Planning & Development Committee  
February 21, 2006


Others Attending: Beth Jones

The Agenda for the meeting was as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes 11/14/05
2. Courtland Street Bridge Planning (Beth Jones)
3. Subcommittee Reports
   MRRF Report, Preliminary (Al Baumstark)
4. Other Issues

Agenda Item #1 - Approval of the 11/14/05 minutes - Phang Tai called the meeting to order at apx. 1:05pm. The 11/14/05 minutes were motioned in and approved.

Agenda Item #2 - Courtland Street Bridge Planning (Beth Jones) - Beth Jones headed the discussion on the Courtland Street Bridge Project (the rebuilding of it due to wear & tear). She mentioned that the project would commence sometime between July 2007 - FY08. She past out a campus map of the university which showed the Courtland Street bridge which began at the corner of Courtland & Gilmer Street and ended at MLK, Jr. Drive. Before the meeting the group was also given the following document:

Courtland Street Bridge Discussion Items - January 2006

Please consider how your unit will be affected during the 18-36 months it will take to replace the Courtland Street Bridge. This project is scheduled to get underway during FY 2008.

Below are a few special discussion areas to consider as university officials prepare to meet with City of Atlanta and State of Georgia Department of Transportation representatives.

- Campus Parking Challenges (access to G Deck, C Lot, etc)
- Detour Routes (pedestrian and vehicular)
- Classroom Impacts (i.e. noise)
- Access to Buildings (Sports Arena, Courtland Street Building, Counseling Center, Animal Care Facility, etc)
- Service Disruptions/Delivery Schedules
- Relocation of University Infrastructure attached to Bridge
- Safety Issues
Beth gave a quick update and answered questions from the group about the bridge’s progress. She also mentioned that the city of Atlanta had a noise ordinance in regards to nightly construction, but that her group was going to try to get the city to make an exception (due to the bridge was surrounded by GSU buildings, businesses, and parking lots only with no residential areas to disturb).

Questions from P&D were centered around the re-routing of traffic (vehicles & pedestrians) during the time of construction to the bridge. Tim Crimmins mentioned that there was talk of temporarily turning Piedmont into a two-way street & Ellen Taylor mentioned talk of lowering the Plaza [all still tentative]. Phang Tai asked about the safety of the net positioned below the bridge to catch falling debris (referred to as Spawling). Beth mentioned that it was the net given to the university by the D.O.T. for safety purposes. She also mentioned that during that time all traffic entering into the G-Deck parking lot would have to do so from the Central Avenue side. Phang Tai praised Beth’s area for getting an early start on the planning (18 months away), then the group moved on to the next item on the list.

**Agenda Item #3 - MRRF Report, Preliminary (Al Baumstark)** - Al Baumstark was not at the current meeting, so Phang Tai & Sandra Garber gave the update. They mentioned that the list was just a preliminary list and that it not gone through CBSAC yet. Sandra mentioned that it had went through all the Deans and the committee did get a chance to "crunch" all the figures involved and that their goal was to try to get everything needing funds in the range of $3.5 to $4 million dollars on the list. Phang Tai mentioned that P&D would meet after the list had went through CBSAC, but before the 1st Senate meeting so that they could approve the list before it went to the Senate. Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- Tim Crimmins questioned the amount of money allotted for the Sparks Hall AHU Replacement project and wondered whether this could be done any cheaper. Sandra Garber mentioned that it was best to plan for it now, rather than waiting until it was too late, esp. since there were ADA factors to consider.
- MaryAnn Wysor said she could vouch for #20 (College of Business Roof Replacement Project), because she worked on the 14th Floor of the building and mentioned that part of the ceiling caved in over the holidays.
- Sandra reminded the group that some items (as the caved in ceiling) would actually come from "Emergency money" vs. "MRRF money".
- Phang Tai mentioned that the Science Park project was #7 on the list, but that Georgia Tech. was #8.
- Beth Jones mentioned that (depending on the Senate) GSU may also receive ~ $37million to go towards economic development.

The group then moved on to the last item on the Agenda - **Item #4 Other Issues** - There were no subcommittee reports to comment on. Jeff Rupp asked whether the university was looking into an extension campus South of Atlanta. Beth mentioned she wasn’t on the committee over that, so she wasn’t sure. Sandra Garber asked whether the Central Receiving office had moved. Beth confirmed that it had moved over by the Sports Arena on Decatur Street and that she would send the group a map of its new location. There were no other questions from the group, and the brief meeting adjourned at apx. 1:37pm.