

CCSE Transportation Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015

Time: 2:00-3:00 pm

Location: University Hall (601 S Morgan St) Room 801

Present: Kevin Shalla, Cynthia Klein-Banai, Mike Landek, Kate Yoshida, Sheena Freve, Robert Witas, Wanda Perry, Willian Burton, Kelly Ting

Discussion

1. Ting provided follow up report for the previous meeting:
 - Office of Sustainability has some data related to Amtrak or automobile trips made by employees from employee reimbursement form or expense report.
 - Ting shared a printed copy of the ridership results of Divvy stations near UIC from June to August 2014.
 - Reliability data for Amtrak:
 - i. Historic on-time performance for Illinois Service (Chicago–Quincy/St. Louis/Carbondale) is 63.9% whereas for Texas Eagle (Chicago-St. Louis-Dallas-San Antonio) is 66.1%.
 - ii. Speed record in Illinois is 110 mph for 15 miles, but starting 2014-2016, Amtrak continues to expand faster running times.
 - iii. Primary causes of delays: train inference (42.3%), track and signal (28.1%), operational (9.4%).
 - Ideas from Active Transportation Alliance to increase active transportation: walking club, bike and chow.

2. Proposed goals and objectives:
 - Increase use of public transportation:
 - i. Increase Amtrak trips made by UIC community by 3%. Office of Sustainability might be able to get Amtrak data from employee reimbursement form via Jim Martini.
 - ii. Increase divvy membership and ridership.
 - iii. Increase educational training programs or events such as safe winter biking workshop in UIC by 50%. The last winter biking workshop had 15 attendees.
 - iv. Increase campus events and activities through organizing a walking club, bike & chow, or Bike the drive event.
 - v. Develop incentives and recognition for active use of public transportation.
 - Reduce campus fleet related GHG emission and fuel use:

Witas said transportation department continues to purchase hybrid vehicles and stated that E85 is hardly used.

- Develop a dashboard on campus for the progress and performance of campus transportation initiatives include emissions per passenger mile traveled and total fleet fuel consumption.

3. Shuttle Route Reconfiguring

Landek said the current shuttle system is fiscally unsustainable and a focus group will be carried out this summer to study the shuttle use on campus, identify the strengths and weaknesses, and use such information to reorganize the shuttle route and make it more effective. Parameters for red cars also should be evaluated and reset. Landek suggested members to think about metrics that are useful and could potentially be obtained through this study. Example is GHG emission per passenger-mile traveled per trade shuttle.