Members present: Jim Barna, Glenn Barrington, Jennifer Bennett, Jon King, Martha Nelson Patrick, Tom O'Donnell, and Greg Wheeler

Jon King, Parking Services Update:

- The big summer project for Parking Services will be solar canopies installations.
  - Installations in Lots 21, 22, and 49 begin in April.
  - One sections of Lot 49 will get solar canopies.
  - Permit holders for those lots will be moved to sections of Lot 22, 33, and 32.
  - Installations are scheduled to be completed by August 30, 2021.
    - The firm stop date will preferably be August 15th, in time for student move in.
  - The project last summer that removed the islands in Lot 22 opened the area for the solar canopies installations, as well as provided more parking spaces.
- The plowing contract with Karl's Excavating has been extended for one year.
  - The contract will go up for bid this spring.
- Lot 63 Worcester opened in December 2020 with two electric vehicle (EV) chargers.
- UMass Amherst is leading the state in EV chargers.
- There will be no major paving projects this year since Parking Services was harshly affected by the pandemic.
  - The minor projects taking place this summer include crack sealing, sign replacements, handicap parking painting, and power washing the garage.
- Glenn – There are 40 hoses [for EV charging] on campus currently?
  - Jon – Yes, this summer could be a big one for us. We are looking at putting 10 total charging stations in the Lots with the new solar canopies. 20 total new hoses.
- Eighteen thousand cars come and park on campus, if even 5% of those become EVs, Parking Services and the University wants to allow for enough charging stations on campus to support them.
  - A large population of students live in dorms or in apartments, the campus is their only chance to charge their vehicles.
  - Charging on campus costs 14 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), charging at home costs about 26 cents per kWh.
- Tom – How often are our stations used?
  - Jon – During the peak of things we had 16 charging stations and we were getting 200 chargings a week.
  - Tom – How much is the 14 cents per kWh to charge a car?
  - Jon – From zero to full we’re talking about $2.
Glenn Barrington, Transportation Services Update:

- The PVTA ridership has slowly increased, but it's still extremely low compared to previous springs due to the pandemic.
- The average ridership for PVTA is 2100 passengers per weekday.
- This March ridership has increased to 2500 passengers per weekday.
- March 2021 will be the first month we can compare ridership with the previous year since March 2020 was our first COVID-19 month.
- The PVTA determined to not print out schedules this year.
  - Online PDFs are still available, and schedules can be printed upon request for individual passengers.
- The route 38 ran one bus all day last semester, this semester it will be running 2 buses.
  - The buses are 40 minutes apart instead of 80 minutes.
- The route 39 will not be running this semester.
- UMass Transit hired and trained 14 new drivers during the fall, and 15 new drivers during the winter break.
  - Without many freshmen on campus recruitment has been difficult.
- The PVTA funded paving project will begin April 1st at the UMass Transit facility.
  - This project is fully funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
  - The campus fuel pumps will be inaccessible during portions of this project.
- UMass Transit will be adding a charging station for the new electric bus coming this summer.

Zoom Meeting Adjourned at 1:11 pm.