

PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

September 13, 2006

Present:	Sandra Anderson (Chair) Cynthia Arbour	Mike Brennan Randall Bovin	Ann Carr Rob Hendry	Chris LaFlamme Jeanne Lapan	Tom O'Donnell, Jim Plaza	Hasan Tekguc
Absent	Al Byam	John Collura	Pam Monn	Barbara Stewart		
Vacant:	Area Govt.	CPPC	GEO	IBPO-B	SEIU	SGA (2)

SPECIAL GUESTS: Glenn Barrington (Transit)

MINUTES: The May 3, 2006 PTAB Minutes were approved.

WELCOME:

Sandy introduced and welcomed new members Ann Carr, Equal Opportunity & Diversity and Hasan Tekguc, Graduate Student Senate Treasurer

TRANSIT UPDATE:

Glenn Barrington [Transit] informed members re: changes in Transit over the summer. Five new PVRTA buses (see handout) have been added to the UMass Transit fleet system with five more to be added in spring 2007, totaling 40 buses. The buses are 6" wider, ride lower to the ground and required additional driver training. Route changes have been made due to influx of traffic from the new North Halls. Additional shuttles, added at Vice Chancellor Gargano's request on Monday (Labor Day), had heavy usage. The new RTIC Center is in the conceptual design stage (see handout). Fleet Team members continue to study topics such as centralizing all vehicles on campus, campus policy, vehicle maintenance, etc. Glenn brought up Transit's concerns re: safety around crosswalks, possibly from fading paint, causing folks to cross streets in unmarked areas making it difficult to maintain bus schedules. He gave kudos to the UMass PD Cadets and stated that the new program has definitely helped bus traffic.

PARKING UPDATE:

Mike Brennan [Parking] met with folks from the library to continue the discussion on Lot 64 and how the Learning Commons affects parking in that area. Mike suggested the possibility of a customer service booth to direct and monitor traffic on Hicks Way. This is still under discussion with Facility and Campus Planning. PTAB members were given a handout of Parking Services' summer 2006 accomplishments that listed the improvements to multiple parking lots, painting in the Campus Garage, addition of new customer-friendly paystations, etc. Sales of Freshmen parking permits have decreased from 35% in 1999 to 18% in 2006.

RIDESHARE UPDATE:

UMass employees will again be participating in a web-based, state mandated Department of Environmental Protection bi-annual ridership survey which Rob Hendry [Parking] will be compiling. The purpose of the survey is to determine the modes of transportation used by UMass employees and students. Look for this in October – November. Rob used a demographic map to highlight where UMass Amherst employees live and how far they travel to work.

FALL MEETING SCHEDULE:

October 11, 2006
November 8, 2006
December 6, 2006

Location: Campus Center, 905-09
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m
[box lunches provided]

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Construction projects updates	- Bike Racks location on parking maps
- Fleet/employee transportation	- Vehicle Access Plan
- Security in Parking Lots	

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