October 16, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Mark A. Hussey
Interim President, Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: CBE Recommendation: Digital Garage Signs

At its October 9, 2014 meeting, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) discussed a request from Transportation Services to install two digital signs near the intersection of Lubbock Street and South Bizzell Street to indicate space availability in nearby parking garages. Optimal locations for the signs are the median on South Bizzell between the Commons residence halls and the golf course parking lot and the northwest side of the Lubbock Street-Bizzell Street intersection.

Recommendations

Technical Review Sub-Council (TRsc) The TRsc supports the proposed Request to Install Digital Signs and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

- Facilities Services
  Facilities Services supports this project. The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns.

- University Police
  Height of the sign -- would it hinder seeing a pedestrian crossing behind it?
  Placement of the S. Bizzell sign -- would it be far enough away from the intersection?
  Promoting U-turns at the intersection of Lubbock St. and S. Bizzell.

- CIS
  Will these digital garage signs need campus network connections? If yes, a request will need to be submitted to CIS for the installation of Data lines.

  Will there be pathways (conduit) to each sign back to a central location? CIS prefers separate pathways for Data to be installed independent of any power lines.

  Concern as to what network (and how) the Digital Garage Signs will be provided data connectivity.
The CBE voted unanimously to recommend the President’s approval, with noted caveats, the request from Transportation Services to install two digital signs near the intersection of Lubbock Street and South Bizzell.

Karan L. Watson  10-20-14
Provost and Executive Vice President  
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Jerry Strayser  10/20/17
Vice President for Finance and Administration 
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Concur or not concur with CBE’s recommendation:

Mark A. Hussey  10/22/14
Interim President

cc: Sub-Council Chairs, Council for the Built Environment
August 20, 2014

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Karan L. Watson, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Ms. B. J. Crain, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Co-Chair, Council for the Built Environment

Through: Mr. Peter Lange
Executive Director, Transportation Services

Subject: Request to Install Digital Signs

Transportation Services requests permission to install two signs near the intersection of Lubbock Street and South Bizzell Street to indicate space availability in nearby parking garages. Optimal locations for the signs are the median on South Bizzell between the Commons residence halls and the golf course parking lot (see Illustration 1) and the northwest side of the Lubbock Street-Bizzell Street intersection (see Illustration 2) as shown on the map (see Illustration 3).

Currently, vehicles cue on Lubbock Street in front of the Commons residence halls and down Spence Street to access Central Campus Garage when it is at capacity. As spaces become available, vehicles are allowed access to the facility. Providing the information to customers before they make the turn onto Lubbock Street will provide better service, enabling them to choose another option if Central Campus Garage is full and will result in better traffic flow for buses and cars accessing parking lots in the area.

Another contributing factor prompting this request is the planned closure of Commons Circle, an area currently used as a turnaround by customers who make the turn onto Lubbock Street as described above and decide to no longer wait until space becomes available in the garage. When Commons Circle closes, it will become crucial to educate customers when the garage is full BEFORE they turn on Lubbock Street as there will no longer be an easy option for them to exit the area without waiting their turn to pass through the gate to the garage.

The signs will adhere to the bronze standard to coordinate with existing way finding signage on campus. The cost of the signs and installation will be funded by Transportation Services and will require minimal disruption to pedestrian traffic and no disruption to vehicle traffic.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to provide a greater level of service excellence to our customers.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Karan Watson  
Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

Dr. Jerry Strawser  
Co-chair, Council on the Built Environment

FROM: Tony Reber  
Chair, CBE Technical Review Sub-council

DATE: September 25, 2014

SUBJECT: CBE TRsc Recommendation: Request to Install Digital Signs

On August 25, 2014, Debbie Hoffmann, Assistant Director, Transportation Services presented to the CBE’s Technical Review Sub-council on the proposed Request to Install Digital Signs near the intersection of Lubbock Street and South Bizzell Street to indicate space availability in nearby parking garages. The two proposed locations are 1.) the median on South Bizzell between the Commons residence halls and the golf course parking lots 2.) the northwest side of the Lubbock Street-Bizzell Street intersection.

Providing the information to customers before they make the turn onto Lubbock Street will provide better service, enabling them to choose another option if Central Campus Garage is full and will result in better traffic flow for busses and cars accessing parking lots in the area. Another contributing factor prompting this request is the planned closure of Commons Circle.

The signs will adhere to the bronze standard to coordinate with existing way finding signage on campus. The cost of the signs and installation will be funded by Transpiration Services and will require minimal disruption to pedestrian traffic and not disruption to vehicle traffic.

Recommendation
The Technical Review Sub-council supports the proposed Request to Install Digital Signs and recommends approval, provided the following issues/concerns are addressed and funded.

Facilities Services:
Facilities Services supports this project. The project team should coordinate with Grounds Management for landscaping and irrigation concerns.
Procurement:
No concerns from a procurement perspective. Very supportive of the concept and hope this will be a first of many wayfinding additions.

University Police:
Height of the sign; would it hinder seeing a pedestrian crossing behind it?
Placement of the S. Bizzell sign; would it be far enough away from the intersection?
Promoting U-turns at the intersection of Lubbock St. and S. Bizzell.

CIS:
Will these digital garage signs need campus network connections? If yes, a request will need to be submitted to CIS for the installation of Data lines. See link below.
http://nis.tamu.edu/Networking/Wired_Connections/Making_a_Connection_Request/Network_Installation_Request.php. This is typically submitted by someone who has signature authority over the account being used. (i.e. Dell Hamilton with Transportation)

Will there be pathways (conduit) to each sign back to a central location? CIS prefers separate pathways for Data to be installed independent of any power lines.

I am concerned as to what network (and how) the Digital Garage Signs will be provided data connectivity.

EHS and SASE:
No concerns.

Utility & Energy Services:
No concerns.

FCOR/GIS:
No concerns.

Transportation Services:
No concerns.

Telecommunications:
No concerns.

Capital Financial Planning:
No concerns.

Cc: CBE Technical Review Sub-council
    CBE Support Staff