

PARKING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

February 8, 2006

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Bruce Thomas, Landscape Architect, Facilities & Campus Planning
Greg Wheeler, Parking Services

MINUTES: The December 14, 2005 PTAB Minutes were approved with revisions.

PTAB REPS: Barbara Stewart will represent both MSP and Faculty Senate this semester due to Daphne Patai's schedule conflict.

PARKING EXPANSION:

Bruce Thomas, Landscape Architect, and Cindy Arbour both from Facilities & Campus Planning, presented information on how wetlands influence the building or expansion of parking lots. The campus wetlands map, which Bruce and Cindy used as a visual tool, helped PTAB members visualize the amount of land designated as wetlands on and around campus. State and federal laws regulate wetlands and their buffer zones; in addition, there are regulations regarding specific footage on setbacks for streams and rivers. Such restrictions limit the possibility of parking lots covering areas which are open and therefore look to be useable. Members were unaware of the extent of compliance mandated by local, state and federal government required to minimize the impact parking lots have on our surrounding environment.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

The Fall Semester 2005 ridership increased **6%** from Fall Semester 2004. Building plans for the replacement bus garage are moving along through the planning committee. Federal funding should be allocated to the campus in the spring so design can begin.

LOTS 40 & 64:

Several emails from Lot 40 and Lot 64 permit holders were read regarding parking violations in those lots. Some thought that the popularity of the new Library Learning Commons, which opened after Thanksgiving 2005, has led to students parking illegally in Lots 40 & 64. Greg Wheeler (Parking) spoke to these concerns. Parking will increase the hours parking control officers monitor these lots. Brian Long (Student) mentioned the lack of student commuter parking in the campus core and students' fear of walking to perimeter parking lots after dark. Rob Hendry (Parking) offered to work with Barbara Stewart (Library) on incentives to entice students to park in the Campus Center Garage.

SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING:

Rob Hendry distributed Parking's Special Needs Parking brochure and explained the policy regarding special needs parking. Disability Services reviews applications following the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, then informs Parking of their decision. If a Special Needs permit is denied, Parking may recommend a change in parking lots. Temporary special needs parking permit determinations are made by Parking but only for temporary lot changes. Transit Services also offers van services for students and employees with special needs. Customers with state issued handicap placards and/or license plates may park in any designated handicap parking spaces on campus without charge.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Updates on construction projects effects on parking	- Event Parking	- Pay stations
- Bikes – riding on sidewalks, congestion, racks, etc	- Bike Commute Week	
- Security Cameras in Parking Lots	- Vehicles on sidewalk	
- Update on Library incentive parking	- Fleet/employee transportation	

NEXT MEETING: March 8, 2006 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Room 903 Campus Center