

PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

March 07, 2007

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Glenn Barrington [Transit], Jim Hunt [Facilities and Campus Planning]

NEW MEMBER: Mike Brennan [Parking Manager and Acting Chair] introduced and welcomed new member Victoria Cheng, SGA Secretary.

MINUTES:

The February PTAB Minutes were approved with revisions.

PARKING UPDATE:

Rob Hendry [Parking] reported that new Permit Fee Rates for 2007 – 2008 will be mailed to all permit holders (see handouts). He encouraged use of online permit renewal. Summer Parking Projects: renovate Lot 71; relocate meters; renovate Lot 43 Arnold (tentative).

TRANSIT UPDATE:

Glenn Barrington [Transit] reported that Transit's bus ridership increased slightly over FY06 (see handout). Glenn queried Jim Hunt regarding funds for street construction stating that roads are in distress and damaging the suspension on buses. Glenn informed PTAB that the contract with fleet consultant Mercury Associates was signed. The reconfiguration of the intersection of North Pleasant and Governors Drive to include a roundabout or rotary was discussed. Glenn stated that buses have a difficult time with roundabouts and rotaries and this could effect bus schedules. The construction of the new Regional Traveler Information Center [RTIC] facility will be delayed due to soil contamination which needs to be mitigated. The cost of the soil removal will be added to the overall construction costs.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: dimensional

Jim Hunt, Communications Manager for Facilities and Campus Planning, updated PTAB on the University's \$650M Capital Plan. Members viewed 3-D pictures of the new Integrated Science Building, the new Studio Arts building, the new Central Heating Plant, and modifications to Skinner Hall. Transit's RTIC Center and the new Recreation Center are planned for summer 2007. Steam line work will also continue throughout the summer. A new \$10M Police building was sited at Tilson Farm; construction will begin in 2008. Additional information on all campus projects can be found at www.umass.edu/fp/.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam Monn [Physical Plant] brought up the topic of abandoned bikes on campus. She noted that all bike racks for storing bikes will be painted to meet the new "look" (CLIP Standards). The Physical Plant does not have a written policy yet as to how long they will store abandoned bikes taken from bike racks. Pam asked Lieutenant Tom O'Donnell [UMass Police Department] about the abandoned bikes his department finds. The Police Department auctions abandoned bikes once a year. Transit stores abandoned bikes left on buses and donates unclaimed bikes to the student run Bicycle Shop located in the Student Union.

SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE:

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with box lunches provided

~~April 4, 2007 in Campus Center's Room 903 meeting cancelled~~

May 2, 2007 in Campus Center's Room 905-09

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Student Bike Issues	- CLIP program updates
- Plans for new traffic lights/ roundabouts	- Thatcher Way/Infirmary Way project update
- Construction projects updates	- Spring and summer Parking projects
- Fleet/employee transportation updates	- Vehicle Access Plan
- Cameras in Parking Lots	- Pay Station Issues