The focus of today’s meeting is transportation.

Jean-Paul Addie, Chris Wyczalkowski, and David Iwaniec from the Urban Studies Institute visited our meeting today to help provide input on sustainable transportation.

Biking:

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has plans for bicycles and pedestrians as well as other transportation related information on their website.

Ramesh Vakamudi said that there is discussion about a bike route from the main campus to the GSU stadium and to the Beltline. He also stated that plans for bicycle routes are very conceptual right now. So, it is a good time to give input. You can send suggestions directly to Ramesh or to Central Atlanta Progress (CAP). You will also find info and options for input on the Central Atlanta Masterplan website.

Some brainstorming ideas:

- Can we create safe routes that are regularly patrolled by police such as a route from the Library to the dorms at 2am?
- Do we need to think more about transportation to campus or around campus?
- Do the Perimeter campuses need bike racks?
- What about bike stations with secure bike parking, showers, etc.?
- Do we need more bike rentals? Atlanta campus has rentals available at the rec center and Relay Atlanta has bike rental.
- Can we create additional bike lanes on existing roadways or bike routes away from traffic?
- We could look at other urban universities and draw from their innovation/research. Portland State University is a good example for bicycle and pedestrian innovation.

Public Transit

- The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is developing a survey for all Perimeter College campuses about public transit; Luis Aleman will tell the SGA on the Atlanta about the survey.
- Cost of parking is less than cost of MARTA, so currently there is no financial incentive to take public transportation.
- Gwinnett buses: no subsidy for GSU students. Some subsidy for MARTA: Student cost for MARTA passes is $68.50/month.
- We could raise parking costs to subsidize Gwinnett bus transportation since many GSU students take these buses.
- Do we have enough parking? We have about 8500 spaces, and we are not looking at adding more.
- Why don’t students want to take MARTA...are there solutions?
- We need info campaigns for public transit. Also, promotion to change the culture or our way of thinking about public transit.
- Instead of problems or incentives, focus on a vision for what transportation @ GSU looks like.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.