

# PARKING & TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)

September 23, 2009

Present:	Al Byam (Chair) Mike Brennan Randy Boivan	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	Dave Powicki	Chris La Flamme	
Vacant:	SGA (1)	GEO	SWAG			
Special Guests:						

## INTRODUCTIONS:

Al Byam new Chair of PTAB welcomed everyone back as well as new members to PTAB.

## MINUTES:

The group approved Minutes of April 8, 2009; minutes will be posted on [www.umass.edu/campus\\_services/PTAB](http://www.umass.edu/campus_services/PTAB).

## IMPACT OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ON PARKING:

Niel La Cour talked about the new Recreation Building will come online soon. Also, the new temporary intersection and rerouting of North Pleasant Street and Governors Drive seems to be going well. The new Police station is scheduled to start in October 2009. There was mention of putting a signal at the Eastman Lane/East Pleasant Street intersection during or after the Police Station project. Southwest concourse utility work and temporary black top was completed this summer. Next summer the concourse redesign of the plaza area will be completed. Pedestrian safety of the Southwest concourse area was discussed and how the bollards are being used. They will be breakaway for emergency vehicles and restrict access to the area for automobiles.

## MOTION:

No Motion

## TRANSIT UPDATE:

- Al Byam, Manager, reported ridership increase of 7% for FY-09.
- Fleet Team continues to work on implementation of a new Fleet Program. A contract for Fleet maintenance is nearly complete and a roll out letter shall be issued to the campus in the very near future. All Departments requesting a new vehicle will have to submit a request to the Vehicle Review Board in order to receive approval to purchase a new vehicle.
- Enterprise is up and running in the new RTIC building. Enterprise is providing attractive rates for all UMass Faculty, Staff and students. The rates are also available even if out of state. Enterprise is having an open house BBQ on 10/2/09 all are welcome and more information to follow.
- A Federal stimulus grant was awarded to the State of Massachusetts and Chrysler Corporation which will provide two hybrid vehicles 1) truck and 1) passenger van to the campus to be used and tested. Both operational and maintenance data will be collected in conjunction with Transportation Services and Transportation Engineering Departments. At the end of the three year term all vehicles and data will be returned to Chrysler.
- Summer projects primarily consisted of emptying storage trailers and the contents moved into the new building.

## PARKING UPDATE:

- Summer Projects: Lot 40 was put on hold until final design was agreed upon and it was decided to postpone until the following summer due to time constraints.
- Parking lots were restriped and new signs were put up in.
- Handouts of parking maps, rules, and regulations were presented from Parking for FY-10
- Parking garage pay stations and a new satellite office is in the planning. Mike Brennan, Manager is excited as this will enhance customer service.

## RIDESHARE UPDATE:

Rob Hendry, Rideshare Coordinator talked about freshman statistics (handout) and how they are continuing to go down for freshman (12%) since 1999. Parking has been aggressive and successful in marketing the benefits of not bringing a car to campus.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Master Plan with Susan Personette
- Funding for Parking Decks
- Parking FY 11 Budget
- Abandoned Bike Policy
- Transit FY 11 Budget
- Paystation Updates
- Landscape projects
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**NEXT MEETING: November 18, 2009 in Campus Center Rm. 903**