PTAB AGENDA 9/20/22

- Approve minutes 4/19/2022
- Introduction
- Transit updates-Larry Snyder
- Parking updates-Jon King
- Carpool-Rob Hendry
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES UPDATE
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- CDL Driver Shortages continues to be a nation-wide Transportation industry challenge
- Working with Campus Human Resources to market potential drivers
- Starting pay rate increased to $19/hour effective spring semester 2023
  - Hoping to encourage students to apply for our bus training program!
- Transit Services hired and trained 19 new drivers over the summer session break
- Transit currently has 109 CDL qualified drivers. Ideally, we require 155+
- Currently facing 109 open (unassigned) bus shifts per week
  - Covid Call-outs result in additional open shifts, often for a five day period (isolation required when exposed or positive)
  - Call-outs for academic purposes, family emergencies, & other sickness add to the list of open shifts
TRANSIT UPDATES

• Route 34: Northbound Shuttle
  • Heavy AM travel between Southwest Res. and N. Pleasant; PM travel between N. Pleasant and Sylvan/Olympia Drive.

• Effective Monday 9/19: the Route 34 will end operation early, at 12:15 pm.
  • Bus every 22 minutes during the morning
  • Reduces weekday coverage strain

• The Route 35 Southbound Shuttle will continue running as scheduled
  • Bus every 22 minutes during the day
TRANSIT UPDATES

- Route 33: Puffer's Pond/Shopper Shuttle

- Effective Saturday September 24: The Route 33 will operate Saturdays using the Sunday schedule (bus every 80 minutes).
  - Reduces weekend coverage strain
PARKING SERVICES
Parking Services rehabbed the dirt lot off Mullins Way this summer to create 412 additional residential student parking spaces.

The lot will get 2 double head EV chargers. One charger has been ordered and will be installed this year. If demand is good for EV charging in this area then we will install another next year.

First use of permeable pavement on campus. Water will drain through the pavement with no water run-off diversion or storage tanks.

Cost effective and environmentally friendly.

Downside to permeable pavement is that it does require yearly vacuuming to remove any salt or sand.
LOT 28
LOT 65

- Rehabbed Lot 65 section just west of Holdsworth
- This lot will get 3 double head EV chargers with the ability to expand that number if needed.
- The chargers have been ordered and should be installed by the end of this year.
- Also made some sidewalk, entrance road and HP access improvements.
Parking Services received $165k in ARPA funds. $65k for a level III charger in the Campus Center parking garage, $50k to replace the level III charger at the visitors lot across from Haigis Mall and $50k for a study to help us develop an EV Charging Master Plan.

- Campus Planning is taking the lead on this study.
- 6 level II chargers have been ordered
  - 1 for Lot 28, 1 for University Village
  - 1 in front of the Regional Transportation Information Center
  - 3 for Lot 65 (charging demand is high in this area)
Demand for full year parking permits less than last year
Student lots close to selling out prior to the start of the semester but still have a limited number of spaces in all residential student areas.
The only on-campus student lot with a waitlist is Lot 22 but most on that waitlist have a permit but want proximity.
Completely new staff in the Campus Center parking garage at the start of the semester.
Tuesday/Thursday vs. Monday/Wednesday/Friday.
Tuesday/Thursday still substantially more demand for parking. Tracks with previous years.
UMASS CARPOOL PERMITS

• One component of our Transportation Demand Management Program called the Umass Commuter Options Program
• Designed to meet the Mass DEP mandate to reduce single occupancy vehicle (SOV) traffic.
• Additionally gives campus credits/points on LEED projects and STARS reporting.
CARPOOL PERMIT GUIDELINES

• Defined as two or more employees and/or off campus students commuting together to Umass.
• Incentives (matching service, pricing discount, lot combinations, free one day passes, preferred parking spaces, free hangtag)
• Two vehicles share one mobile permit
• One day permits no charge
• Goal was to free up space in the near capacity parking lots
Loose definition has allowed number of interpretations in the program

The mission of Parking Services is to provide safe, orderly, and fair parking for employees, students, and visitors to the University.

Compared Umass program to other regional programs (UConn, Harvard, UVM, UNH, URI, UMaryland)

Goal today: Get community feedback regarding carpool incentives
Thank you for attending!