Members present: Glenn Barrington, James Barna, Jennifer Bennett, Lori Corcoran, Cole Fitzpatrick, Robert Hendry, Jon King, Niels La Cour, Adam Lechowitz, Dr. Jinguo Lian, Aliana Liz Taverns, Martha Nelson Patrick, Alicia Pedini, Maggie Ronney, Suthaney Sundar, and Greg Wheeler.

Members absent: Justin Burch, Shane Conklin, Eva Friedman Hall, Alyssa Goldstein, Melanie Jacque, Pam Monn, Tom O'Donnell, Benjamin Ostiguy, and Marcie Savoie.

Glenn Barrington, Transportation Services Update:

- Ridership for UMass Transit Services (UMTS) has increased by 1.01%
  - First increase in three years.
  - Decrease in the past years could be due to Uber, Lyft, and Ride Share bikes.
    - The University of Massachusetts is the most used community of bikes in the Pioneer Valley.
- Two new bus stop pull-ins for the Plumtree Road bus stops.
- There will also be crossing lights on Route 116 near the bus stops to facilitate pedestrians crossing Route 116 from the new 150 apartment development that is being built south of Plumtree Road.
  - UMTS is foreseeing a big increase in ridership on the 31 and 33 route buses due to new residential complexes along those routes.
  - Amherst has less than a 1% vacancy rate, so they can keep putting apartment complexes in town without making a dent. – Niels La Cour
- Can you give us a rough estimate of what a bus shelter costs? – Rob Hendry
  - $2,500 to $5,000 per shelter. The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) shoulders most of the cost. – Glenn Barrington
  - Does UMTS put it up, or someone from Springfield? – Jon King
    - Someone from the PVTA does it. – Glenn Barrington
- UMTS is still experiencing a driver shortage.
- There is Winter Session training where UMTS provides housing and meals for trainees.
- In September UMTS had 135 opens a week it is now down to 108.
  - The dispatchers sell the open shifts throughout the day. They walk in to anywhere from twenty to forty opens for the day, and they bargain and steal drivers to ensure that all the shifts are covered. – Glenn Barrington
- Since July 1, 2019 UMass Transit Services has hired and trained twenty five new drivers.
  - Four more drivers will be going for their road test on November 21st.
  - By the time that your applicants go for their road tests, how many hours have they driven? – James Barna
- About 80 hours. After the road test they still have a few hours finishing up training and learning all of the routes before they are driving on their own. – Glenn Barrington
- We feel like we have the cream of the crop at Transit because it takes a lot of commitment. – Glenn Barrington

Jon King, Parking Services Update:

- In Lot 65 on Holdsworth Way Parking Services will be straightening out the walkways, and run some more tests to see what else needs to be done in that lot.
- Lot 49 on the south side of Fields will be fully redesigned to add parking spaces and straighten the area.
- Lot 49 in front of Van Meter will not need a full reconstruction.
  - At the north end of Van Meter is there any way to add a bollard because cars are going down that walk pathway and onto the curb instead of turning around in the parking lot? – Adam Lechowitz
  - I wasn’t aware they were doing that. Yes we can look into that. – Jon King
- UMass is finalizing the Power Purchase Agreement, but it might not be finalized in time to start putting in more solar canopies for summer 2020.
  - The company sells us electricity at around three cent kilowatt hour rate whereas the average is twelve cents from Eversource, so it is a good deal for the University.
  - Eventually the University can buy the solar canopies when the price reduces at around seven years.
- Lot 21 and 22 will be repaved, the islands will be removed, and solar canopies will be added.
  - Removing the islands will add 50-75 more parking spaces in this area.
- Lot 49 on Windmill Lane with the water towers will also be receiving solar canopies.
  - The paving estimate is $500 thousand, but it will most likely be around $200 thousand.
  - While the company is paving the parking lot Parking Services would also like for Windmill Lane to be paved.
- A Hardscape Study was performed on campus to give the University an estimate reconstruction for parking lots and roads.
  - A company evaluates the parking lots on campus and provides an index rating.
  - The parking lots on campus are estimated at $12,322,000.
    - The roads are estimated at $12,827,000.
- Parking Services needs $1.5 million yearly to continue making improvements.
- Eight new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations just arrived.
  - Parking Services and F&CS split the $30 thousand cost.
    - $10 thousand were from the sales of old electric GEM cars.
- With every renovation of a parking lot Parking Services is ensuring the bases and infrastructure to put in EV chargers in the future.
- As long as a student or employee has a parking permit they will be charged twelve cents per kilowatt on campus instead of the twenty four cents at home.
- There are three types of charging stations.
• Level 1 charging is weaker, but charges all day which means students and faculty don't have to move their cars half way through the day.
• Level 2 charges 150 miles in four hours.
• Level 3 charges 150 miles in one hour.
• If somebody has a full year permit, [Parking Services] doesn’t care which lot, they can pay the University’s rate of energy. If somebody does not have a permit they would have to pay the meter rate to charge which is $1.50 an hour. – Jon King
• How would someone find the chargers on a map? – Greg Wheeler
  • You have to be a ChargePoint customer. – Jon King
  • Just about everyone who has an EV has a ChargePoint account. – Glenn Barrington
  • All the chargers on campus are ChargePoint chargers. – Jon King
• There is a new Geographic Information System (GIS) map on the Parking Services website.
  • Anyone can send feedback through the website.
  • Building names are in a layer.
  • If Transit wanted to put a layer in we can put a real time location layer. – Greg Wheeler
    • PVTA is actually using the Transit App that can be found on all smart phones with the real time data available. – Glenn Barrington

Meeting Adjourned at 1:09 PM