

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

November 19, 2008

Present:	Sandra Anderson (Chair) Mike Brennan Al Byam	Ann Carr Jake Clemen	Rob Hendry Jeanne Lapan	Niels La Cour Pam Monn	Jim Plaza Dave Powicki Barbara Stewart (Fall Sabbatical)	Gladys Rodriguez Ben Thompson
Absent:	Randall Bovin	John Collura	Chris La Flamme	Tom O'Donnell		
Vacant:	Area Govt.	GEO	PSU	SGA (1)		
Special Guests:	Jamie Schleicher and Paul Shuldiner					

INTRODUCTIONS:

New members Jake Clemen (GSS) and Ben Thompson (SGA Senator) were welcomed to PTAB, as well as special guests Professor Paul Shuldiner and RTIC Technician Jamie Schleicher.

MINUTES:

Approved Minutes of September 24, 2008 with edits (revised minutes attached).

RTIC PRESENTATION:

Professor Shuldiner and Jamie Schleicher gave a PowerPoint presentation ([see handout](#)) on the Regional Traveler Information Center (RTIC). The center collects, analyzes, and disseminates traffic, public transportation and tourism information for use by state and local agencies, private entities, and the general public. The new RTIC building currently under construction, was co-funded by a Federal Transit Administration grant sponsored by Congressman John Olver and by UMass. The RTIC is a collaboration between Civil Engineering's Transportation department and UMass Transit.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Fleet Team continues to work on implementation of a new Fleet Program.
- RTIC Building is nearing completion, on budget and on time.
- FY08 bus ridership continues to increase, + 16% in September and + 8% in October, with many routes over capacity; on heavily frequented routes, second "tripper" buses follow scheduled buses to pick up overflow.
- Agreement was reached with Transit/PVTA and Stop & Shop in Belchertown for a new Park & Ride locale.
- Negotiations continue with Enterprise RentACar, with the expectation of opening an on-campus office in the Spring.

PARKING UPDATE:

- New pay stations, which will improve the exiting procedure from the Campus Garage, will be installed in 2009 ([see handout](#)).
- PTAB member David Powicki suggested changing Lot 63 to Lot 43 in the section of Lot 63 next to the Integrated Science Building because it is contiguous to Lot 43. Mike Brennan will look into that.
- Mike Brennan distributed a new *Guide To Campus Parking* for use by visitors and those new to campus.

RIDESHARE UPDATE:

Rob Hendry, Rideshare Coordinator, will use Zoomerang to survey UMA Commuters for the Massachusetts DEP mandated commuter options survey. He will bring data to PTAB's February 2009 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam Monn, member of a "Bike Committee", will raise PTAB's concerns regarding riding bikes on the pedestrian walkways, signage, and how information is being decimated at their next meeting which is scheduled for November 21.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Paystation Updates
- Parking and Transit Budgets
- Transportation for Health Services
- Bus Routes on Thatcher Road
- DEP Survey
- Bike Policy
- Fleet Program

NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2009
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Room 911 Campus Center