

CCSE Transportation Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Time: 2:00-3:00pm

Location: Urban Transportation Center (412 S. Peoria St) Room 340

Present: Cindy Klein-Banai, Steve Schlickman, Kevin Shalla, Mike Landek, Pablo Acevedo, Farid Peiravi, Kelly Ting

Discussed topics:

1. Mike Landek reported:
 - a. Pablo Acevedo will continue to represent Facilities Management on the committee.
 - b. One of his charges is to look at transportation for the campus including shuttle buses and Red Car Service at UIC need to be more efficient and effective for both East and West Campus.
It's important that we understand how campus feels about these commodities. We know 5-6 things we could do today to improve service but to be more inclusive we are engaging in a study - focus groups on both commodities, online survey and survey at stops and on buses, speak to drivers and staff
 - c. FM 24/7 call center is being designed and could be used to request for after 11pm red car service. All conversations with operator would be recorded for security purposes and response time. Additionally an app called 'Tap n Ride' can also be used for this request. It will provide estimated arrival times.
 - d. Campus shuttles can be tracked using a UIC bus tracker. The shuttle to the metra is provided by the campus for free for a relatively small group of people and there are other demands such as the intra-campus shuttle and para-transit. It suffers \$250,000 loss and creates huge financial burden. The service needs to be re-evaluated and resources need to be re-allocated for a better shuttle service before the end of this academic year so it can be implemented in FY2015. He welcomes input in the process from the committee. Steve Schlickman also offered the Urban Transportation Center to give some review of the survey.
2. The current bus shuttle route between campuses needs improvement in routing, branding of shuttle, signs and shelters, and also education as well as promotion of shuttle usage among students. More emergency call buttons need to be introduced at the bus shelters for safety purposes. Meanwhile the express bus shuttle service between campuses called "Semester Express" is being widely used by UIC members.
3. Cindy and Mike suggested to combine their studies and/or report on transportation modes among UIC members. All of this will be organized to a report to guide and inform us.
4. Bike lane focus group study were held with UIC staffs this summer; focus group for people with disabilities and students has just started this fall. Surveys were already sent out to students. Another bike lane chalking will take place the following week.
5. Discuss regarding Morgan Street and Halsted Street bridges - Due to the fact that some bikers do not follow signs asking them to walk their bikes, Mike will try using a light directed at bicyclists. Mike will conduct the experiment on Halsted.
6. CCSE Recommendation to promote Amtrak usage between campuses is still in progress. Cindy and Kelly will follow up with Purchasing, Amtrak and other campuses.

7. Double map bus tracker is running well; however TELCOM is still working on making it more user-friendly. It is suggested to also incorporate city buses in the Double map program and provide estimation of arrival times for users.
8. To further improve transportation system in UIC Steve suggested using student-operated UBER.
9. Parking study follow-up: A meeting with Wanda Perry (Campus Parking) and Mike Landek to discuss recommendations should be set up.
10. Steve mentioned the Green Hospital Study and said he would share the report and we should consider options for applying to UI Hospital.