Members present: Glenn Barrington, Niels La Cour, Jennifer Bennett, Jon King, Jess Antinori, Greg Wheeler, Robert Hendry, Julia Fox, Laurie Corcoran, Justin Burch, Tom O’Donnell and Eva Freidman Hall.

Members absent: Michael Knodler, Martha Nelson Patrick, Pam Monn, Ryan Morse, Melanie Jacque, Derek Dunlea, Shane Conklin, and Benjamin Ostiguy.

Glenn Barrington, Transportation Services Update:

- Ridership is down.
  - Expected 3.2 million total riders this year, 6% down from last fiscal year.
  - Directly correlated to the PVTA cuts from last summer in addition to necessary cuts of three buses due to driver shortage.
  - Has there been a 6% decrease in service? Does it actually correspond exactly? – Jon King
  - This is the percentage down for UMTS only not all of PVTA, so it is harder to calculate – Glenn Barrington
  - Does Amherst put any restrictions on the amount of Uber drivers that can come in? – Justin Burch
  - The town has not made any bylaws – Glenn Barrington
- UMTS is in better shape for the upcoming fall than last fall with numerous trainees.
- PVTA worked with the university to provide shelter for the campus.
  - Totman Gym bus stop has a new shelter
  - UMass Amherst provides the concrete slab, and PVTA provides the shelter which costs about 5 thousand dollars.
- New Special Transportation vans have mobile seats, and can be used for Field Trips
  - The new vans can hold nine passengers total.
- We hosted the Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive event.
  - There were people here to help facilitate and explain the vehicles.
  - Many students and faculty stopped by and were given the opportunity to test drive some vehicles.

Jon King, Parking Services Update:

- Summer projects include Lot 26, Governor’s drive, and Lot 43 paving.
- Lot 26 will be undergoing a full depth reconstruction that will begin the first week after Commencement.
- Parking Services was told that the road will never be fully shut down. At least one lane traffic at all times.
• Warner Brothers won the bid.
• Buses will be avoiding Governor’s drive during the reconstruction.
• Lot 43 at Totman will also be undergoing a full depth reconstruction.
  • The project will take about eight weeks beginning in June.
  • New Student Orientation is concerned with the project and any interference it may have with traffic in the Northeast Residential area.
  • The will be able to use Lot 27.
• There will be two new Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers in Lot 43.
• Parking Services is taking advantage of grant money available for EV charging stations.
• We advertise no free parking, so we cannot have drivers park at a meter without paying because they are paying for EV charging.
• Drivers have the option of paying for a meter and EV charging, or joining the EV Charging Club and get a parking pass and EV charging at half price.
• May 18th is the cutoff for permit renewals.
  • After this date there are no more reserved spots in parking lots.
• Is there free parking for Student Government Association? – Justin Burch
• There is a reduced rate for SGA officers, so we can offer the same rate for Graduate Student Senate – Jon King
• Is there anything we can do about the handicap parking at Commonwealth Honors College? Other vehicles have been blocking that area? – Jenn Bennet
• There is a project underway to move the bollards closer to the street to prevent parking. – Gregory Wheeler

Ezra Small, Valley Bike Share Update:
• The first five months of Valley Bike (VB) was successful.
• Communities with VB: Northampton, Amherst, Holyoke, South Hadley, Springfield, and UMass.
• The Bewegen Company is the primary vendor, but Corps Logistics does the day to day operations.
  • Corps Logistics bring bikes in for repairs and work on new bikes.
  • They are a veteran run and owned business.
• There are a few local sponsors, but VB has yet to acquire a regional sponsor.
• The goal is to have all five hundred bikes on the road at all times.
• Vendors are working harder this season to maintain all bikes functional and repaired.
• VB would like to see an increase in vehicle replacement usage as opposed to leisure usage of bikes.
• VB has put in a request for more stations throughout campus, specifically in the Southwest area.
• VB is partnering with a math professor on campus to acquire better data for the region.
• How many bikes are out today? Still 167? - Rob Hendry
• We are at a little over 200 now, so the vendor still needs to do some work to provide all of the bikes.
• Ezra is pushing for an earlier install date for UMass based on the academic calendar.
• How much does a station cost? – Jon King
• Twelve thousand dollars for three years? - Ezra

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