**PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)**

September 24th, 2019

**Members present:** Glenn Barrington, Jennifer Bennett, Jon King, Greg Wheeler, Robert Hendry, Julia Fox, Lori Corcoran, Justin Burch, Tom O'Donnell, Michael Knodler, James Barna, and Martha Nelson Patrick.

**Members absent:** Pam Monn, Ryan Morse, Melanie Jacque, Derek Dunlea, Shane Conklin, Benjamin Ostiguy, and Niels La Cour, and Jess Antinori.

**Glenn Barrington, Transportation Services Update:**

- The Parking and Transportation Advisory Board was formed to provide the broadest possible community input and perspective for parking and transportation on campus.
- The PVTA budget for the fiscal year 2020 is enough to keep all services from fiscal year 2019.
  - Minor adjustments were made to schedules to provide more accurate on-time performance.
- PVTA covers capital and operations costs for the PVTA bus service that Transit runs.
- Is it just me, or is there a whole lot more traffic this year? – Lori Corcoran
  - [UMass Transit Services has] noticed that. We are hoping it’s the first two weeks traffic. – Glenn Barrington
  - [Parking Services is] seeing about the same permit numbers, but with time shifts. More traffic later in the day. The hourly sales have been consistent if not lower than last year. – Jon King
- The [UMass Amherst] schedule shift for more Monday/Wednesday classes instead of Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes might be causing more traffic on Mondays and Wednesdays and much lighter traffic on Fridays. – Niels La Cour
- As people move off waitlists [Parking Services] will move people away from Lot 12 and alleviate some traffic in that area. – Jon King
- Will Lot 12 become Commonwealth Honors College parking? – Jenn Bennett
  - No it will not. – Jon King
- The UMTS driver shortage continues at a lower level than last year.
  - There are currently 135 open (unassigned) shifts. There have been no cancelled shifts to date, and no plans to cancel any in the future.
  - The goal every year is to hire 75 new drivers. UMTS needs to hire 25 more student drivers in order to be comfortable.
- What is your starting wage? – James Barna
  - It is $14.25 now and it will be $16.25 starting January 1st. – Glenn Barrington
- With less Handicap Parking (HP), can we have a parking lot with only HP in order to better facilitate commuters with mobility issues get to buildings? – Lori Corcoran
  - Campus Shuttles hit every lot on campus and anyone with mobility issues can get on. All of our buses are ADA compliant, and they are used quite frequently. We have both ParaTransit and buses to help everyone on campus get around. – Glenn Barrington
• On the Parking side we have very little metric about how many HP parkers we have on campus because they don't need permits, so we have no data on how many HP spots are needed. We can probably say that about 80% of people that use HP spots are students and faculty, and 10-15% are visitors. – Jon King
• Are there requirements for each lot for HP? – Glenn Barrington
  
  • Yes, we have less in perimeter lots, but we have a lot of HP in the center of campus. – Jon King
• This year, our first year, we saw 400 intakes of disabled employees. About 18% of the population nationwide is disabled, but for us that could go up a lot more. – Lori Corcoran
• We can help with that. We found in the past when trying to communicate with that group en masse we can't contact everyone because they are not registered. – Greg Wheeler
• We are encouraging people to register more. – Lori Corcoran
• Is it a state policy to not charge for HP? – Tom O'Donnell
• No just a university policy. – Lori Corcoran
• We make reserved vs. unreserved parking. Like the garage is reserved so everyone pays, but surface lots not so much. – Jon King

• UMTS held their 50th Anniversary Celebration this past June.
  • 160 Alumni returned to campus to participate.
• UMTS started a 50th Anniversary Scholarship Fund. Almost $24,000 was collected in two months.
  • UMTS will be providing two of our hardest working students each with $1,000 scholarship every year for many years.
• If people want to continue contributing how would they? – Martha Nelson Patrick
  • We are reaching out to Kristin Navine to see. – Glenn Barrington

_Jon King, Parking Services Update:_

• Lot 26 had a full redesign with new lighting adhering to the campus standard.
• Most of the lights on the north side of campus were owned by the electric company we leased them, now the university owns them.
• Lot 43 was also fully redesigned with four Electric Vehicle (EV) charging bases installed.
• Parking Services is self-funded.
• Everything we bring in for revenue is used for maintenance and salary.
• Any surplus is used for future projects and repair and replace.
• Parking Services is looking to start a sinking fund for the garage in order to soon replace the 50 year old garage.
• Residential Advisors and Peer Mentors can get payroll deduction for parking permits now.
• Parking Services would like to see hourly increase and a permit decrease. Maybe we could make a commuter lot where permits could be sold for Tuesday and Thursdays or Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. – Jon King
• The last payment for the garage was in June. The university loaned Parking Services two million dollars to upgrade the garage.
• Parking Services is starting to gain some traction with a possible Worcester Garage.
• The Parking Study is still not complete.
• If the Public Private Partnership (P3) happens we will be looking to start something right after Commencement of 2020.
• There is one more vote left.
• Parking Services is still waiting for grant money for more EV stations.
  • We can no longer wait, so two EV stations are being added.
  • Shane Conklin has agreed to pay for half of the charging stations.
• Before winter break the bollards by the HP in Commonwealth Honors College should be moved closer to the street.
• October 24th is Mass DOT Moving Conference, Moving Together, in the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.