

PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

May 11, 2005

Present:	Sandra Anderson (Chair)	Glenn Barrington	Rob Hendry	Tom O'Donnell	Paul Shulinder	
	Cynthia Arbour	Mike Brennan	Brian Long	Mina Safain		
Absent:	Randall Bovin	Al Byam	Linda Hillenbrand	Chris LaFlamme	Barbara Stewart	
	Eduardo Bustamante	Debora Ferreira	Laura Howard	Larry Snyder	Jennifer Turner	
Vacant:	CPPC	GEO	GSS	IBPO-B	SEIU	SGA (1)

SPECIAL GUESTS: Three Way Communications, Inc.

MINUTES: Minutes from April 13, 2005 PTAB meeting were approved.

EMPLOYEE PARKING RATES FOR 2005-2006:

Mike Brennan (Parking Manager) reported on the unions' acceptance of the 2005-2006 parking fee increases. The fee increases reflect the aggregate employee salary increases i.e., 14-15% from FY04 to FY05. Parking set 12.5% as the midpoint for calculating the new fees. The 2005-2006 fee schedule for parking permits, which includes the increases, will be mailed to employees and students during the renewal period during the renewal period. To expedite the permit renewal process, Parking is now accepting online renewals for employees as well as students.

PARKING AND TRANSIT UPDATES:

Parking is working with the Regional Traveler Information Center (RTIC) and Transit to disseminate information for Commencement e.g., road closures, parking, links to maps, and alternative transportation. RTIC now has an advisory *event-reporting* link at www.masstraveler.com that advertises local "arts and events" and gives detailed maps with directions. Other links on this site grant access to additional information such as MassLive.com and SmarTraveler.

A new shuttle service has been established, on a trial basis, between the main campus and the Continuing Ed department, which recently relocated to Mass Ventures in Hadley.

PVTA SCHEDULE UPDATE:

Due to budget constraints, PVTA will hold a public hearing on the possibility of discontinuing Sunday bus service in July and August. PVTA was level funded this year; they will search for additional funding before cutting summer services.

SUMMER PROJECTS:

Parking has scheduled the reconstruction of Lot 71 and Lot 41 as summer projects. Transit is working with Facilities and Campus Planning on the design for a new bus garage that will replace and enlarge an antiquated building. A 2004 Federal Earmark will cover the majority of the replacement cost. Transit is also in the process of submitting an application for a new Federal Earmark grant to seek additional funds to equip the new facility.

PARKING LOT SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE

Three-Way Communications gave a presentation on security surveillance using digital cameras connected to a digital recorder [see handouts]. The Board observed the performance of two live cameras (one set to view the meeting room and one set to view the grounds outside the Campus Center) which were attached to a digital recorder. They demonstrated the security versatility offered by each camera and the control flexibility when used in conjunction with the digital recorder. PTAB discussed security technology, camera placement, funding, and coordinating security camera installations with other departments such as OIT and UMASS Police.

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION WEBSITE: www.umass.edu/fp/const.htm

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2005, 12:15 – 1:45 p.m., Campus Center 911-15 [lunch will be provided]

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