

# PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

September 15, 2010

Present:	Al Byam (Chair)	Martha Nelson				
	Mike Brennan	Patrick	Rob Hendry	Kyle Howard	Barbara Stewart	
	Ann Carr	Randy Boivin	Jeanne Lapan	Jim Plaza	Niels La Cour	Tom O'Donnell
Absent:	Pam Monn	John Collura	David Powicki	Jake Clemon	Chris La Flamme	Ben Thompson
Vacant:	SGA (1)	GEO	SWAG			
Special Guests: Juanita Holler, Assoc. VC Facilities and Campus Services, Raymond LaClaire sat in for Pam Monn						

**MINUTES:** Approved minutes from March 24, 2010

## TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Summer Projects: The back portion of the bus compound was paved which completed the entire bus compound. The CDL course at the stadium is also paved and painted. The Course is critical to our training program and the painting must be approved by the State Police for it to be official.
- Transportation fleet services implemented a new Fuel Card system for Campus. State vehicles can use the card at the campus pumps or they can fuel off campus with the cards. Fueling off campus with the card will save the University .18 cents per gallon and the program is getting great feedback.
- A new Health Ride program was developed for University Health Services. Resident students can call Special Transportation if they are ill and need a ride to UHS or if they have an off campus doctor's appointment they can contact UHS and receive a voucher for a taxi ride to the appointment if they have paid a \$25 per semester health ride fee. Both these programs are pilot programs and both UHS and Transit services are seeing how they will work out this semester.

## PARKING UPDATE:

- Mike Brennan, Manager, passed out a list of completed summer projects to all PTAB members.
- Lot 63 Update: The new science building took over two of the lot 63 areas. The new 46 lot helped with the lot 63 overflow and 90 new spaces were added. Juanita Holler commented how beautiful the lot is looking.
- A new Parking Text Alert Program: People can go onto the parking website and sign up for the text-messaging program. This program is only used for important parking info, renewal updates or if your vehicle is be towed from campus etc. All personal information, such as phone numbers or emails, remains confidential. There is no cost to sign up for this program. This program will only be use strictly for parking, but may also be used for traffic info at a later date. Hand-outs about the program were distributed to PTAB members.
- Parking improved it way finding signage this summer based on user feedback.

## RIDE SHARE UPDATE:

- Rob Hendry, Rideshare Coordinator handed out a sheet showing how many 1<sup>st</sup> year students bought parking permits. From 1999-2010 and the percentage is essentially the same as previous years.
- Rob shared how he will be doing the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) survey again this year. This will track how staff, faculty and students commute to campus.
- LEED = Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Rob shared how certain programs are in place for carpoolers, carpool spaces, hybrid plug-ins and natural gas vehicles. Commuters can look up their type of car on website and if they qualify can receive 50% discount on permit fees.
- Bike Program: Rob is meeting with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission next week to discuss the priority of building more bikeways in the region. They will look at funding for the valley and its projects.
- Park and Rides: Mass Highway is at 25% design for the building of 2 park and ride lots in Deerfield on routes 5&10 and at the Veterans Hospital in Northampton. Also PVTA is near to establishing a park & ride at the Stop & Shop in Belchertown.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

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| - Ideas for new topics  | - Funding for Parking Decks | - Winter Parking policy |
| - Paystation Updates    | - Abandoned Bike Policy     | - master plan           |
| Lot 24 Tilson Farm Road | - Budgets                   | - consultants report    |

**NEXT MEETING:** November 10, 2010 Room 903 Campus Center