

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

November 14, 2007

Present:	Mike Brennan	Al Byam Ann Carr	Rob Hendry Jeanne Lapan	Pam Monn Tom O'Donnell	Cliff Resnick	Barbara Stewart
Absent	Sandra Anderson (Chair)	Randall Bovin	John Collura	Chris LaFlamme	Jim Plaza	
Vacant:	Area Govt.	GEO	IBPO-B	PSU	SGA (2)	
Special Guest:	Tom Shaw, Facilities & Campus Planning					

MINUTES: The minutes of September 19 were approved.

FACILITIES & CAMPUS PLANNING:

Tom Shaw gave a presentation on the realignment of Thatcher Way. Three maps detailed the area to be affected. [handout] Scheduled to begin in 2008, the two-phase construction project should be completed in 2009. A separate parking lot will be maintained for Health Services. There are still many issues to be decided, i.e., traffic calming, bus access, parking along Thatcher Way. The project will incorporate all the new CLIP standards for cement walkways, lighting, signage and landscape.

Tom stated that the Town of Amherst is still interested in putting a round-about at the intersection of North Pleasant Street, Governor's Drive, and Eastman Lane. Roundabouts have a tighter radius and help to slow traffic. This should help to eliminate the traffic back-up on Governor's Drive, and will allow buses to navigate turns in all four directions at this intersection.

TRANSIT:

The contract for the new bus and RTIC facility has been signed and construction is set to begin soon. Transit has a full complement of trained drivers. Weekend rowdiness is under control. Routes are running smoothly and ridership continues to increase—nearing capacity.

PARKING:

Lot 40: A redesign of Lot 40 is underway. Parking Services is considering two paystations in Lot 40, one next to Boyden at the South end and one at the North end closer to the new Rec Center (upon completion). This will separate visitor parking from Lot 40 permit parking.

It was mentioned that there are occasions when the Campus Center Garage fills. Mike Brennan informed PTAB that the attendants will close the Garage when this happens and only allow permit holders access. He also reiterated that Parking has a project in design for the Garage which will upgrade the lighting, install cameras, and replace the pay system.

List of Future PTAB Agenda Items

- Crossing guards	- Ride Share update
- Capital project updates	- Bike Issues
- Parking & Transit's FY09 Budgets & Fees	- Student Commuter Survey results
- Discussion of closing Lot 54	- Transportation for Health Services
- Garage improvements	

Next Meeting: ~~December 12, 2007~~ canceled

February 13, 2008
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.