

**Task Force 4**  
**February 17, 2015**  
**Plaza Conference Room – Maucker**

Today the committee started the meeting by making edits to the meeting minutes from the February 3 meeting about MET transit and paratransit. Those edits will be reflected on the February 3 minutes and resent to the committee members.

Tim created a rough draft to share with the group and explained the outline, content, and the order of information on the draft. One issue is figuring out where to put the big picture challenges since it is an important part of the document. This may be created as a shared document for collaboration editing from all committee members. The group discussed several pieces of the document that should be elaborated on.

**Ridership**

- Students have the power to give a huge push to make transit changes.
- Previously, route 9 was free to ride for students. Now, Cedar Falls charges for the rides. Multiple transportation entities decide transit fare.
  - 30 day pass is \$50
    - Handicapped pass is \$45
  - 26% of riders are students, public riders
- Creating an Omnipass system could raise ridership
  - Beneficial for UNI in regards to parking
  - Beneficial for city in regards to extra money from more riders
  - Money from parking passes could go to Panther Shuttle instead of student fees
    - It is hard to raise fees for faculty
- Panther shuttle surveys
  - There may have been one created recently
  - Possible survey with MET transit and student government
- Apartment complex contributions
  - The city has tried this in the past, and it turned into a mess – excluded housing that did not want to contribute, but the bus had to pick up the rider anyway due to it being a public system.

**Section 2**

- Goals
  - Part of the developing list
  - Individual paragraphed summaries for each subject matter

**Section 3**

- Get standard information on the document

## Section 4

- Add desired locations where students want to go
  - Add a survey

## Objective – “guts” of the report

- Make a recommendation of modal priorities in report.

Long range INRCOG plan extends to the year 2040. Land use development from the city of Cedar Falls shows expansion south and west.

- Mixed use – commercial and residential space
- Greenhill road expansion includes a trail
- CFHS is on the city plan, but the idea came later
  - Potential large impact on activity patters
- Possible creation of a trail through the university to get to downtown from west expansion.

## Cedar Falls Bike Plan

- Bike/Pedestrian Committee looks at these issues
- INRCOG Pedestrian Plan (Waterloo/Cedar Falls Plan)
- Sidewalk Connection Plan throughout UNI
  - May get developed in Facility Response for Master Plan

## Parking

- Possibly add a work from home policy to reduce trips to campus
  - Video conferencing possibilities
- Suggested to add carpool parking specialties
  - Parking spots, discounted parking passes, special permits
- Car-share
- Van-pool
- Add flex usage with metered parking
  - Half of the time metered parking, the other half permit parking.
  - Change it in response to conditions
  - Digital signage by entrance
- Creation of a parking app to identify open spots around campus
  - Could save energy and time
- Possibly buy into a day pass for a particular spot in a certain lot
  - Create bids and distribute costs

## UNI Fleet – Electric, hybrid cars

- Issues
  - Where should it be reflected in the report?
    - Possibly “Recommendations to Consider”
  - Motor-pool with Enterprise partnership

Legislative structural changes for transportation.

- Iowa DOT funds could be used for more than just roads
  - Leverage project usages
    - Ex. Bikeways attached to roads

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for  
Tuesday, March 3 from 2:30PM – 4:00PM in Maucker Plaza Conference Room.