

# PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

December 6, 2006

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

**MINUTES:** The November 8, 2006 PTAB Minutes were approved with a revision: the Ride Share Program survey is *annual* not *bi-annual* as printed.

## RIDESHARE UPDATE:

Rob Hendry [Parking] reported that the Ride Share Program's Commuter survey is taking longer than initially expected. The submission date to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection [DEP] is December 31. The UMass DEP survey was conducted, for the first time, using the online survey service Zoomerang. The student portion of the survey is complete, and data indicates that bus ridership and carpooling has increased. However, biking and walking have decreased, possibly due to weather.

Rob reported that Smith College has two Zipcars—a Toyota Matrix and a Honda Civic—ready and waiting for trips to the mall, the airport, etc. The Zipcars are available 24 hours a day to Smith students and Northampton residents who are 18 and older, and to Smith faculty, staff and local residents who are 21 and older. Cars can be rented by the hour or day. Gas and insurance are included in the hourly rate of \$7 and the daily rate of \$55. Drivers rent directly from Zipcar's website at [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com).

Rob and Barbara Stewart noted that Parking's partnership with the Library for the "Learning Commons First Hour Free" in the Campus Garage continues to be a success. The high volume of visitors to the Learning Commons has put a strain on Lot 64 parking and students are being encouraged to use the Parking Garage by offering the first hour free. Towing from Lot 64 was discussed at length as this lot continues to be 'attractive' to those without Lot 64 permits. PTAB was reminded that Parking does not receive money from towing. The towing company is paid directly by those whose cars have been towed.

## PARKING UPDATE:

Construction around and involving the Garage was discussed. Mike Brennan [Parking] announced that the Campus Center Garage will close for an electrical upgrade—possibly the week of December 18. Permit holders will be asked to park in Lot 25. Further discussion involved the Garage's need of a general utility upgrade, i.e., transformers, wiring, etc. Parking will contribute \$1.6 M toward this upgrade.

The Lot 71 renovation will be scheduled for summer 2007. The Campus Fire Alarm Security Loop has been completed. Now installation of video cameras in various parking lots can be planned. Video surveillance will be a future PTAB Agenda item. A new temporary section in Lot 64 opened adjacent to the Farm Machinery Shop, directly across from the Mullins Center; it will be available to permit holders soon. Note: the new parking area is only accessible via Commonwealth Avenue.

Mike presented Parking's FY08 Budget, and provided thorough explanations of each line item [see handouts]. The Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance approved Parking's budget which included an increase in student fees of \$5 and an increase to faculty and staff of 3%. Non-employee rates were also increased. There were no increases in Garage or metered lots rates.

**SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE:** Those members present voted to continue to meet on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with box lunches provided.

February 7, 2007 Campus Center, Room 903  
March 7, 2007 Campus Center, Room 903

April 4, 2007 Campus Center, Room 903  
May 2, 2007 Campus Center, Room 905-09

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Construction projects updates	- Bike Issues
- Fleet/employee transportation	- Vehicle Access Plan
- Cameras in Parking Lots	- Pay Station Issues