach freshmen how to get to the movies and shopping centers with the current public transportation systems. They will also be researching restricted parking based on proximity to campus.

V. Committee Member’s Recommendations for Areas of Focus
Carpool Program was recommended for evaluation.

VI. Other
Hearne welcomed Fletcher Alexander to the group. Alexander stated that he has been analyzing the statistics of the Zip and Zim programs and how they could be better utilized. Hoffman noted that the Zim Ride Share program was campus supported for two years and the funding will be running out soon.