

## **Sustainable Transportation Working Group**

### **Meeting Notes 7 8 09**

#### **7/9/09 Update:**

The Institute of Transportation Studies (Berkeley), Technology Transfer program is offering free pedestrian safety assessments for cities. I am checking with them as to whether this program is available to campuses, and/or whether we may be able to have a special session on ped safety.

In looking at their website – they have a “Free Services” section you may want to check out.

<http://www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/>

#### **Agenda**

1. **Goals** – discuss sustainable transportation goals –
2. **Sustainable Transportation track of Sustainable Campus conference** – presentations available on: <http://sustainability.ucsb.edu/conference>  
**Note:** 3 Transportation sessions and one session on transportation in the Curriculum and Research track
3. Zipcar contract SIGNED 6/19/09 – ready for roll out

#### **Goals – See Attachment 1**

**SC** – want to add more vanpools for longer commutes

Need to replace campus shuttle buses – grateful for shared specifications from other campuses

Encouraging telecommute – for worklife balance as well as for GHG reduction

Bike shuttle – very popular

Bike commuting up 12-18%

Problem: Pedestrian volume at class change times delays shuttle buses. Looking at ways to stagger class start times to reduce traffic impacts from peds/shuttles at class change times. May extend hours per day that classes are offered, or days of the week. Now have classes MWF or T TH. Higher traffic on Tu Th, but still have traffic load MWF. Might add signal (\$\$), or crossing guard.

#### **SB**

Jill Richardson working on Climate Action Plan, Jamey Wagner involved in Sustainability plan.

See Attachment 1 for list of goals.

New parking structure not full, so some advocacy for selling more parking permits to pay off debt, vs. advocacy for reducing drive to campus.

#### **SF**

Vanpool – expand existing long distance vanpools

Collaborate with Med Center – shift staff a challenge for carpooling: nurses who work 3 days a week, 12 hour shifts

Zimride very successful

No transit passes for students – students have been unwilling to pass referendum to fund. 70% of population take transit, only 30% drive alone.

Add bike racks, indoor bike parking usually value engineered out of projects. Cyclists want bike parking right in front of bldg, designers do not want it there – often have special design features in front.

GPS added to shuttles.

Have already reached several goals.

#### **R**

Getting 2 CNG vans for vanpools in Fall 2009

Expect to roll out Zipcar and Zimride in fall 2009

Transit – looking at the option of having Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) take over some UC shuttle routes. RTA has a CNG fleet, so less GHG. They are on Google Transit – so easier to people to get information about transit routes.

R has added equipment for more efficient CNG fueling – can fuel more vehicles more quickly.

R- Bike Donation program – rather than abandoning bikes at the end of the school year, program enables students to donate their bikes to the program, which will use them to create a bike library.

Surplus bikes currently auctioned off (often purchased by community members)

D- have 2 surplus bike auctions/year with 500 bikes each. Have also begun to sell bikes on eBAY quite successfully. Selling bikes in batches of 10.

Green initiative fund vote next year.

## **M –**

Have hired fleet/transit staff person, Brian Raboy.

Planning on using Zipcar/Zimride combo.

Looking to leverage transit authority – demonstration route from UC and Community College/Transit hub a success-.

-Rec and Wellness – Bike program

- Cat Tracks (Transit agency) looking at new vehicles

- Losing surface parking lots to new campus buildings, and do not have replacement funding mechanism. (SC to share their policy)

## **LA**

Hard freeze on vehicle purchasing, thus will not be able to replace older vehicles with lower emission vehicles as quickly.

AVR – up to 1.7 for staff, 2.54 combined employee and student rate.

Have agreements with 5 transit agencies

Working on air travel

## **B**

Goals still being refined

Fleet- working with AC Transit to reduce shuttle footprint. May have AC transit provide shuttle service – cleaner vehicles. UC leases buses from AC Transit. UC routes often duplicate AC Transit routes.

Pros and Cons: Union issues – UC employees are union – AC Transit? Different union? No union? Would AC Transit taking over shuttles mean layoffs, or would/could AC Transit take on UC employees?

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## **Commuting**

Students interested in bike share program. Campus working with City on regional bike share program.

SF City Bike Share program – Heath Maddox, (415) 701-4605 [Heath.Maddox@sfmta.com](mailto:Heath.Maddox@sfmta.com)

(SF Metropolitan Transportation Agency)

BIXI technology – used in Montreal.

SF – 60 pods, subscription rate. Want others to negotiate tangential agreements. UCSF working with City on this program.

LA – looked at this technology, but thought annual subscription rate was high \$78/yr.

Billy Riggs will do white paper on this topic

Topic discussions:

Carpool incentives: At UCSF, access to parking is enough of an incentive for carpools. Dedicated stalls.  
LA – differential pricing – costs less if 2 carpool, even less if 3 carpool. LA has determined that carpools are the most cost effective way to get people out of SOV. More expensive to get people to take transit.  
SC – advisory committee thinks cash incentive (reduced permit cost) for carpools is unnecessary  
D- discounted rate for carpool permits  
B- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) suggesting elimination of subsidized parking – even carpool parking as a way to reduce GHG.  
SB – used to designate carpool spaces, but they were often empty, thus other faculty complained.

Carpool Enforcement:

LA – audit permit sales (if x is listed as being in a carpool, cannot also buy an individual parking permit)

**Zimride (Dynamic Ridesharing)**

B – University of California Transportation Center (UCTC) (<http://www.uctc.net/theme.shtml>)

Has a grant related to dynamic ridesharing (like Zimride or Avego)

SC, LA – using Zimride as a ride board

M – looking to use the Zipcar/Zimride combo

Questions:

UC policy re outsourcing existing services?

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