

Alternative Transportation Committee (ATC) Meeting Notes

Fall 2023 #2 - 11/29/23

Zoom link: <https://SDSU.zoom.us/j/86564259572>

Agenda

Presentations

- JD Weidman - Parking and Transportation Engagement

Updates - time permitting

- Try Transit Scheduled for February
- Collaborating with the sustainability dept

Meeting Notes

- JD is presenting transportation initiatives on campus - presentation provided [here](#)
 - Extended link:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zEVyDVQnOQB0A8dnk9nA7maut8y5ovsk/view?usp=sharing>

Introductions through Zoom chats:

- **Bruce Appleyard**, He/Him, School of Public Affairs, Car and ebike*
- **Kristin Larson** (she/her), SDSU Director of Energy & Sustainability, Carpool in EV
- **Anne Dodge-Schwanz**, her/hers, Lead IRB Analyst, Research Support Services, drive, public transit, telecommuting.
- **Silvia Croft** (she/her), Transportation Analyst, carpooling
- I'm **Megan Honey** (she/her). I'm a second-year MCP student and I'm a research assistant for Dr Appleyard. I primarily walk to SDSU.
- **Hank Kaplan** (He/Him), Transportation Analyst at the Chancellor's Office, and I would use MTS and walk to get to campus (although I telecommute for work 😊)
- Hi everyone! My name is **Charlotte Roberts** (she/her). I am an SDSU alum, and I'm Associated Students' Sustainability Coordinator. I use the MTS 11 bus and my car to get to work 😊
- **Erika Saari** (she/her) Consultant to SANDAG Sustainable Transportation Program, telework and carpool

Zoom Chats:

Anne Dodge-Schwanz -

- Our family had one car. My mom would have to drive my dad to work to have a car when she needed one. As a school-aged child, I rode my bike, walked, or took public transport to school (Portland, OR where I grew up, has an excellent public transit system).
- I am lucky to live on the bus line that comes directly to SDSU. However, public transport in San Diego is not easy to use.
- 60k
- I have used transit. My experience is that it is not very convenient in San Diego compared to other cities. I will say that I chose to live where I live because (1) I can take the bus to work without having to transfer. (2) I love to be able to park on campus and take the trolley to Snap Dragon Stadium, and Fashion Valley Mall, downtown.
- The Portland, or VA where I used to work before SDSU paid for my monthly transit pass, It would be great if SDSU could do the same.

Bruce Appleyard

- I used to bike or transit everywhere (around Berkeley) because our family of 6 only had one car
- 60k
- Asked about the graph differences and meaning (graph w/ red arrow)

Kristin Larson

- Grew up in a suburb outside St. Paul Minnesota, and only used cars

Hank Kaplan

- I grew up very privileged in terms of transportation. East SF Bay area with a BART station downtown, walked to every school I went to, and my parents had a minivan for family trips and groceries. didn't 'discover' the bus until college where it opened my eyes
- I'd imagine there's a drop in education costs due to distance learning and initiatives to lower textbook costs but I'm not entirely sure...
- 32K for above ground but more for underground

Megan Honey

- I grew up in the suburbs and my family drove everywhere. I started taking the bus and cycling in high school.
- I'm a big fan of aspirational peer institutions

Wesley Cook

- I was driven around most places because I grew up in the College Area and it was very car-centric, especially before the Green Line through SDSU opened.
- It wasn't until I spent my freshman year of high school in Boston that my commuting patterns truly changed.
- 60k
- It's a great visualization. (Electric Cars vs Walk/Parking Image)
- Glen, Charlotte, and I were talking about item #1 (U-Pass) earlier today.
- I would love to be a part of that student committee going to the State Capitol to promote that.
- Transit is not as frequent here in San Diego as what you can find in cities on the East Coast, in San Francisco, and certainly beyond the city.

Erika Saari

- I grew up in a city with a lot of traffic, pollution problems, and government restrictions on the use of cars on certain days of the week. It was very common to carpool often with neighbors or colleagues to get places and help each other when we were not allowed to use our car.
- 60K

Charlotte Roberts

- It's important to know the real facts, thank you for this valuable data

- Thank you, Dr. Appleyard and your team for creating and administering this survey!
- Love to see the social cost of carbon consideration
- I like the 1 mile = 1 lb CO₂ = size of a yoga ball.

The meeting was adjourned.