

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

February 27, 2008

Present:	Sandra Anderson (Chair) Mike Brennan	Randall Bovin Al Byam	Rob Hendry Niels La Cour	Pam Monn Tom O'Donnell	Jim Plaza	Barbara Stewart
Absent:	Ann Carr	John Collura	Chris LaFlamme	Jeanne Lapan		
Vacant:	Area Govt.	GEO	PSU	SGA (2)		
Special Guest:	Jim Meade					

WELCOME: Sandy welcomed Niels La Cour as the new Facilities & Campus Planning representative and special guest Jim Meade, Residence Hall Security Manager, Public Safety.

MINUTES: The minutes of November 14 were approved with revisions.

PTAB MEETING SCHEDULE: It was proposed, and approved, to change PTAB meetings from monthly to twice/semester. Starting with Spring 2008, PTAB will now meet in September, November, February and April. Meeting times will be 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

Jim Meade updated PTAB regarding the use of police cadets at crossings. Jim oversees a unit of eight crossing guards who, working in four-hour shifts, cover the crossing at Massachusetts and Sunset Avenue Intersection. The guards work in pairs and focus on keeping pedestrians on the crosswalks until vehicles are stopped. Feedback on the program has been excellent, earning approval from both UMass pedestrians and vehicle operators.

TRANSIT:

Demolition has begun on the old bus garage. The new facility will accommodate the Regional Traveler Information Center [RTIC], field trip garage, training facility, and parts storage. Real-time progress can be viewed via the camera link on Transit's website. Five new Gillig buses have been added to the fleet. All bus routes are fully staffed. Rising fuel costs have had an impact on Transit's budget and on ridership. Since Hadley District Court has moved to Belchertown, PVTA was asked to expand its route to provide a stop near the new courthouse. Hulmes Transportation now meets the UMass bus in the center of Belchertown and provides weekday shuttle service to the new Courthouse.

PARKING:

Mike Brennan, Parking Manager, gave an overview of Parking's FY09 budget (see handouts). FY09 parking fee rates have been submitted to the Budget Office. The aggregate salary increase was 3.9%, but Parking's average rate increase was only 3%. Lots 71 and 41 are scheduled for renovation this summer. Purple Lot 22 will be repaved this summer. Lot 66 and the entrance/exit road near Marks Meadow School will be repaved. Video cameras will be installed in the Yellow Lot next to the Stadium.

OTHER TOPICS:

Rob Hendry volunteered to work on a campus Bike Policy.

List of Future PTAB Agenda Items

- CLIP signage	- Ride Share update
- Capital project updates	- Bike Issues
- Transportation for Health Services	- Student Commuter Survey results
- Discussion of closing Lot 54	

Next Meeting: September 2008