

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

April 24, 2013

Present:	Al Byam (Chair) Mike Brennan Ann Carr	Pam Monn Tom O'Donnell	Andy Steinberg Akshay Kapoor	Martha Patrick Barbara Stewart Niels La Cour	Jennifer Bennett Maxine Greenblatt Matt Berquist
Absent:	Randy Boivin Rob Hendry	Dr. John Collura	Jocelyn Silverlight		
Vacant:					
Special Guests:					

MINUTES: Approved minutes from February 27, 2013

MASTER PLAN: Joe Wanat from VHB showed the draft presentation of the parking plan. The plan has been made up of data collections over a 2-year period with collaboration with the Master Plan team. This parking plan shows the overall vision of why it is necessary to establish goals for the Universities future and the supply and demand of parking for future years. Joe showed the comparison's from peer Universities, set up for parking vision and the growth of the University and how new buildings will be taking parking spaces away from the core of campus, define efficient implantable and sustainable parking strategy, event parking for visitors and a convenient parking places for these events. Right now there are 13,650 parking spaces 93% surface lots, 7% garage space, 2,400 space in core of campus, 56 surface lots, 1 garage on 96 acres. This includes everyone who might be on campus on a given day such as Students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The vision of the plan is to free up large surface lots in the core of campus, new parking garage located centrally with other parking garages located at key locations along the periphery of the core. On a small scale there will continue to be handicap parking near buildings in the core of campus. The plan shows how in 10 years a new 700 space garage will be constructed adjacent to the existing garage, 10 to 20 year time frame is to construct 860 space garage in the southwest corner of Mass. Ave., 20 to 30 year time frame construct 655 space garage near lots 31 & 68, 30 to 40 year time frame to construct a garage at the North Pleasant Street and Mass. Ave. PTAB members were asked to vote on whether this Parking Plan should be brought forth and put into the Master Plan. The members voted yes to the plan.

Jim Hunt, Facilities & Campus Planning showed the facilities side of the Master plan and the construction of new buildings that are going on now and will be in the future. Jim talked and showed on a campus map where the new Transit CDL course will go in lot 45 and will be starting soon, Champion Center construction will getting under way and open in 2014 at the backside of Mullins Center. Commonwealth College is on schedule, route to Southwest to be open same time & Hampshire Dining Commons renovations, Green houses coming down in May, Life Science building will happen 2013, Pushing out East & west and a lane on North Pleasant Street starting March 18, 2013 during spring break.

TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Al Byam, Director of Transportation shared that the bid for the new CDL Training course has come back and is getting close to being signed with the contractor. The north side of Lot 45 will be fenced off during construction and will be complete by August 2013.

PARKING UPDATE:

- Mike Brennan, Manager of Parking Services discussed the new online permit system that Parking developed. The program would allow a customer to purchase their permit online and to see the availability of spaces in certain lots. In addition, this will benefit customers that are returning to campus need to purchase a 10-day temporary permit. The costumer will be able to purchase the day before and will not have to make a trip to the Parking Office. IT is working out issues and hopefully this will be on target and rolled out this summer.

RIDESHARE UPDATE:

- The hand out for EV Parking plan was shared with the members and they were asked to review the handout. Due to the absence of Rob Hendry, this plan will be discussed later.
- Ezra Small, Sustainability Manager gave a presentation to develop a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) for the campus. Ezra shared that this committee has gathered lots of data for a bike friendly University. It would like to put structures at the end of the bike path for bike storage and locks and showers for riders. The University received honorable mention but not certified yet and this committee would is looking to improve on this and to be certified. They are in the process of developing a policy for the BAC and to create a mission statement and a vision for this committee. This committee will look at bike sharing on campus, commuter program with rewards. Safety for both bikes and drivers understand the laws and share the road with pedestrians. They will have arrows showing where the

bike paths are and are looking at a speed limit for the paths. BAC is also looking for bike scans where the bike would ride pass a scanner and a rewards system would be in place for the rider. Values of this new committee are Safety first and top priority, the health benefits, and environmental benefits. Stakeholders – endless amounts of people on and off campus that can be added to helping with this. BAC will be voting for a manager at their next meeting. After hearing this presentation, the PTAB members were asked if this BAC committee would report to PTAB, Physical plant or where would BAC fit best to get the most exposure. Al Byam said he would bring this up at the next AVC meeting to get their opinion and bring this subject back to PTAB for a later discussion

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Parking policy updates
- Construction updates
- Tobacco Free Campus
- Sustainability
- Transportation updates
- Bicycle Facilities
- Campus landscape

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2013 Room 904-08 Campus Center 12:00pm – 2:00pm