MINUTES:  Approved minutes from September 23, 2011

MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION:  Dennis Swinford, Director Campus Planning, presented the updated Master Plan and demonstrated the process as it gets closer to a final draft.  Dennis explained how they are looking at the utility infrastructure, electrical, steam, chilled water etc. as the plan goes forward, and as these areas need to be updated or added they want to make sure that they are laid out in an area where they are easily accessible if repairs are needed.  Particular concern is mature vegetation and not disturbing new vegetation in the construction areas.  The Master Plan also showed how they want to create growth on campus, form an open space framework, build campus and not just buildings, untangle vehicle and pedestrian traffic and respect the heritage of campus.  Dennis shared the website www.umass.edu/cp and talked how the campus community can access the website to view the presentation and add comments.

TRANSIT UPDATE:
• Car Sharing Update:  We Car is doing well on campus.  They are located on the third level of the parking garage and are being fully used every weekend.  WeCar hired a student intern who is marketing the program and she is doing a wonderful job getting the word out about the program.
• New Buses:  Transit is in the process of receiving 10 new buses from New Flyer.  Five are diesel and five will be Hybrid buses.  Transit has received six buses to date, and the other four will be delivered soon.  There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the new buses on Thursday December 8, 2011 Haigis Mall at 2:00pm

PARKING UPDATE:
• Campus Center Office:  An additional Parking office has opened on the campus center concourse.  It is a full service center opened from 8:00am-5:00pm, in the future Parking is hoping to have it open from 8:00am – Midnight.  Also in the near future pay stations will be installed on every level of the garage.
• Winter Parking Regulations:  Mike Brennan handed out the Winter Session Parking list of all lots and reduced costs that will go into effect during Winter break from December 19, 2011 – January 20, 2012.  PTAB member Kyle Howard brought up a topic about what happened during the big snowstorm in October.  When students and staff who live off campus could come to the University to get warm and use electricity to study.  He wanted to know if there is a policy for parking during emergencies like this and not getting a ticket.  Mike said there was no such policy for this now but it could be a topic that the members of PTAB could address and discuss.
• CHCRC Proposal:  The Dean of Commonwealth College has sent a request to Parking Services to add short-term parking spaces for Faculty to park during classes at the new Commonwealth College Residential Housing complex.  Parking Services will meet with the design team to evaluate the request and report back to PTAB.

RIDESHARE UPDATE:
• Rob shared that December is a big month for collecting data for the Dept. of Environmental Survey.  This survey year does not require a full survey, and he will collects the appropriate commuter data and submit.
• Pam Monn, Director of Buildings and Grounds talked about how her department has installed 1,000 new bike loops on campus and the new test bike shelter that was installed in front of the Student Union Building.  Pam also shared how her landscape employees will cut locked bicycles off trees, trashcans, and inappropriate areas.  They hold the bikes for two weeks and if the owner does not come to collect their bike the landscape dept. gives the bikes to the Bike Sharing program on campus who will repair, paint or strip the bikes for parts.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2012 Room 911-15 Campus Center 12:00pm – 2:00pm