

**ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SPRING 2025 MEETING (APRIL 23, 2025)**

In Attendance:

Emily Acevedo	Staff
Ahmed Badr	Faculty
Ashley Bellorin	Student
David Blekhman	Faculty
Gonzalo Centeno	Staff
Betina Cervantes	Transportation Coord.
Michael Cooper	Sustainability
Andrew Cornwell	Faculty
Dave Flores	Transportation Consultant
Carmen Gachupin	Parking Director
Hank Kaplan	Chancellor's Office
Amber Moyer	Metrolink
Kaina Orozco	ASI Admin Asst.

I. Call to Order

Carmen called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Approval of the November 20, 2024, meeting minutes

Emily Acevedo approved minutes at 1:04 pm

Dr. David Blekhman seconded the minutes at 1:04 pm

III. Hydrogen Station Funding Update

Dr. David Blekhman, faculty from the Department of Technology, provided an update on funding for the Cal State LA Hydrogen Station upgrade. California recently received \$15 million in funding and SCAG has received \$1.2 billion in monies for clean transportation projects that the university can possibly apply for this upgrade. Dr. Blekhman is working with Rocky Truck to provide mobile charging stations with a hydrogen generator. Also, he is trying to secure 1-2 hydrogen vehicles from Honda, where fuel can be obtained from South Pasadena. He will be meeting with their team to discuss this possibility during the Advanced Clean Transportation Expo.

Hank Kaplan interjected during the discussion and stated that the CO is trying to work with SCAG to get campuses like ours programmed into their regional transportation plan to secure funding for transportation plans, capital projects (mobility hub), and grants. Hank also informed the committee that the CO has an MEA for grant writing services which encompasses the administrative recording.

IV. Campus Programs Update

Betina informed the group about the employee annual transportation survey (which began on April 14, 2025), the process, and the importance of completing the survey. The results are submitted to the South Coast Air Quality Management District by June 30, 2025. Betina briefly discussed the status on the Metrolink Student Adventure Pass

(SAP), which will expire on June 30, 2025. Cal State LA is a top performing school as student usage for free passes is now at 4,714 registered as of February 2025.

Betina also discussed the new Inland Empire's Metrolink pass available for Faculty/Staff. This is a free program for employees from Riverside/San Bernardino County who ride Metrolink may qualify for a free pass for up to 90 days. Since the inception of this program, the commuter program has saved approximately \$9,300 in monthly subsidies.

Amber Moyer from Metrolink further updated the committee on the SAP program and stated she is not sure if the program will be extended past June 30.

Dave provided statistical trends on commuter programs from Spring 2024 to Spring 2025. He also mentioned that we will be looking at the AQMD survey results on why these numbers may be down from the previous year. Betina discussed marketing strategies to encourage transit ridership for faculty/staff and students.

V. EV Stations Update

Dave Flores discussed the continued partnership with EVCS and the 5 new DCFC fast charging stations in Structure E. Dave showed a current picture of the Tesla charging adaptors on the EV charging stations and provided station statistics from March 2024 and March 2025. The trends indicated on the bar charts indicate that more EV users are using the fast chargers than the level 2 chargers. Also, there are three types of charging plugs available for fast charging – Tesla, Chademo, and CCS. The campus will be converting more of the Chademo plugs to Tesla charging ports due to EV drivers' demand.

VI. Other Projects / Updates

Dave / Carmen discussed new signs for EV wayfinding to reach the EV charging stations on campus. The goal of this new signage is to provide direction and awareness to the EV drivers.

Carmen discussed the Cal State LA Eastbound Busway (also known as Terminal 48) remodeling project by Metro. The Metro busway is owned and operated by Metro whereby all maintenance is handled by that agency. A cement step on the eastbound staircase broke loose in December 2024. Metro has been working on repairing the staircase with the anticipated completion on May 9, 2025. The elevator is also experiencing operational issues that have affected all passengers arriving and departing from this station. When the elevator is inoperable, a blue flashing strobe light is activated to alert the bus operators not to let any passengers off at the stop. Metro also assigns ambassadors to the busway to provide guidance to passengers. The campus continues to monitor the project and is in communication with Metro as well as with the campus community.

Gonzalo Centeno suggested that the ambassadors and Metro be more proactive on when the elevator is not working so we (CSLA) can know to notify passengers in advance. Gonzalo wants to be more involved with the conversations with Metro and is offering to send a message in advance to his students that might be affected by these disruptions.

TDM Plan and Scooter Racks

Dave reminded the group of the importance of the TDM Plan requirement for the university, and the details needed from student commuters. A survey needs to be designed and is proposed to be delivered to the students in October. The survey will ask students about their commute options that will help write initiatives for the plan.

Dave is conducting further research on the durability of the scooter racks under consideration and will be visiting UC Irvine, where the vendor has previously installed them.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m. by Carmen.