iCAP Transportation Team, Feb. 10th Meeting

12:00 – 1:00pm

Meeting Attendees:

Sarthak Prasad, Elise Koch, Miriam Keep, Bethel Mensah, Sebastian Vega, Mitchell Bryant, Shawn Patterson, Ria Kontou

Introduction

EV infrastructure research

* Mitchell has come across several great initiatives at other universities but has found most schools have a surprising lack of support for EV mobility. Penn State has a Bike Plan (linked [here](https://issuu.com/nelsonnygaard/docs/psu_up_bicycle_mp_final_risk_update?fr=xKAE9_zU1NQ)) with a great example of bike infrastructure. The way-finding signs are one element done well in the plan and would be a great project for the Transportation Team to pursue in the future for UIUC and ask SSC to fund. We already have the bike paths in place – wayfinding signs can help with navigation and understanding of campus.
* Additionally, installing electric chargers for bikes and skateboards on campus would be a great thing to pursue. Next steps might be asking SSC to fund a pilot study or program. Most campuses do not allow e-bikes inside dorms or classrooms, but also do not provide outdoor charging, putting students in a dilemma when it comes to charging their devices. We could stand out as a university in this area!
  + We already have a study going on surrounding chargers that can measure usage… can be used in this case?

EV Survey

* The EV survey (**linked** [**here**](https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/06d0ee9763e946818be8e5ac5e20f3fa)) has been sent out and currently has around 250 responses. Looking for a hopeful 100 more; it will be open until the end of march to maximize response count. There is a $10 Amazon gift card giveaway – share it if you can and fill it out!

Campus Transportation Survey

* The transportation survey has been sent out; the recipients include a random sample of around 2,000 students, all graduate students, and all staff on campus. We are hoping for around 700 responses – send it out into your circles!

Bike Event for Earth Day

* We will be hosting another bike light and t-shirt giveaway!
  + Bike for Earth event on April 22nd.
  + 3 locations - Alma Mater, Helene Gateway, and the Arc
  + from 3-7pm or until the bike lights and t-shirts are gone.
  + No registration! First come, first serve.

Topics for Next Year

* EV survey result implementation. The EV survey will close at the end of March, then Ria and her team will take a couple weeks for data analysis. At either our April or May meeting, they can present their findings and we can discuss any projects we want to pursue as a result.
* Building commuter program. After hearing what other universities are doing to have staff relinquish permits, we can discuss what that would look like here.
* Air travel emissions. Sarthak currently has an intern researching how other universities are handling air travel emissions – they can present their findings at the end of the semester or share them online. We can discuss how we want to implement any sort of program that focuses on that.
* Discussion sometime in April to talk with Julie Cidell (a professor in Geography and GIS and the former chair for the Transportation team) about an app that combines all transit information.

Green Globes!

* The Green Globes, a collaborative event between iSEE and other green orgs on campus, is April 17th, 5:30-7:30, at the CIF room 4039.
* Come to the green globes! An awesome opportunity to talk about past objectives and next objectives, why we chose the focus areas we did. Additionally, it’s a time to hear about all the great green initiatives going on around campus and done by other iCAP teams!

Announcements and Wrap up

* Next meeting! **March 24th, 12:00 – 1:00.**