

**Multimodal Transportation and Student Safety Special Committee**  
**June 25, 2013**

**In attendance:** Kristin Haldeman, Lauren Hassel, Erik Maskelony, Nancy Van Doren, Ronna Weber, Jana Lynott, Gillian Burgess, Penelope Everline, Eli Spiliotopolis, Aja Sae-Kung, Dennis Leach, John Chadwick, Sally Baird, Rob Hindeman.

**Via Skype:** Jack Owens

**Absent:** Eric Goodman, Tim Rosato, Jane Kim-Guthrie, Ellen Smith, Linda Erdos, Cintia Johnson

Kristin called the meeting to order at 7:10. Agenda accepted. The 6/5/2013 minutes were approved. New Member Aja Sae Kung introduced herself and all members welcomed her and introduced themselves. Gillian brought yummy goodies.

**Public Comment Period.** Email from Wakefield parent read whose son takes two ART buses to school with parents concerns about the Four Mile Run and George Mason intersection. Gillian commented on concerns regarding middle and high school maps.

**Chair Remarks** -- Kristin covered the topic of our committee's work processes, acknowledging the report development was difficult. Over the summer, she plans to have the committee take a step back and review our principles and philosophy. We will then use this as a base for future discussions. This year's report identifies areas that we will need to follow up on next year, for example TDM study, hazard identification study, communication and public outreach. We gathered lots of info this year but didn't have enough time to really distill all that info. This has been a lot of work that has been done quickly. Next year we will have a process that gets us to our recommendations in a comfortable way. Please go to Kristin if you have concerns.

Request to APS – We need a note taker. The website needs to be better organized. Need to determine if we are going to use the email address. A staff and leadership regular conference call to make sure pressing issues are covered in meetings would be helpful.

### **Finalize and Approve June 2013 Report**

A discussion ensued regarding resolving remaining concerns with the draft June 2013 report to the School Board.

Discussion first covered Section 2 D regarding school infrastructure, future siting of schools, and transportation infrastructure. But first there was discussion regarding how we would incorporate dissent in the report. There will be a

mechanism in the report to acknowledge dissent. Regarding Section 2 D, the majority chose to retain this section in the report. The vote was six agree: Jana, Gillian, Penny, Lauren, Erik, Eli. Four disagreed: Nancy, Kristin, Ronna, Jack. Three were absent from the vote: Eric G, Tim R, and Jane.

Next the group discussed the topic of considering bus stop location criteria to encourage more active transportation. Discussion focused on how to connect this to the notion of spacing bus stops to encourage walking and discussed how that would be reflected in the report. It will be reflected in the next steps as edited into the report. See Gillian's draft. Unanimous support of this item of those present.

Regarding section 4 A paragraph 2. There was agreement to include Tim's sentence regarding health benefits of exercise. All voted to include this.

We then discussed Section 5,B, 4 regarding RFID chips. Nancy raised the concern as to whether or not there was sufficient information and discussion to say that more planning was necessary related to security of and data contained in the RFID chips. Committee agreed to adjust the wording as will appear in the final report. See Gillian's draft.

We then discussed Section 6 regarding Collaboration with the County. Wording was chosen to put a statement about resources and collaboration in the beginning of section 6. See Gillian's draft. Vote was unanimous.

Also voted to include the addition under 4 section A second paragraph, as per stated previously.

There was agreement to add footnotes regarding Atlantic Cities article and the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin. (NHTSA) Bus Safety statistics.

Kristin called for a vote to approve the report. The vote was unanimous of those present. Eric, Tim, Jane approved prior to the meeting.

## **RFID Program**

John Chadwick then reported about the RFID project. Multiple groups in APS issue ID badges, transportation, library, media, food service, high schools. All groups involved in needing badges are involved in planning the new badge. Currently, total cost is about \$190,000, with \$3.40 to replace a card. Four APS computer systems are impacted in considering the issuance of these cards: new student information system, library catalogue system, transportation GPS system, food service system. (Note: GPS pilot undertaken by APS has not been successful. In collaborating with the County, it has become clear that APS needs to use the same GPS system as the County, but does not currently have that. ) Replacement cards will be an issue as will monitoring the use of the

cards. There will be an option for those who wish to opt out of using the cards. Design, documentation, evaluation, security, and communication are being planned. Establishing the requirements as it relates to each of the APS groups who would use the cards is underway. All students will receive a badge. School Board members are only now discussing this. Rollout is now delayed. There will be pictures on the IDs, a bar code, student ID, and APS logo. A prototype was displayed. There will be no name, no address, no school on the badge. High Schools may want to know if there is a way to distinguish between high schools. There is also consideration of a preK and K coding, not by name. Also a return address to APS will appear on the back. For Transportation, the data in the card will be the student ID, which will link it to the student data base. More information may be needed on the card for lunch and library purposes. This system is evolving in terms of how the kids hang on to these and use them in APS. The committee discussed and recommended extensive outreach to parents. Aja recommended considering piloting or pilot a mock badge to figure out issues.

### **Summer Schedule**

To be done by email, per Kristin.

### **10:00 Adjourn**