

SEMC Meeting 5/10/17

Opening: I think we're going to go ahead and get started if you're not finished eating that's fine and if you want seconds there's plenty. Um so, I'd like to start with a guest presentation this afternoon, the Bush Wellborn Crossing Project. We have Madison here from TTI who's going to talk about the project. I was in the presentation last week and one environmental question that came up during the presentation. I thought let's bring Madison in. They're during outreach for comments during this period. And I thought that this would be a good time to bring anything environmental to the table.

Madison – BWX-BCS Project Coordinator

- Bush-Wellborn Project. Coordinating with TxDOT.
- Doing public outreach – surveys, wanting input
 - The intersection has changed since plans were drawn up.
 - Wanting input on what we think is good ideas, etc.
 - Can request a presentation to be done on project.
- Project background
 - High traffic, pedestrians, bicycles, buses, trains
 - 200+ special events
 - BCS area 215,000 population
 - Huge downtown area (4th largest), but no highways etc. to deal with the traffic.
 - Started back in 1999 –TxDOT started research and etc.
 - TxDOT is acquiring right of way currently
 - Apartments, real estate, churches
 - Will have multiple levels:
 - Raising road to railway level
 - Building overpasses for pedestrian traffic & bicycle
 - Digging hole 35' feet down for turn lanes
- SURVEY:
 - Compiling comment responses and meeting w/ engineers to work on redesign. Will meet up again in the fall and present designs
 - ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE: bwx-bcs.org
 - Has a comment section so that people can provide input. – Good spot for department's environmental concerns.
- CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PLAN:
 - 9 month project (hoping to be done by football season) - 24 hour/7 day week construction – more \$\$\$ for TxDOT, but possible w/ public support.
 - Noise, rerouting of traffic
 - Moving class schedules to help with flow of traffic
 - Move campus resident parking to west campus and put daily parking on main campus
 - Start date of 2022. But relocation of resources before construction.
 - AFTER expansion of 2818 to 6 lanes after diversity diamond complete. Will probably end around 2021.
- Obviously a lot left to be worked out based on questions that were asked after presentation.

- GOAL: safety, reduce congestion, minimize disruption to construction, enhance communication through community, and honor history of TAMU.

Bike Share Program – Ron Steedly

We had a bike share 5 years ago. It didn't go well and then we did a RFP for bike share and we couldn't afford it. So we did a bike lease program. \$50/semester. We sell out every semester. And then our car share program, ZipCar, had actually pair with Zagster to offer a branded, sponsored bike share system call ZipBike. We were chosen as the first university to launch ZipBike. And then there was a falling out between the two companies and it caused lots of problems. Wasn't a sponsored system anymore and turned into something that we couldn't afford. Zagster kept contract and is the sponsor now.

- Membership fees:
 - \$25/year with a tamu.edu email address
 - Regular annual fee is \$50/year
 - Hourly - \$3/hr.
 - Weekend price is 3hr/\$3
 - One bike at a time per account

75 bikes total. At various locations:

- White Creek, MSC, Trigon, WCG, Sbis, Commons, Academic Plaza, Blocker

Promotes active transportation. App based program. There are ways around the system...could be potential problem, but aware that others are going to do that. There is an extreme amount of transportation between MSC and Wehner. We mostly have hourly members as opposed to annual memberships. The hope is that will NSC and the program actually being on the ground, the usage will increase. There are actually quite a few visitors to campus that use. Usage can be affected by weather and students not going to class any more. 2209 trips taken from Jan. 16 – May 4. People are using it. When stations get full, people are sent out to redistribute bikes. No maintenance done by university. There's no tracker on the bike, the phone tracks it. (So the phone location is what is tracked) Must engage lock before bike is "turned in." Trying to make sure that students and others don't try to beat the system.

Environmental Compliance Update – Monica Hartman

Monica: I just have a couple points to cover with you guys. I'm not sure, but Jeff may have discussed some of the issues that we were having with the landfill at previous meetings. A request for the nationwide 13 permit has been submitted and that permit is basically a generalized permit for bank stabilization and so the request has gone in so that we can work on that. And then there's also a request that gone in that we can disturb the land as in of itself and so both of those have been sent in hopes that we can soon begin work on erosion issues at white creek with the landfill.

Man: Bob said this morning that they met with the corps of engineers yesterday, and they're pretty much ready to leave it in TCEQ's hands but they're not really wanting to get involved. That was from their meeting.

Monica: The second one is hazardous waste update. We had a RCRA inspection last year and there were two findings based on that. We sent information/ responses back to the regional office based on those

two violations. The first one was not having the word hazardous waste written on some materials that we had in our facility. So a stamp has been purchased to use to actually stamp received materials at 1165 and our other facility. The second violation they had listed that we were treating some industrial waste as inert. There was a little confusion so, we made communication with TCEQ and had them actually reach out to regional office and discuss with them about the waste being nonhazardous so it wasn't considered industrial waste. Our annual air compliance certifications have been submitted to TCEQ and we had no deviations. The storm water annual meeting occurred on 4/20. SPC (spill control and countermeasures plan) is being reviewed and updated.

Policy Re-Launch – Brad Urbanczyk

I had mentioned at the last meeting some ideas for policy relaunch. I think what I'm going to do is actually table that until the next meeting since we ran kind of long here and I've got one other thing to do. Be thinking about that for the next meeting. If you have ideas you can email myself or Tassie and we can put a list of ideas together. We'll have that discussion in the next meeting.

Vice Chair Nominations: I sent out a reminder email for our submission to Tassie and we have received 0. So, by the next meeting if we do not have any nominations then those who have served, I will get together with myself and I will put a list together for nominations. You will be voluntold and we will do a vote. So, those that aren't listed here, you have a pretty good chance of being on that ballot.

Nathan Jones: Solid Waste Minimization Program

Sheila McQueen is now the solid waste minimization specialist.

Greenwaste helped bring up the numbers.

Campus standard containers have been approved for interior & exterior.