

## PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

November 18, 2009

Present:	Al Byam (Chair) Mike Brennan Dave Powicki	Ann Carr Jake Clemen	Rob Hendry Jeanne Lapan	Tom O'Donnell Jim Plaza	Barbara Stewart Niels La Cour	Cheryl Daggett
Absent:	Pam Monn	John Collura	Ben Thompson	Randy Boivin	Chris La Flamme	
Vacant:	SGA (1)	GEO	SWAG			
Special Guests:	Tom Shaw Facilities and Campus Planning & Susan Personette Campus Planning					

### INTRODUCTIONS:

Tom Shaw and Susan Personette

### CAMPUS PLANNING OVER VIEW WITH SUSAN PERSONETTE:

Susan spoke how the Master plan budget has been reduced from \$2M to \$250,000. Therefore, there is no money in the budget for a broader outreach or public forums so they have a mini campus plan with campus focus groups to give opinions and ideas to the consulting firm. The last Master plan was completed in 1993 and was developed "in house". A copy of the last Campus Transportation Plan that PVTa funded a few years ago was passed around to the membership. As Parking and Transportation is critical to the Campus, the discussion focused on how PTAB as a group could be of assistance with ideas and feedback to the planning group.

### FACILITIES AND CAMPUS PLANNING OVER VIEW WITH TOM SHAW:

Tom spoke about the 100 or so different projects presently planned for campus. He concentrated his remarks on the projects that would affect Transportation and Parking.

- New Police station just broke ground, will take about 18 months to complete.
- Northeast Utility Corridor, the biggest utility project on campus to date will include steam lines redone, electrical upgrades and improving electric service to surrounding buildings.
- The Eastman/Governors drive ROUNDABOUT was discussed. Tom talked about how studies show that roundabouts were a preferred option for intersections with traffic lights. They reduce speed, and pedestrian and bicycle conflicts. Roundabouts are better for the environment as they reduce idling time.
- New Science building will be breaking ground in the Spring; the building will run parallel to Thatcher Road and be adjacent to the Intergrated Science Building that opened last January..
- The new Science building will eliminate Lot 63 forever. Also the second half of Lot 63 will be used by the contractor for staging. Mike Brennan expressed concern on where permit holders will be moved to.
- Bowdich Hall green houses project will replace French Hall green houses.
- Lot 41 is being resurfaced and reconfigured for larger vehicles such as tractor-trailer trucks that make deliveries.
- The Academic Building has been put on hold due to the budget situation
- University Apartments is in the demolition stage and a new parking lot is planned for this space this Spring.
- Dramatic improvements to the tunnel from South West to ROTC. New lighting is planned both inside and outside of the tunnel and on both sides.

### TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Discussion of the 2011 budget was postponed until the Feb 3, 2010 meeting.
- The Fleet Program is presently rolling out to the Campus community. It comprises of a Fleet Maintenance Program with options of utilizing the Physical Plant maintenance department or select local vendors. Maintenance packets will be placed in all vehicles and stakeholders will be met with to show how to use the program.
- A contract for a fuel card program has been signed and will be available the first week of December. The card will be able to be used on or off campus in the near future.
- Al handed out information cards from Enterprise Rental Car. The cards provide employees information to easily access the rental car program online. Enterprise has a new hourly car rental program they would like to introduce to campus called WeCar. The program will allow people rent cars hourly. Program will be available to all including students 18-21 years of age with parents' permission. This program will help with the campus carbon footprint as they will be hybrids.

## **PARKING UPDATE:**

Parking expressed concerns for lot 63 permit holders. Lot 63 will be lost in January and customers need to be notified in December. Still working on a plan with facilities to relocate customers

- Parking garage pay stations and new satellite office is moving forward. Mike and Greg Wheeler discussed how ceilings in the parking garage are being painted white for a brighter look. This is an on going project and will continue through out the next summer. Conduit work is scheduled soon for new pay stations in the garage.
- Lot 41 should be released for parking starting in December from the contractor.
- Discussion of the 2011 budget was put on hold until the Feb 3, 2010 meeting

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

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| - Ideas for new topics | - Funding for Parking Decks | - Possible 3 meeting |
| - Parking FY 11 Budget | - Abandoned Bike Policy     | -Landscape projects  |
| - Transit FY 11 Budget | - Paystation Updates        | —                    |

**NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2010 in Campus Center Rm. 903**