

# PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

November 16, 2005

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

**MINUTES:** The October 26, 2005 PTAB Minutes were approved with revisions.

**TRANSIT UPDATE:**

Al Byam, Transit Manager, reported his comparison of bus boardings between July 1 - November 10 in 2004 and 2005. Ridership growth is currently up 7%. Al presented his FY 2007 Transit Operational Budget (see handout). The soaring cost of fuel continues to affect this budget. Part of Transit's funding comes from Pioneer Valley Transit Authority [PVTA]. Due to both the rise in fuel costs and the fact that PVTA has been level funded since FY2001, student fees will increase from the current \$46/student to \$52 in FY 2007.

In December, PVTA will bring a 40\_ "Hybrid" bus to campus. Transit is also in the conceptual stage with Greasecar.com to convert a bus to operate on used cooking grease. Grease would be collected from UMASS restaurants and dining commons to be utilized as fuel.

**DEP RIDERSHIP SURVEY:**

Rob Hendry, Parking, presented a handout to PTAB on *Off-Campus Student Transportation Surveys* (see handouts). The target audience was limited to off-campus students during the years 2002-2005. Questions ranged from, "How many days do you travel to campus?" to, "Is there a UMASS or PVTA bus stop within \_ mile of your residence?" This survey, which was compiled September 19-27, 2005 by Student Affairs Research Information System [SARIS], is required annually for the MASS Dept. of Environmental Protection [DEP]. The response rate of 54.9% an excellent response rate from 748 surveys.

**PARKING:**

A new parking lot is under construction on Stadium Drive by the new Athletic Fields which will add 238 (8 handicap) new parking spaces. Pay Stations will be placed at either end. The placement of metered new parking spaces along Mullins Way by the Athletic Fields South is under consideration.

**BIKING ON CAMPUS:**

There continues to be an increase in biking as a form of transportation to/from campus. Pam Monn is in the process of identifying new areas on campus for permanent bike rack placement. Rob Hendry distributed a "Rules of the Road for Bicyclists" pamphlet. One of PTAB's missions is to address pedestrian, driver, and biker safety on campus.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Construction Parking Update (12/14/05)	Security Cameras in Parking Lots
Parking's FY07 budget (12/14/05)	Event Parking
Special needs parking	Monthly Transit ridership updates
Bikes – riding on sidewalks, congestion, racks, etc	Overnight Parking for Library
Fleet/employee transportation	Vehicles on sidewalks
Pedestrian crossing on Massachusetts Ave at Hampshire House	

**NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2005, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**  
**Campus Center 903 [lunch will be provided]**  
**Bring your 2006 Calendars!**