

# PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

November 8, 2006

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

**MINUTES:** The October 11, 2006 PTAB Minutes were approved.

**WELCOME:** Sandy Anderson (Chair) introduced and welcomed Professor John Collura. As the Transportation Graduate Program Director and Director of Civil Engineering's Transportation Center, Professor Collura's knowledge of the transportation field is a benefit to PTAB. The UMass Transportation Center is responsible for the Mass Regional Traveler Information Center (RTIC), which includes various traveler information systems. Professor Collura is also interested in pedestrian/vehicle safety and traffic signal systems.

## PARKING UPDATE:

Mike Brennan [Parking] announced that the "Walk for Light," sponsored by the Student Government Association, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. starting at the Student Union. Students and staff walk predetermined routes to note any safety concerns. Past walks have resulted in additional/improved lighting along pathways and in parking lots, pruning of hedges, and additional call boxes.

Mike discussed the changes made to the lot adjacent to West Experiment that is part of the LGRC "compound". The improvements allows for computer repair drop-off, metered spaces, OIT departmental permanent parking, vendor parking and handicapped parking (handout). An additional 10 new parking spaces are being considered for Lot 64. These would be added between Dickenson Hall and Thompson Low Rise (handout).

New winter parking hours went into effect with the Daylight Savings time change. Permit holders may park in any lot beginning at 4 p.m. vs 5 p.m. except for 24 hour enforced permitted lots until DST changes back to EST in March.

## RIDESHARE UPDATE:

Rob Hendry [Parking] reported that the Ride Share Program's Commuter survey is currently underway. Zoomerang, an online survey service, will compile the statistics and import the data into Excel. This bi-annual survey is mandated by the Department of Environmental Protection. Vice Chancellor Joyce Hatch, Rob Hendry and Mike Brennan were part of a UMass Amherst contingent which accepted recognition awards for achievements in energy efficiency, green purchasing and sustainability from the State Executive Office of Environmental Affairs [EOEA] at the State House in Boston on October 19.

Rob reported on Smith College's implementation of the Zip Car program and their ability to insure 18 – 25 year old drivers. PTAB had looked at the Zip Car program several years ago but felt it was not a fit at the time. Rob will report on the other 5 Colleges use of the Zip Car program at December's PTAB Meeting.

Rob noted that Parking's partnership with the Library for the "Learning Commons First Hour Free" in the Campus Garage continues to be a success.

## TRANSIT UPDATE:

Al Byam [Transit] presented Transit's FY08 Revenue Budget. There were no student fee increases in the FY 08 budget (handout). He also reported that the Fleet Team is just about to send out an RFB for a University fleet Consultant. Glenn Barrington [Asst. Transit Mgr.] spoke to the Faculty Senate Services Department Committee where he showed a video depicting rowdy bus passengers on weekend town routes.

**NEXT MEETING:** December 6, 2006      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	- Pay Station Issues