

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

September 24, 2008

Present:	Sandra Anderson (Chair) John Collura Mike Brennan	Randall Bovin Al Byam	Ann Carr Rob Hendry	Jeanne Lapan Pam Monn	Tom O'Donnell Jim Plaza	Dave Powicki Gladys Rodriguez
Absent:	Niels La Cour	Chris La Flamme	Barbara Stewart			
Vacant:	Area Govt.	GEO	PSU	SGA (2)	GSS	
Special Guests:	Juanita Holler and Tom Shaw					

INTRODUCTIONS:

New members Gladys Rodriguez and Dave Powicki and new Associate for Facilities and Campus Services were welcomed to PTAB.

MINUTES:

Approved Minutes of April 16, 2008.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:

Tom Shaw, Assoc Director of Design & Construction in Facilities and Campus Planning, updated the group on current and future construction projects.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Fleet Team has selected Enterprise Rent A Car to be “UMA’s preferred” Vendor and hopes to negotiate an on-campus site agreement. The campus is close to adopting a campus Fleet Policy to manage campus vehicle assets.
- RTIC Building is two months (Nov. 08) away from completion, on time and on budget; Al handed out a News Release regarding technology updates at the Regional Traveler Information Center [RTIC].
- Bus ridership continues to increase, 3.59% in FY08, and many routes are reaching capacity; fuel is up 40%. Transit has negotiated fixed rates for 2009 fuel.
- The challenges opening Thatcher Way will bring to Transit were discussed. There is some concern that the campus shuttle route needs to be adjusted to operate N→S on Thatcher Way once it is opened from Eastman Lane to UHS.
- Transit worked with USA/MTA last spring by surveying members about their commuting needs. The majority need to be at work by either 8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Present bus schedules meet this need, though outlying commuters have fewer choices. Transit distributed bus schedules, rideshare information, and park and ride ideas to USA/MTA.
- Summer projects:
 - supported 11 conferences
 - hired and trained 6 drivers
 - completed data security audit
 - continued to update shelters, signs and schedule information
 - updated Transit’s web page and built-in a trip planner using “Google Transit”.

PARKING UPDATE:

- The numbers of Freshman Permits sold this Fall decreased compared to previous five years but was up slightly (3%) from this time last year (handout).
- Summer Lot Projects:
 - redesigned and renovated Red Lot 71 and County Circle, relocating visitor meters to County Circle
 - re-striped Red Lot 67
 - graded Lot 13
 - re-striped and graded Yellow Lot 12
 - created new Blue Lot 36 for Central Heating Plant employees
 - created “state vehicles only” lot on Westside of Fine Arts Building
 - installed new signage per CLIP standards in numerous lots
- Scooters and Mopeds – should they be required to register and purchase parking permits as some have license plates, some do not? Under current policy, vehicles without plates are not regulated by Parking.
- Administration and Finance Vice Chancellor Joyce Hatch approved PTAB’s motion to change Red Lot 54 permitted parking spaces to parking meters. Parking will notify permit holders and implement for Fall 2009.

- Summer Garage projects:
 - installed new CLIP signage
 - repaired stairwell roofs
 - repaired drainage system
 - upgraded lighting in stairwells
 - painted Level 2 ceiling and stairwells

RIDESHARE UPDATE:

Rob Hendry, Rideshare Coordinator, will use Zoomerang to survey UMA Commuters for the Massachusetts DEP mandated commuter options survey, which will take place in early December. Park & Ride program has been added to Parking's website.

LIST OF FUTURE PTAB AGENDA ITEMS

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| - Paystations | - Ride Share Survey |
| - Parking and Transit Budgets | - Abandoned Bike Policy |
| - Transportation for Health Services | - Student Commuter Survey results |
| - Bus routes on Thatcher Road | - |

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2008
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Room 903 Campus Center