

PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

October 20, 2004 (revised)

Present:	Sandy Anderson	Mike Brennan	Al Byam	Rob Hendry	Brian Long
	Cindy Arbour	Eduardo Bustamante	Donald Futrell	Laura Howard	
Absent:	Randall Bovin	Debora Ferreira	Tom O'Donnell	Barbara Stewart	Ann York
	Robert Hawkins	Linda Hillenbrand	Larry Snyder	Jennifer Turner	
Vacant:	AGC (Vacant)	GEO (Vacant)	IBPO-B (Vacant)	SEIU (Vacant)	ISGA (Vacant)
	CPPC (Vacant)	GSS (Vacant)			

SPECIAL GUEST: Kris Stetson (for Paul Shulinder)

MINUTES The minutes of September 22nd were read but not approved -- attendance did not meet quorum requirements.

PARKING Freshmen parking for Fall 2004. Freshmen parking permits have decreased over time, from 1,400 in 1999 down to 967 in 2004. As a % of freshman who buy permits, that is a decrease from 35% (1999) to 22% (2004) -- handout provided. Spurred by a Department of Environmental Protection [DEP] mandate to mitigate the use of single occupancy commuter vehicles, there has been a push to discouraged Freshmen from bringing their vehicles to campus, e.g., the distribution of *Top 10 Reasons Why Not To Bring Vehicles* to incoming freshmen during New Students Program.
Commuter Survey. Rob Hendry updated PTAB regarding the DEP mandated survey that is issued every two years proving that the University continues to work on reducing traffic. SARIS completed a phone survey for students and Rob will be mailing a survey to a random sample of employees soon. Rob will share the results at the December PTAB meeting.
Retired Faculty and Staff parking. Mike Brennan distributed the Retired Faculty and Staff Permit Renewal Forms and the cover letter that went out with renewal forms handout provided.
Parking during opening. It was noted that parking went smoothly at Fall opening with few tickets given by UMASS PD. Further discussion to be held at November 17th PTAB meeting.

TRANSIT Meet and Greet Services. Al Byam discussed this new service offered by Transit [handout provided]. It provides ground transportation to and from the Amherst campus. Student drivers act as friendly ambassadors on behalf of the University while transporting guests. Faculty and staff are welcome to use this service for University business.
Capital Plan. There is a capital plan to rebuild the old bus Garage, which houses field trip busses, Physical Plant gas pumps, the EHS fire extinguisher shop, etc. The new building would provide a permanent location for the Regional Traveler Information Center [RTIC] and a driver training facility. Funds are expected from a federal earmark sponsored by Congressman Olver. UMASS would have to provide a 50% match.

Pedestrian Don Futrell recently reconvened the Pedestrian Safety Committee. Synopses of issues currently being addressed are:
1.) Campus crosswalks on Mass Ave, and Commonwealth Ave.
2.) How to foster driver and pedestrian responsibilities on campus
3.) Traffic calming techniques, e.g., raised walkways, road painting, narrowing at crosswalks, signage
4.) Controlled intersections

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Parking Opening Issues
- Parking Master Plan
- Pedestrian Safety Committee update
- FY06 Transit Budget

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 17, at 12:15 p.m.
Continuing Ed. Classroom 101

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