

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

February 3, 2010

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

MINUTES: Approved minutes from November 18, 2009

TRANSIT UPDATE:

- 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 have been placed in all vehicles and stakeholders have been met with to show how to use the program. Departments are accepting the process and it is working well. Fleet has also helped departments with getting rid of old vehicles.
- Al Byam, Director of Transportation handed out a copy of the Transit budget and discussed revenues and expenses. Budget has been accepted by the budget office.
- Ridership is up and January is especially high this year, which is due to the spring semester starting earlier than last year. A grant is being applied for the purchase of Hybrid Electric articulated buses. These buses have a larger passenger capacity and lower emissions.

PARKING UPDATE:

- Handouts of the Parking budget were passed out to members and discussed. In addition, maps of campus with all the parking lots were also handed out. The budget was discussed with explanation of revenues and expenses. It was noted that there would be no increase in any parking fee for FY 2011.
- The need for a parking deck was discussed. Campus has identified a need for a parking structure, but there is no funding. Parking has provided financial models showing that they cannot support the construction of a new structure using parking fees and recover their investment. The length of return is too great, and the increase of fees to cover the financing would be unreasonable.
- Lot 63 Update: one 63 lot is still available until May. Trailers will probably be moving into the East lot in March. Permit holders have to be moved to the new lot 29. The majority of the lot 63 employees were health services employees and have been relocated.
- Mike Brennan manager of Parking Services proposed to make new lot 52 a blue lot as it is more peripheral. A motion was made by Randy Boivin and seconded by Neils LeCour. PTAB passed the motion unanimously.
- Parking, Transit, and the UMass Police worked together on a signage project for the smooth opening for spring semester. Signs of where to park and when not to park were put up throughout campus and residence halls were targeted. Mike shared that in the fall opening there were 71 tows, and the spring semester only had one tow.

RIDE SHARE UPDATE:

- Rob Hendry, Rideshare Coordinator shared that the campus Ride Share Report had been filed. Any employer with over 500 employees must file. The primary goal of the report is to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles commuting to campus. The survey shows 10% car pool, 20% occasional parking passes (this is for people who mainly bus, bike or walk to work), 5% bike, 5% walk and 30% take the bus to work.
- Bicyclist have shared with Rob that there is not enough bike racks on campus.
- Abandoned Bike Policy: Bikes that are left at bicycle racks and how to do with them. There is no storage available on campus if the bikes have been removed from racks. Rob is checking with other College's and University's to see what they have for policy and storage. Rob is also looking into a bike share program but issues that have come up are liability, helmet use, and painting abandoned bikes yellow to show they belong to the bike share program. One suggestion is to allow the Bike Co-op in the Student Union to restore resell the bikes to students at a lower cost.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Ideas for new topics
- Funding for Parking Decks
- Summer projects
- Paystation Updates
- Abandoned Bike Policy

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2010 Campus Center Rm. 911