

PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

October 11, 2006

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Glenn Barrington (Transit)

MINUTES: The September 13, 2006 PTAB Minutes were approved with one revision.

CLIP UPDATE:

Cyndi Arbour, Facilities & Campus Planning, presented the first deliverables from the Consultant working on the Campus Landscape Improvement Project [CLIP] -- the new standards for campus signage. The new major directional signs are targeted toward visitors finding their way around campus and will point out major destinations, campus 'neighborhoods', and visitor parking. Campus maps with directories will be placed in kiosks in key locations around campus. PTAB Members had a few questions but were genuinely pleased with the results noting this was long overdue. (handout)

PEDESTRIAN EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM UPDATE:

Lt. Tom O'Donnell [UMass Police Dept.] spoke about the progress on the Pedestrian Grant the university received in conjunction with the Massachusetts Traffic Safety Research Program. The study focused on cross walks, education of pedestrians and drivers, enforcement capacities, etc. Beginning September 2006, UMass PD started a program to place police cadets at cross walks to enforce pedestrian and vehicle safety regulations at Mass Ave. and Sunset Ave. This program became an instant success, although there is a problem with cadet availability. Ann Carr raised concerns regarding students who do not use the traffic signals to cross at N. Pleasant, Governor's Drive, and Eastman Lane—most jaywalk. Glenn Barrington [Transit] concurred and mentioned how pedestrians who illegally cross, particularly along Eastman Lane, continue to affect bus schedules. A question was raised regarding whether motor scooters should have parking permits. Tom O'Donnell had researched the laws regarding this matter and found motorized scooters are bikes, and as such, do not require registration. (handout)

TRANSIT UPDATE:

Glenn Barrington [Transit] reported a 2.66% increase in bus ridership in October 2006 over October 2005. Transit hired 41 new drivers since the beginning of September with coverage still needed for 85 of 700 shifts. Glenn reiterated that pedestrians continually crossing outside of marked crosswalks make it difficult for UMass buses to stay on schedule.

PARKING UPDATE:

Mike Brennan [Parking] discussed an issue in Lot 63. A Lot 63 permit holder complained that parking spaces along the north side of the Public Health Building, taken out of service for a summer construction project, should be re-instated. Mike informed PTAB that the roadway had always been too narrow to accommodate parallel parking and 2way traffic and this was a safety issue. He recommended that the +/- 9 spaces should not be restored as there was ample parking for Lot 63 holders in other sections of Lot 63. PTAB agreed with Mike's recommendation to permanently remove these spaces from service.

FALL MEETING SCHEDULE:

November 8, 2006
December 6, 2006

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	- Pay Station Issues