



Oxford - University Transit Meeting

August 10, 2011

Members Present: Donna Gurley, Carole Haney, George Price, Shannon Richardson, Jim Windham and Corey Washington

Others Present: Tim Akers, David Long, Frances Saralvarez, Melanie Addington, Richard Brooks, Dick Burkepile, Errol Castens and Linda Christian

The meeting was called to order by Chair Donna Gurley.

Chair Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the agenda; Commissioner Carole Haney made a motion and Jim Windham seconded the motion.

The minutes for the July 13, 2011 meeting were approved.

Chair Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the minutes; Commissioner George Price made a motion and Commissioner Jim Windham seconded the motion.

General Manager's Report

- Mr. Akers informed the Commission that Mr. Biggs went to the 9th Annual Leadership Summit in Natchez, MS, and he introduced Mr. Long, O.U.T.'s Street Supervisor to give the monthly report.
- Mr. Long provided the total amounts for ridership and fare for the month of July as follows: Total Passengers 15,248, Monthly Passes sold \$610.00, Fare Box Amount \$ 2,000.50 Total \$2,610.50.
- The new Fall Schedule will begin on Monday, August 15, 2011. The most significant change on the routes is the transfer point for the Blue and Red routes taking place at the Old National Guard Building, which is the current location of the O.U.T. office. He reiterated there would still be a stop at the square.
 - The most important change on the Blue Route will be the extension of Blue West to service the Links Apartments from 6:43 AM to 9:43 AM, and then it will resume at 3:13 PM thru 6:48 PM.
 - The Red Route south bound will now service both Veteran's Home and Azalea Gardens instead of the previous service which used to go separately to Veteran's Home and Azalea Gardens every 1 hour. The new route is the same route the bus runs on Saturdays.
 - The Yellow Route will have 2 buses between the times of 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM and then will continue with 1 bus
 - The Green Route will have 3 buses between the times of 7:00 AM to 12:20 PM and then will continue with 2 buses
- Mr. Long has been installing clear boxes on the shelters which originally came with the shelters but had not been installed yet. Bus schedules have been posted in the boxes. The boxes are designed in a way that both sides of the schedule could be seen by the passengers.
- The GPS system is being used by the passengers and it has proven to be useful for passengers to obtain real time bus information.

Planner's Report – Tim Akers

- Mr. Tim Akers informed the Commission the trash cans and additional shelters have been ordered.
- Mr. Akers has met with the architects and all the building plans for the transit facility are on track.
- Additional funds have been approved to be applied toward the construction of the new building. We will receive \$100,000 from MDOT with no matching funds required
- The improvements on the O.U.T. parking lot have been completed. Concrete was poured on both entrances of the parking lot. The side walk leading to the office was reworked. A shelter and an extra bench have been set up for the new transfer point.

Discussion of Welcome Week

- Welcome week at Ole Miss will take place the week of August 22nd.
- O.U.T. will be present on Wednesday, August 24th and Thursday, August 25th between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Welcome Week at Ole Miss. We will set up a table in order to be able to pass out schedules, and to assist students with any questions in reference to the way the bus system operates.
- It was also mentioned there would be other groups present at Welcome Week handing out bicycle route maps and other transportation related information.

Open Discussion

- Ms. Linda Christian was present representing Ole Miss Parking Services. She expressed the concerns Ole Miss Administration is having in reference to parking due to the large enrollment of freshman year students.

There are plans to make parking decals interchangeable between parking lots such as the South Lot and the Oxford Mall Parking lot. The price for the decal to be able to park in the South Lot and the Oxford Mall is lower than the decal that allows parking on campus.

The presence of RVs in the Oxford Mall during Football Games was also discussed.

- Mr. Richard Brooks requested for another stop to be added to the Yellow Route near the Wonder Bread store. He was informed by Mr. Long there was a stop near Galleria Cove which is very close to the requested location.
- Mr. Dick Burkepile mentioned the change of the transfer point worked out well and he also stated the change of Red South to service Veteran's Home and Azalea Garden every half hour rather than every hour was good.

Mr. Burkepile also mentioned again the inconvenience of the distance between the stops for Blue East and West at Ole Miss' transfer point, but he knew those were the stops assigned by Ole Miss. Mr. Long suggested that the stop after the Student Union stop would be more convenient if someone wanted to transfer.

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Donna Gurley adjourned the meeting with unanimous yeas upon a motion by Commissioner Shannon Richardson and seconded by Commissioner George Price.