

Physical Development Committee (PDC) Minutes– 12/20/2019

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West Elizabeth Transit Corridor / Transit Center Access (Aaron Fodge)

1. Went through multiple planning efforts with City.
 - a. Lots of public involvement for City's 2019 transit master plan effort.
 - b. Enhanced Travel Corridor Plan is a priority corridor for further multimodal transit.
 - i. West Elizabeth sidewalks are currently in poor condition and impact people with mobility devices, such as those using a wheelchair, who have to move into the street at times.
 - ii. Planning for future transit station turn-about at Overland and Elizabeth – a potential mobility hub for people to transfer between modes of transportation. Would also like to have a shuttle that serves the Foothills campus.
 - iii. High density development west of campus impacts ridership.
 - c. We track all bus boardings for employees and students each month in aggregate on a map.
 - i. Employees are using transit from all areas of the city.
 - ii. 90% of students live in Fort Collins.
2. Transit Center Growth
 - a. Federal funds helped originally to develop the transit center.
 - b. The transit center is at capacity – the bays are filled. Need to figure out how to expand area to provide more access or move routes out of here to a different area of campus to support ridership.
 - i. 11 routes feed into the transit center.
 - ii. Poudre Express Route will start coming to transit center in January. Student fees increased – raised 20,000 annually Greeley to Windsor to Fort Collins route.
 - c. Challenges include an increase in private shuttles – space for pick up/drop off.
 - i. Private shuttles from private housing developments come regularly with lots of students.
 - ii. CSU charter fleet
 - iii. Airport shuttles
3. Next Steps to Support Growing Campus Population
 - a. Small Starts Process
 - i. MAX was funded through the federal transit administration, using the small starts process.
 - ii. Collapsing some routes into another MAX route may free up bays at the transit center.
 - iii. Total cost for project is \$40 million. However, funds needed to do a study to go after the Small Starts grant. \$1.5 million for the corridor study. City is trying to raise funds to match the grant, and CSU would need to contribute to it as well.
 - b. CSU has future investments on the West Elizabeth corridor, such as the Overland turnabout.
 - i. Submitted 3 grant proposals for this, but have not yet received any of them.
 - ii. Will be \$2.4 million investment.
 - c. Transit Center Expansion
 - i. Needs to accommodate much larger buses (MAX-sized) than can accommodate today.
 - d. Distribute Transit City-Wide

- i. Take pressures off the transit center to use other spaces where buses can turn around (for example, Lake Street Garage location).
 - ii. Mobility hubs could assist to transfer people to their other mode of transportation. It is property where people have access to changing modes of transportation such as from car to bus or bike to bus to E-scooter.
- e. Access Planning
 - i. Different users (such as Uber and Lyft, food deliveries, Amazon, private shuttles) come to campus, don't park, but have impacts on campus, that use our infrastructure to make revenue for their companies. They want access to campus but aren't paying for the access in a traditional way, are making money off of our infrastructure. These companies don't pay into how we make improvements to our infrastructure.
- 4. Discussion
 - a. What is the involvement with FTA?
 - i. Gave them a tour of the corridor, showed transit tour around location, as well as their previous investment in the transit center
 - ii. FTA reps are interested in funding it, but we need to have planning study in place.
 - iii. The planning study is 35% design, including drainage and utility studies and a more refined cost, so we know what to ask for.
 - iv. If we did an application today we would be competing with Utah. There's not a lot of communities in our area doing these types of city improvements.
 - b. What were the reasons for the failures of the three grants we previously went after?
 - i. They wanted us to put in more of a match for one of the grants.
 - ii. Another grant we were told to apply for a different funding pool.
 - iii. Requested a match from administration to be funding partner for an upcoming grant.
 - c. What's the timeline if we are successful for these fundraising efforts?
 - i. Plan to keep going after grants to fund the turnaround location. Will build it as soon as we are funded.
 - ii. 12–18 months for the plan; then would end up with small starts process – about 4 years away.
 - d. What enables more immediate changes at the transit center to accommodate the volume?
 - i. Distribute some routes to others parts of campus, possibly on south end of campus; move routes so they don't terminate at transit center.
 - ii. Perhaps the private shuttles start paying into the system.
 - iii. 30% students consider transit their primary mode of transportation.
 - e. Who funds changes to the transit center?
 - i. It depends on how it is prioritized. It could be part of the small starts process. It could be a loan.
 - f. Context of CSU and transit trends vs nationwide
 - i. Economy is good, gas prices are low, so people drive to work in cars nationwide, but that's not what is happening in our area.
 - ii. With our investment in MAX, transit center, and higher frequencies of routes, we are not seeing a drop-in ridership even though the economy is good.
 - iii. We make it easier for people to become a pedestrian on this campus, so that they can experience the campus.

