

# PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

September 21, 2005

<b>Present:</b>	Sandra Anderson (Chair) Cynthia Arbour Randall Bovin	Mike Brennan Laura Howard Chris LaFlamme	Brian Long Steve Marvell	Pam Monn Tom O'Donnell	Jim Plaza Paul Shuldiner	Barbara Stewart
<b>Absent</b>	Al Byam	Debora Ferreira	Rob Hendry	Jeanne Lapan	Daphne Patai	
<b>Vacant:</b>	Area Govt. CPPC	GEO	GSS	IBPO-B	SEIU	SGA (2)

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** SEA consultants, Bruce Thomas and Cliff Resnick (Facilities & Campus Planning), Glenn Barrington (Transit)

**MINUTES:** Minutes from May 11, 2005 PTAB meeting were approved.

**TRANSIT SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE:**

Glenn Barrington (Transit) reported that the FY '06 bus schedule has been prepared, distributed, and is now available on the UMass Transit website. There have been no significant changes to the bus routes, save the addition of two new bus shelters and the deletion of a stop at North Village.

**TRANSIT UPDATE:**

Transit teams with the RTIC to provide live web cams in Hadley, Northampton and Sunderland to provide live traffic updates on [MASSTraveler.com](http://MASSTraveler.com) through the Transit website. Depending on the amount of congestion, travelers can plan their trips accordingly. From September 2004 to September 2005, Transit has seen a 7% increase in bus ridership. Transit authorities attribute the increase to the rise in gasoline prices. Fuel costs for Transit are \$16,000 over the budget. PVRTA is looking for federal and state assistance.

**PARKING UPDATE:**

Parking installed two new pay stations in parking lots to replace parking meters. One is located just out the Visitors Center and the other is in Lot 40 just North of Boyden Gym. In addition to coins, the pay stations accept debit cards and credit cards. Feedback has generally been good, but with some congestion at "rush hour". Parking is considering installing additional pay stations. New parking near the new athletic fields on Stadium Drive is being considered for event parking. When there are no athletic events, this lot can be used as a metered lot. Parking was asked to participate in an incentive program to move upperclassmen off-campus by offering free parking in yellow or green lots as one of the campus incentives. Housing was anticipating a space shortage in the residence halls. Only 35 people took advantage of the offer.

**CAMPUS LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CLIP):**

Cyndi Arbour (Facilities and Campus Planning) introduced the SEA consultants who spoke about their present mission to study the UMass landscape, pedestrian flow, and traffic and way-finding issues. They will collect data, and make recommendations in a report due May 2006. One area to be studied is Thatcher Way and Stockbridge Road. The current capital plan calls for closing Stockbridge Road to through traffic and opening Thatcher Way as a roadway from Eastman Lane, past Health Services ending at N. Pleasant Street. Glenn Barrington (Transit) said it will be difficult to maneuver buses through that area. Suggestions such as having a separate path for bicycles and building a road connecting Yellow 12 Lot, near Parking Services to Route 116 to filter traffic were also made to the consultants. Mike Brennan (Parking) brought up the fact that the University is trying to attract out-of-state students, so they do not want to limit parking for residential students.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Capital Construction Updates	Security Cameras in Parking Lots
Parking & Transit FY '07 budgets	Event Parking
Rt. 9 Construction	Monthly Transit ridership updates
Bikes – riding on sidewalks, congestion, racks, etc	Overnight Parking for Library
Pedestrian crossing on Massachusetts Ave at Hampshire House	Freshman Parking
UMPD Grant presentation on UMASS Pedestrian issues	

**NEXT MEETING:** October 26, 11:15-12:45 p.m. **"Note new time!!!"**  
Campus Center 165-69 [lunch will be provided]