

# PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

November 17, 2004

<b>Present:</b>	Sandy Anderson	Mike Brennan	Randall Bovin	Donald Futrell	Laura Howard	Paul Shulinder	
	Cindi Arbour	Al Byam	Debora Ferreira	Linda Hillenbrand	Tom O'Donnell	Larry Snyder	
<b>Absent:</b>	Eduardo Bustamante	Rob Hendry	Brian Long	Jennifer Turner			
	Robert Hawkins	Chris LaFlamme	Barbara Stewart	Ann York			
<b>Vacant:</b>	AGC	CPPC	GEO	GSS	IBPO-B	SEIU	1SGA

**MINUTES** Minutes from September 22 and October 20 were approved with revisions.

**PARKING** Parking Issues at Fall Opening. Mike Brennan and Tom O'Donnell distributed a handout (Parking Opening/Move-In Issues – September 2004) that detailed how information was disseminated to students and parents regarding parking during move-in period 9/2-9/6/2004. Overnight parking on Fearing Street is still a concern. One hundred tickets were issued during opening—the majority in the Infirmary Way area due to construction. Tom O'Donnell presented further information (hardcopy for Chair Sandra Anderson) that he shared with PTAB. He stated that students and parents could find additional information, i.e., maps and parking/parking lot availability, on various websites such as [www.MassTraveler.com](http://www.MassTraveler.com) to Regional Traveler Information Center [RTIC]. Before move-in began, RTIC noticed an upsurge in hits to this site.

UMass Police Department [PD] continually revisits ways to minimize tickets and towing. Members from Parking, RTIC, UMass PD, and Housing meet annually regarding parking issues. Housing apprises Resident Directors and Resident Assistants on campus parking regulations, and posts the regulations on the Housing Cable Network [HSCN] television channel. Mike noted that the annual amount of vehicles towed continues to drop from approximately 5,000 tows (1997) to the present 1,500 tows.

Some recommendations include adding sawhorses with caution tape to stop parking in prohibited areas; consider towing vehicles to an impound lot on campus; try to reduce the cost of towing with an eye to being more customer friendly to students and parents. All in all, it appears that UMASS PD and Parking are more than adequately disseminating parking information to students prior to and during semester openings.

## CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

In the next 1-2 years, \$300 M will be spent on capital construction projects. These projects, new buildings and continuation of infrastructure work on existing buildings, are in the planning phase. Don Futrell discussed the upcoming construction and the impact on parking. Don also reported that the Pedestrian Safety Committee, which he chairs, continues to give insightful conclusions and suggestions regarding traffic safety/pedestrian conflict. It was suggested that Jim Cahill and Cindy Arbor give a presentation on area plans at a future PTAB meeting. Parking is a segment of the planning for both the Pedestrian Safety Committee and Campus Planning. Facilities and Campus Planning will be writing a Request for Proposal [RFP] to address the following issues:

- Campus theme
- Parking
- Pedestrian and vehicle circulation and conflict
- Way finding
- Landscaping

**TRANSIT** Al Byam presented Transit's FY06 budget (see handout). Al pointed out that as building and construction affects parking, the impact on busing could translate to an increase in Transit's expenses. Funds are expected from a federal earmark sponsored by Congressman Olver to help cover the cost to replace the old garage. UMass may have to provide 50% match of a \$3-5 million grant.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Capital Construction Projects (Facilities & Campus Planning)
- Parking Budget
- Security in parking lots
- Spring semester PTAB meetings

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Shaw, Recording Secretary

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