- iv. Data can be provided, depicted in different ways – let Aaron Fodge know if you are interested in this.

Construction Updates (Tim Kemp, David Hansen)

1. Safety-related processes include weekly construction meetings between the Owner-Architect-Contractor to address safety, making sure construction sites are safe and secure, etc.
 - a. If you perceive something as unsafe, take a picture and send it to Tim Kemp, so he can get the info to the right person and work to address it.
2. Main campus has \$235 million active projects in late winter/early spring 2020.
 - a. \$43 million on South Campus
 - b. \$47 million on Foothills Campus
 - c. \$8 million on Mountain Campus
3. Constructions Impacts

(Mid-January through March 2020)

- a. Lagoon project and Meridian Village Phase 1 projects
 - i. Will not have an impact on streets during this time
- b. Shepardson
 - i. Construction fence on east side will move out into Libby Coy Way (University Ave to A Street) – coordinated with Poudre Fire and Transfort.
 - ii. Fence moved in late January before students arrive.
 - iii. Will leave sidewalk open on east side of street, just for pedestrians; will be dismount zone for bikes.

(Mid-March through Mid-May 2020)

- a. Amy Van Dyken/Univ Ave closure for waterline replacement project
 - i. Impacts access to lot 350, which will be closed. Used as construction staging area.
 - ii. Will keep one sidewalk open to allow east west movement of MAX riders.
 - iii. Will keep access point west of Administration to sidewalk that is north of Forestry and Natural Resources.
- b. Hughes Way
 - i. South side of street - bike lane and sidewalk closed.
 - ii. There will be a fence to keep residents from walking north on that site.
 - iii. Will close Hughes Way from Shields to library parking lot around graduation to repave entire street and for utility work.
 1. Temporary access road into parking lot by library.
 2. Lot 212 will not be accessible.
 3. Meridian will not be accessible.
 - iv. Pitkin is the access route for bikes and pedestrians to get to Lory Student Center. Will open sidewalks as soon as they are able.
 - v. Edit Szalai wants to share this information with faculty – they have 8 conferences this summer.

(Mid-May through June 2020)

- a. Geothermal X – Phase 1
 - i. Major drilling operation in fields 4, 5, 6
 - ii. Need to connect that infrastructure to Moby Arena
 - iii. Irrigation work in fields 1, 2, 3 ahead of drilling operations
- b. Lory Student Center
 - i. Impact to transit center – a couple of bays closed
 - ii. North entry to building will be closed through this period in the summer

(June through July and July through Mid-August 2020)

- a. Lots 349 & 350 lots are closed
 - i. 349 lot modification to connect the two lots and regard and trying to regrade to the new elevations of University Ave., closed through July
 - ii. Sanitary line replacement related to Meridian Village on northside of Chemistry
- b. NCAA Women's soccer & softball complex – earliest to start would be June, maybe later though
- c. Street paving – coordinated (day operations, staggered to best of our ability)
 - i. For the street paving that leads to LSC parking lot, the lot would not go down.
- d. Elevator replacement in Eddy

(Mid-August through Oct. 2020)

- a. Streets opened back up except for Libby Coy Way.
 - b. LSC should have access on northside by then.
4. Foothills status regarding improvements for pedestrians, bikes, Rampart Rd, and LaPorte
- a. Recent study looking at Rampart Rd, took borings of street, found minimal asphalt layer.
 - b. Priority is:
 - i. Connector road between LaPorte and Rampart
 - ii. Improvement of Rampart for transit.
 - iii. Bike-pedestrian detached trail from Overland, along Rampart, turning north to LaPorte.
 - c. 95% + complete on the engineering drawings for the connector road.
 - i. Have about a third of the funding to do the work, but still need funding for the bike/pedestrian component – trying to get grant funding.
 - d. The build out of all this work is planned to happen over a number of years.
5. Communication and Outreach
- a. Open to doing outreach to other recommended groups – let us know where we should present this info.
 - b. Where is the best place to get the updates for construction impacts?
 - i. Construction on SOURCE webpage is the best place to update.
 - ii. Social media can be the reminder to people, but SOURCE construction would be the best place to push people to for regular information.
 - c. Recommendation to ask Lynn Johnson to send one campus email as a heads up to campus community – to ask for patience with the construction impacts with great things coming and where to get information, listing SOURCE as the primary source.
 - i. **Action Item (Tim Kemp):** Put communication together to share with Tom Satterly to Lynn.

- d. Outage requests capture a particular audience as well.
- e. Consider how construction impacts are communicated to building proctors and by them – ask them to communicate the impacts near their buildings.